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And last year, they had it as a quick copy lot. And still, because it's so hot in this community, a lot of people want to go to their bars, they want to go home last

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week, the rain, they also the rain right, then run out blast both rain, I think Saturday and Sunday to clean it off. Yeah.

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And so basically March was Activity Center says we would like you to take over the responsibility. And that's sort of been one of our biggest headaches this year. And Carol's going to do a lot of work on it. I mean, we've looked at different options. First of all, we don't want to waste a lot of the community resources and spending a lot of money. We don't want to charge for it. We basically want to have it as an alternative. If you don't want to go to the bars, you can come out and spend an hour with us and celebrate and be together. And we'll have some of our political speeches and some of our community entertainments. And so why don't you tell him where we're gonna have it,

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Carol? Well, we're going to have it

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Jason the two Mary's on the parking lot the aircraft's right next to Mary's on there, right Westheimer across the tower theater, Chris, I'm sure everybody knows where Mary's is. We had

to get permission from the Mary's does not own that parking lot, just for general information. So we've made financial arrangements and renting out the space. And we've made arrangements to get the portable stage from the city of Houston parks and recreation that you can rent also. And some of our plans are really tentative, because it's all really as Jack said,



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this was this week, we just came this week with this,



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I think Plan II was it really is accent our biggest headache. But we're we're about excited about this, because we think this is going to really work and give everybody an opportunity just to stay around and meet some friends and celebrate. And it's not everybody. And I might get in trouble with this. But not everybody goes to bars, you know, not everybody wants wants to go there after a parade. So this will allow everybody in an additional hour of the friendship and just camaraderie and walking around and seeing things. So basically, we're going to try to set it up under the same guidelines as kind of the stern idea that we're going to get some booths spacing. For any for you know, commercial and non commercial people, it's kind of on a first come first serve as we haven't gotten the forms out of the paperwork yet. But that will be out probably for our April newsletter. And hopefully in Greece started the parade is at five. So we're going to probably started about three, the rally, we want to try to have some free entertainment. Again, you know, we don't know who yet. And for about an hour or so the right up to pray time and then we'll kind of close the staging down for a while the booths, I'm sure can stay open, that's going to be up to the individual people. But we'll close the stage area while the parades going. And then we open it back up after the parade is over, which would be around seven because we need to get off of the streets I think at seven and it'd be another hour probably because then we'll have a few more entertainments where everybody kind of gets so social socialized and situated. And then after that we'll have some speeches through the community activist and our political people and then we're going to give out the awards. And I think that's kind of that and then



Jack Valinski 03:32

hopefully we'll have an openly gay elected official in this area, the Indiana State



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just kind of generally the plans and we can go we can do a lot with this. Just the other thing that Jack and I are facing now is staffing power, you know, like any committee I guess we should go back a little bit the primary committee as a structure as Jack mentioned the Executive Committee, which was about 10 of us I think but 10 to 14 of us all right and each in each one has a committee head and there's you know, the parade and there's marketing there's fundraising and media in etc etc. So each one of these people have their own areas of responsibilities and of course we're all under a volunteer so you can't you know, we only have so much we'll have to work to so we're gonna have so much time and energy. So I think so

what we're looking at is we need to find more people and anybody who's interested to wants to help us out we would love to have you but we need to find some people we think for it to coordinate the rally for us because Jackie and I have to oversee all of this of course and then we're going to be busy actually DataLink joining running up down streets, you know screaming at each other and all the committee members and go pulling our hair out.

J Jack Valinski 04:55

Was can't afford to do too.

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Oh, you're going to have to find somebody who's can be down at the rally site to, to kind of organize all that. But to get back, you know, Jack and I have talked about even getting an additional permit of blocking off the streets and more possibly that one block there at Montrose and wall so that people can overflow onto the streets and just, you know, maybe dance in the street for an hour or some boombox, you know, and go crazy. So, you know, we can do a lot of things. But at the moment, we're just basically want to just do the basics first, and we just have to see what we can do afterwards.

B Bruce Reeves 05:34

Let's take a short break. We'll be back in just a minute who are listening to after hours a continuing tradition, you're on KPFT 90.1 FM here we're back we're talking with Jack Valinski and Karen Clark, the co chairs of Lesbian Gay Pride Week 1992. And y'all are a 501 C three organization, right. Each one of those nonprofit organizations

J Jack Valinski 06:02

were under the auspices of the Montrose activities, they are sponsoring organization. And we're in the process of breaking away from them in a very peaceful manner. Because they want to concentrate on building a community center, and we want to concentrate on having a party in a good time. That's just joking. I mean, we're really concentrating on building this organization to be more of a not just a year round organization, but Pride weekend, but hopefully we can do some other community events, we're already like we said, publishing a monthly newsletter that's basically free to anybody who's interested in having it. We put some extra copies around the community and it costs us money to do but one of the things we do in the newsletter is put a Community Calendar together that announces all the other organizations because the game has been pressing the city don't always have the space to do that

B Bruce Reeves 06:55

duster. And after copy off the press, and we do appreciate that

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Jack Valinski 07:02

on a monthly basis newsletter, but we tried, we haven't always been successful on that do it every other week for the radio shows here on KPFT and goes out to community press. So if you want to pick something out of there, they can use it in their

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charge too. Yes. So if anybody would like to have something coming up within within a month or whatever, give us a holler

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Bruce Reeves 07:26

or Right,

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right? Yes,

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Bruce Reeves 07:29

it was tough as box

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Jack Valinski 07:30

post office box 66071 Houston 77266, that's the post office in Montrose. The boxes are all 77266 We do a lot of things. But we have to raise money and raising money helps pay for the parade and helps pay for the other things we do. There's no as we were kidding before, none of us get paid doing this because we're all volunteer organization. And we really try to do things as cheaply as possible by borrowing and scuba stealing. They're there a lot of very hard work by friendly stealing.

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Bruce Reeves 08:07

No y'all just had a fundraiser like yesterday morning. Raising I mean 730 In the morning are right there and the

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blue light special was on at 730 and we had a wonderful garage sale. Started about 730 and Saturday morning and I'm afraid that the weather didn't cooperate too much but we had we did close down a little earlier. But we also thank the National leather association because they came out and had a carwash and we had a bake sale and

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Jack Valinski 08:40

Imperial Court has a bake sale. Today I

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had a wonderful and we didn't do as well as you know if the weather was but

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we had fun there were a lot of people there I mean, you kidding as hell our community doesn't get up that early but the good shoppers for garage sales are up early so it was special. So from like 730 to 930 We had a good rush and then about 11 Kmart crew.

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Jack Valinski 09:11

We also are going to be out of the west Arts Festival. Sort of a tradition. Our T shirts are already out that's helps fund some of our things and our buttons are out in our caps are out. Well. Yeah, they're all the after the weather I'll be out which is about two weeks from the April. Yes, it's the week before Easter. And we'll be in front of Mary's along with T gra the Texas gay Rodeo Association in the names project so you don't have to pay to come visit us. And

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I'm going up to Austin on Splash day. And first of May this is another fundraiser and we'll plug our fundraisers here.

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Bruce Reeves 09:50

They're gonna have that wonderful auction again this year. Well yes. I'm always there. You know that? Fundraising I hope I'll have some money So

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we're having a we're having a before the auction, we're having a beach party on April 28. It's a Sunday vs. Pacific Street, it's going to be really something different. We're going to have people modeling swimsuits and etc. And we try and get everybody into the summer spirit. And that's going to be on the 28th and Sunday of April. And then then your wonderful may 10, I believe is the weather for auction, which is the at the BRB, Sunday afternoon, late afternoon, bring your checkbooks visa master charge. All taken.

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Jack Valinski 10:37

Those are the two major fundraisers that help fund the parade and, and the many things that we do there. And you know, we can't we don't charge for the parade, the parade is free. We do charge for people to get in the parade. It's much cheaper for community organizations, we charge a little bit more for businesses, but that's free to watch and enjoy and have a good time, the rally, there's going to be no charge to get into the rally. This is I'm gonna call it the pride rally naturally, because of Mary's, they've been very generous in helping us doing this. So we need your support.

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Plus, also, this is just not a one day a fair as Jack mentioned, we start the week before on the 19th. And you are looking at nine days of events that Pride week try to correlate with other organizations within the community. And we will be publishing a calendar of events. And

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Bruce Reeves 11:29

traditionally, that includes a lot of things traditionally includes a lot of things

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are free. And in some of them, you know, you do pay, but

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Jack Valinski 11:41

everything from a dinner, to the Hispanic dance to dance and to a lot of health seminars and clinic educational center seminar in

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Bruce Reeves 11:50

the band usually is a concert,

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concert. And so there's all sorts of things that we have a lot of religious, there may be special services, things

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Jack Valinski 12:01

happen the same days. So basically something at least one event, if not more than one event happens. And on weekends has happened. There's like events going on all days, from baseball games, to sporting events to the front runners, you should come out and do something. And

then we have all types of seminars and educational forums. And it's really interesting. I mean, even us, as coaches, we can't go to everything because things happen the same time. But in a lot of those events, there aren't a lot of people there, but it's there and you have a chance to go out and see them and really participate in Pride Week

 Bruce Reeves 12:37

can be a lot of fun, yes, should be one

 Jack Valinski 12:41

of the things we do, we also do a pride Guide, which is a 15,000 piece publication that we'll be sending to people and have all over the community. Well, that will have a schedule of events. And then we're also going to do posters are going to be at the bars and the businesses to know what's going on. And we also do these little pocket guides that have all the events on there. Yes.

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So basically, we really would like a lot of people to come out and support all of these events that we have, and also some of our fundraisers. You know, we have to rely on our fundraising efforts and the money that we bring into this community to continue the, to support this event.

 Jack Valinski 13:17

And also our meetings are open. Our general meeting is a third Tuesday of every month. And our executive meetings is the first Tuesday of every month. And why are more open there at 7pm at the Metropolitan multipurpose Center, which is a city building. And because we're a nonprofit organization, were able to get it at a very nice rates. So we have many other cities, they don't have such a nice, you know, facility to have meetings. And so we consider ourselves lucky, you know, you don't have to go to somebody's house that you might not find or something like that. This is a city building. Okay.

 Bruce Reeves 13:53

And then just I guess to kind of quickly recap with you've got two or three major events coming up before Pride Week, right. The first one's the Arts Festival,

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arts festival, beach party, April 20.

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Bruce Reeves 14:07

And then what's it worth auction?

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Probably in June, we'll have a DJ spin off dance.

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Jack Valinski 14:14

And, you know, we both have to thank the people who helped us out there are many people in our communities that were very hard, I mean, incredibly long hours for this stuff together. And we're very grateful to have such good organized people. We also want to remind everybody that you can call us at our number at 5296979. There's always a message they're talking what's coming up or if you want to get your name on the mailing list. Or if the volunteer Yes, come to volunteer and be our meetings or meetings are open.

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Bruce Reeves 14:45

Okay, so Pride week we'll be running from June 19 through the 28th. The parade will be on the 28th and the traditional route five o'clock.

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Jack Valinski 14:54

Right down Westheimer from Woodhead heading eastbound to pass Montrose a little bit past Montrose and hopefully we'll get on after hours before the parade again, people on it and hopefully KPFT will be out there broadcasting the parade live in the rally live.

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Bruce Reeves 15:14

Okay. Like to thank both of you for being here again, Jake Berlin's KanCare Clark, the co chairs of Lesbian Gay Pride Week 1992. Don't forget about Wildenstein Monday nights at nine, nine. That's right. You can hear Jack every Monday night then. And thank you all for joining us this morning Bruce. And that was Jack Valinski and Carol Clark and I would like to apologize to them. Apparently we had some equipment malfunctions while we were typing in a bad tape to boot. So and apologize to you our listeners for having to listen to bad quality tapes. But it was nice that Jack and Carol were able to come by earlier in the evening and take that interview.

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Judy Reeves 15:57

They certainly are talkative. I asked people who will talk to turn it malfunction report.

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Bruce Reeves 16:10

Ticket ticket. Oh yes. For the first person. That's caller ID number 3526 4,003rd. Caller I have a single ticket for Monica grant and Nancy forward on April 3 1992. At 8:30pm That's at the bayou terrace seven live in Franklin. If you'd like to purchase tickets to that event, you can do that at Inklings. And tickets are priced on a sliding scale so they should be available to everyone. So that's for caller number three.

J Judy Reeves 16:47

The first caller number three,

B Bruce Reeves 16:49

the first caller number which we're real close to getting caller number three, I think that's probably caller number three on the line right there. So anyway, that's the single ticket for Monica grant and a special thanks to Denise for providing these tickets for us. That was very nice. So what what kind of fun and exciting things have happened on this date or days in history Miss duty history. History.

J Judy Reeves 17:22

Wow. Unfortunately, I'm just almost old enough to have done this firsthand. But fortunately not. Gavin Arthur. That name sound familiar to you at all? No. Okay, those Chester A author, the third ringabel know the name did to me. Anyway, in Colorado in 1901. He was born on this day. I mean, I can't quite remember it firsthand. Gavin Arthur, the grandson of President Chester Arthur. Now does that help? You weren't around for him either. Okay. He awakened to the fact that he was gay, dropped off his his all too memorable name and headed out on his own at a very early age. Working his way around the world in the Merchant Marines. He managed through his strong and attractive personality to make the acquaintance of the great to gay gurus of his youth. Those being Edward carpenter have a lock Ellis and Magnus hershfield. I didn't know any of them either. An early apologist for the gay life and a forerunner of today's gay activist he collaborated with for several years with Hirschfeld and he later did hit with Kinsey, his own philosophy is explained in his book The circle of sex, published in 1966. But that's a fiery little theme for the

B Bruce Reeves 18:49

six circles.

J Judy Reeves 18:51

Now Burke's nananana No, behave yourself. I'm busy. Arthur's a key figure in what has come to be called the gay apostolic and I never could say that word apostolic. Yeah, succession. From Walt Whitman to Allen Ginsberg. Whitman slept with Carl carpenter who slept with Arthur who slept with Neal Cassady. I can't even read that, who slept with Ginsburg who slept with burrows, etc. It's a quaint idea this whispered transmission capitals, capital W and capital T. As,

as Ginsburg called it with phenomenally egotistic chic. Well, let's just hope that Whitman first on the cosmic daisy chain didn't have capital V, capital V. Oh boy, you so much for history. We'd like

B Bruce Reeves 19:49

to congratulate Ralph for picking up that free ticket to see Monica grant and Nancy Ford in concert on 40 8:30pm April 3. We're gonna get tickets on up pretty soon. Tickets. I think Denise said they'd have tickets for us. So

J Judy Reeves 20:07

exciting.

B Bruce Reeves 20:10

Yesterday, which was Saturday, the 21st Miss Matthew Broderick turned 29. Again, according to the twit, according to the post, she turned 30. So somebody's lying. But today is the birthday for composer lyricist Stephen Sondheim once known as a wunderkind, which is wonderful, wonderful child in German. And now he's merely wonderful. He's 62 today, so we'd like to wish him a very happy birthday. And so that's all that fun and exciting stuff. Just to kind of recap on some of the stuff we've been doing on the show tonight. Our first guest was Bill Scott, who is a certified social worker, CFO for the new Counseling Center, and he has recently formed a new organization. He's wonderful at doing that. And the name of it is the Lewis Scott Youth Center. And it's going to be a 2407 law. They're looking for volunteers. They're looking for people who would be interested in being on their board. They're looking for carpenters. They're looking for money, you name it, they're probably looking for it. You can write them at 2407 Wha wha you GH that's here in the Montrose 77006. Or you can call them at 942 YUT H youth

J Judy Reeves 21:51

chi even Jim bond. What can I so phonetic spellings are wonderful news experience. I'm gonna say, I don't know. I'm not into my writing at this hour. I'm sorry.

B Bruce Reeves 22:08

I couldn't understand that. I don't know what I was gonna say. But also, we talked with Jack Valinski and Carol Clark, the co chairs of Lesbian Gay Pride Week. 1992. Actually, this is gay lesbian Pride Week. So maybe I had a confused first time.

J Judy Reeves 22:26

Pride Week is coming up, folks. And everyone is welcome one

B Bruce Reeves 22:29

or the other. I always get confused. But if you read your PIN, if you'd be it is Lesbian Gay Pride Week this year. How exciting. So it's nice to have thanks using all stationary right to tell jokes last year. Well, it says Lesbian Gay Pride community calendar on the inside. So I'll give it a rest. But if you if you're interested in getting involved with Pride Week, you can call 5296979 and leave a message or or you can write them at Post Office Box 660-716-6071 Houston 77266.

J Judy Reeves 23:12

There's another really unique way of taking care of that problem too. And it's just go to a meeting.

B Bruce Reeves 23:17

That's true. They made every third Tuesday at seven ish. Good. It's either seven or 730. I think it's probably at seven at the multipurpose Service Center at 1475 West grey. And

J Judy Reeves 23:37

I'm sure all the nice warm bodies in the room are always welcomed again,

B Bruce Reeves 23:41

always use more help to be a voting member of the organization you have to attend to two meetings and then you become a voting member for the third meeting. Make sense? Or maybe you have to attend one and the second one you'd be meeting and find out GoTo Meeting and find out Pride Week can be sure to to use your help in any way form or fashion that you think you might be interested in helping. So let's listen to a little music we're gonna listen to if ever you need me by Chris McKay from her album what love endures and Chris is a Texas artist from Austin bars and pleasing gay bars.

J Judy Reeves 24:32

It's a good place to play.

B Bruce Reeves 24:34

I pushed the wrong button again Grace Jones from her portfolio album lovey and Rose before that we heard Jane Oliver from her album chasing rainbows doing come in from the rain. And before that we heard the late Mark Connors with the nylons singing one fine day And it's almost that time you've been listening to the after our show so far and by the gay and lesbian community in Houston, and my name is Bruce Reeves and this is Judy, and we've been your co

anchors for tonight. Our guests were Bill Scott with the new Counseling Center talking about the Lewis Scott Youth Center. And we also heard from Carol Clark and Jack Valinski talking about Lesbian Gay Pride Week 1992. Hope y'all have a good morning and a good week and we'll be back with you. Two weeks from tonight. Jewel gray will be here next week. You been listening to after hours