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SPEAKERS

Deborah Bell, Jack Valinski

- J** Jack Valinski 00:57
We're not in Kansas anymore queer and welcome to Wilde 'n' Stein here on a Monday nights in October. We have tonight, a special replay of a tape that was taped at the Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus 15th annual dinner of Art Agnews, it is absolutely wonderful speech, it runs about 30 minutes. And it is not certainly not boring at all. It is just wonderful speech written by a gay person and talks about unity. We'll be playing that as soon as we get into the show.
- D** Deborah Bell 01:36
So in the speech by the Mayor of San Francisco, which was written by a gay person, yes. And then it was presented at the gay and lesbian Political Caucus. I didn't realize that Jack,
- J** Jack Valinski 01:48
wonderful. It's a and want to thank all the Harrington for putting out flyers 2000 of them around the bars. Want to thank this week in Texas magazine for writing it up and hot tea. So we probably have some audience that we don't normally have at this hour. Yeah, lay
- D** Deborah Bell 02:03
thought that this speech was so important. And it's such a turning point to what has had been happening in the city since the referendum that he wanted to promote it being heard by a wider audience than the people that were in attendance at the dinner. So stay tuned to so
- J** Jack Valinski 02:22
if you are new to this radio station, this program this is a program for and about the gay and lesbian community. We're on every Monday night at 9pm till 10pm. And we discuss issues

sometimes we open up the phone sometimes we have interviews with community leaders

D Deborah Bell 02:36
and almost always have a calendar of events.

J Jack Valinski 02:39
Yes, and that calendar events is coming up right now. Let's start out with Tuesday,

D Deborah Bell 02:45
May 1, okay, Delta Lambda Phi Fraternity a progressive fraternity which promotes purposeful social, recreational and service activities for gay men. memberships are not limited to students they meet at 6:30pm at the University Center at U of H 4800. Calhoun for information call the Gay Lesbian switchboard at five to 930 to 11. It's also the deadline for the Montrose activity center newsletter. If you would like your organization's information put in the calendar or if you'd like to submit articles, you need to call five to 912 23 By tomorrow,

J Jack Valinski 03:24
and on Wednesday the 17th I've got my tickets to you, Deb Oh yes, Kate Clinton, feminist humorist. 8pm at the tower theatre Westheimer. At Commonwealth boy it's so nice to be back in the tower tower theatre and to see shows like that. It's, well what can we say about Caitlyn? She was on our show.

D Deborah Bell 03:43
About a year ago last time she was in town. She did a phone interview with us. She's a very popular personality in the lesbian community. She's being sponsored by cokie gray and Sandy Scurry. She's very, very funny. And they do still have tickets available there at lunch, she has garden, Inklings, and through tickets drawn

J Jack Valinski 04:04
ticket trends number is five to six 1709 and Inklings is that 1846 Richmond who she has gardens at 2213 Portsmouth so get those tickets. And you know, Kate was kind enough to do a benefit for KPFT about two years ago. She's great. So and also on Wednesday is the game lesbian Political Caucus meeting at 7:30pm at the Metropolitan multiservice center, 1475 West grey, between Dunlavy and wall from information you can call 521 1000. And that brings us up to



D Deborah Bell 04:37

Thursday there's a new moon and that's always a really important thing to know. And then Friday, starting on Friday is the living with HIV in Houston symposium. It's for people touched by the spectrum of HIV AIDS infection as well as their families life mates, friends, caregivers and concerned professionals. It's sponsored by the U of H Graduate School of Social work in the Montrose Counseling Center. It will be held at the University of Houston Conrad Hilton college building, 4800 Calhoun and there is a fee registration fee, you can call the Counseling Center at 5290374 information. Now I understand that there will be an opening up over at the multipurpose center on Friday with heart song singing, I believe it's at 8pm. And there is an admission for that. So if people are interested, I need to call and find out more information for this heart song performance.

J Jack Valinski 05:37

Yes, there's update we're so used to seeing the gRPC meets at 730. They've moved it up to seven o'clock. 730 sort of been gay standard time. But now because of the way the building it just makes it easy for everybody to meet start at seven o'clock.

D Deborah Bell 05:50

Yeah, because they have to be out of that building by nine and it also starts running pretty late to late evening. So please have the courtesy to be on time at seven for the GLVC meeting.

J Jack Valinski 06:00

And on Saturday and Sunday is the semi annual Westheimer art festival. And it used to be called Westheimer called the Arts Festival. But I think we're the only ones that said Westheimer called the Arts Festival. So they shortened it to the Westheimer art festival. And its teachers 150 new artists to the festival community groups will also have booths, always a lot of fun just to watch people. And that is from 10am to 6pm, both Saturday and Sunday of this weekend at 3300. Montrose across from the disco Kroger there's a \$2 admission, which goes back to the community type stuff. And if you'd like more information, call 5240133. And basically just show up.

D Deborah Bell 06:38

I'd like to mention something about that \$2 admission to the that goes back to the community. Because a lot of people don't realize because there have been complaints over the years that they started charging to let people into the exhibit area. They have provided scholarships for students from hspva. They have given money to the bearing memorials of service Foundation. They have done things that's in this community of the Westheimer Montrose area. So don't begrudge that couple of bucks to get into the festival because it really does for lots of good causes.

J Jack Valinski 07:13

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And on Sunday, the 21st, which is the third Sunday of the month, we have these triplicates of meetings. Our Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays call for more information is great. Boy, let me start. Let me start all over again. Okay. Forget that. Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays call for program information. It's at Grace Lutheran Church at 2pm and that's at 2515 Walk. You can call 9522525 For more information, also lesbians over the age 50 loaf at 2pm at the multipurpose center 1475 West grey, and also amiga de Houston holds its business meeting with potluck dinner following and this is a group that focuses on Latina lesbians, and you can find out more information by calling 5205667 That meetings at 5pm

D Deborah Bell 08:06

and then special on Sunday, the 21st the Lonestar Symphonic Band a concert will feature works by American composers, as well as several smaller ensembles by the renowned Lone Star swing band 7pm Cullen Auditorium on St. Thomas Thomas campus \$5 Tickets are available at Inklings and Lobo and at the door call 5224282 for information and coming up next week on Wilde 'N' Stein will be Lorrie Moore Laurie has started a group called fo femme centric a new group devoted strictly to social and political concerns of African American lesbians. And you can call was this call five to six 4000 for information but that's the Kpf T number. So I don't really know if that's the correct number call information about the show up for about the show not about Afro centric. Okay. I'm so confused. The Afro femme centric group does meet on Thursdays at seven seven o'clock at the First Unitarian Church 5210 Fannin, and

J Jack Valinski 09:10

you can call 6880276 for more information.

D Deborah Bell 09:15

And there was just a wonderful poetry reading Friday night in Inklings. That was sponsored by fo from centric in the women's group. Yeah, somebody was telling me about that. Yeah, there were like 50 Women packed upstairs at Inklings and reading portray a Taji was there sharing some of her work and it was a marvelous evening. And so probably some more of those will be sponsored in the future. So stay tuned to Wilde 'N' Stein and Breakthrough for calendar information on that

J Jack Valinski 09:42

other things coming up the Lesbian Gay rights equal rights lobby march on Austin E is going to have a meeting on October 20. And that's at 4pm at the quality inn located at 300 East 11th Street in downtown Austin. If you would like some more information on that you can call five 124809563 Before October 16, and they're hoping to get a bunch of people up there. Okay, two

D Deborah Bell 10:09

things that are not particularly pertaining to the gay and lesbian community but do pertain to

things that are not particularly pertaining to the gay and lesbian community but do pertain to the world community. On Saturday October 28. At tranquillity park at 11am. There will be a rally while you're supposed to start gathering at 11am for a peaceful march through the downtown area and a rally will be held at 1pm. At tranquillity Park Smith at risk with various speakers including sissy Ferran fall and Clarence Branly, and there will be music and this is a march against the war, or whatever they want to call it, operation, desert, DESERT shield or whatever. Many of us feel like that we should not be advocating anything that is of a violent nature or war, lightning. Sure. And for information you can call 4470144. This is sponsored by the Houston Coalition to Stop US intervention in the Middle East. And they hold weekly meetings every Friday at 730 at the First Unitarian Church, so if you're interested in peace, that might be a good group to get involved with. And the gay I'm sorry, you had another thing one more thing, the Women Against Violence Everywhere wave and treat you to help protest the opening of a new club. It's called the g spot and they the subtitle is if you can't find it, you can't come. This is sexist and insensitive to name a club or a part of the female anatomy. When did you last hear of a place call and these are words I can't say but they refer to male body parts. Even worse, focusing on women as sex object breeds preoccupation with sexual conquest which results in dominance force and ultimately violence. If you're outraged by this sort of thing, please join wave on Thursday, October 25, at 8pm in front of the tower theater 1201 Westheimer near Montrose Boulevard.

J Jack Valinski 11:58

The game has been switchboard of Houston announces that it's going to hold a autumn phone staff volunteer training to be held November 9 10th, and 11th and 17th and 18th. It's the last opportunity of the year to join gay and lesbian switchboard of Houston volunteer staff. If you'd like to get in touch with them or find out more information you can call 529 3211. Also, Senator Rodney Ellis state senator invites you to attend a public forum on AIDS in Texas on Wednesday, October 24, between seven and 9pm at St. Thomas University College auditorium that's at 3910 Mount Vernon. And I understand Jean Harrington is going to be part of that. What else is coming up? Oh, we've got Romanovsky Phillips

D Deborah Bell 12:44

Well, with that Romanovsky and Phillips on the second of November, is that correct? And that's going to be at that scale, invisible High School, right.

J Jack Valinski 12:55

sponsored? Yes, yes, you're absolutely right. That's

D Deborah Bell 12:58

a metaphysics. I think this is the sponsor, you should be reading this. Well, I've got it all memorized tickets.

J Jack Valinski 12:58

 Jack Valinski 13:05

Tickets are available at Inklings and Lobo. And that's going to be November 2, as you said, and it's just barely inside the loop. I understand. And if

 Deborah Bell 13:13

you listen to Wilde 'N' Stein, After Hours and Breakthrough you definitely hear Romanovski and Philips material and should have an appreciation. You can't really appreciate these guys properly unless you see them in the flesh. It's a good way of putting it

 Jack Valinski 13:27

and on the 18th of November Frank, opening act nice girls is

 Deborah Bell 13:32

now to be just to make sure people understand this is Frank P H. r a n hard See, some people have thought that we were talking about Denise Frankie who is another performer, another fine performer, but this is Frank, a lesbian singer songwriter. And she's going to be with those two very nice girls from Austin.

 Jack Valinski 13:52

Okay, normally at this time we go into this way out the new segment. But unfortunately, that tape is not available to us today. It somehow got locked up by mistake. But we hope to have that either late in the show. Or we'll do next week's edition. All right, improv time for us. Right. Right now we are going to go to the speech that Art Agnews gave at the Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus dinner. And this happened downtown at the Four Seasons.

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Thank you very much. I as the Mayor of San Francisco often have an opportunity to do the same thing for people who are distinguished service to our city or visiting and what this means in our city is you can park anywhere you want, just like America. Is that not true here. Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen. I'm delighted to be with you on your 50th anniversary. And it's indeed an honor and a privilege for me to be introduced by Mayor Wittmeyer. This is not the first time we've shared a podium as she said, but it is the first time for me in Houston, and so I'm sorry, I'm not gonna be able to spend more time here. But I look forward to coming back and another time when we can. But it is my opportunity now that I am here in Houston to tell you, and through you, the people of Houston, what an outstanding advocate for cities and for the services that people need in the cities that she was during her time as the chair of the US Conference of Mayors. And when she had the wisdom to appoint me as the Chair of the Committee on the taskforce on AIDS, she has been a she has been a champion, where too few were willing to enter the arena. And to the extent that in the 1990s, we have an opportunity to correct the wrong turns the many wrong turns that happened during the 1980s with cuts for

housing and health and a number of other areas. Mayor Wittmeyer will stand at the top of the list for those who receive credit for that. So it's not just Houston, who should be indeed considered fortunate to have her as a leader but all of us throughout America. You know, back in California, we hear a lot about the coming election here for governor. In fact, today's newspapers in San Francisco as I was leaving indicate that the Republican candidate for governor would and I quote, because I need you to help me understand some of this, quote, head and hoof and Richards like a calf and drag her through the dirt. What do you people do down here?



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It sounds like this Republican candidate came across the Arizona border from the Evan Meacham School of Politics.



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And you really ought to think about that, and tell your fellow Texans to think about that. But because, you know, the kind of disgrace that occurred during that term in Arizona. One of the other things that has been written is that same candidate thinks that he can make political capital by suggesting that his opponent must be running for mayor of San Francisco. So I want to bring you a little election update from San Francisco. Because this is really not the first time that kind of stratagem has been used. So far, every campaign around the country that has tried to paint someone as a San Francisco Democrat or being like the mayor of San Francisco has found that on election day, that's exactly what the voters wanted.



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Ask the Republican candidate in Maryland in 1986, for the US Senate against Barbara Mikulski. won election day became Senator Barbara Mikulski after she was called a San Francisco Democrat. So the record so far shows that being labeled a San Francisco Democrat is about as sure a thing for victory, as the San Francisco 49ers winning the Super Bowl. If you don't believe that, ask those cowboys from Dallas. The fact is that, as you can tell, I'm very proud to be the mayor of San Francisco. And it's not just because of the geography and the hills that look out over a beautiful bay. Many of you I know from meeting you just before this dinner, have visited our city and you know, it's a beautiful place. And if you spent any time there, you know, the people of our city are very special in many ways. And probably the foremost way is our respect for the diversity that imbues the spirit of San Francisco. And the world saw that character of our city live and on primetime on October 17 1989 and 5:04pm. And in three weeks, it'll be one year for the anniversary of that October 17 earthquake. And what we discovered on that day and the days that followed a year ago was that our city is built on the strongest bedrock of all a bedrock of civility and conscience that goes beyond courtesy and tolerance to a deep and abiding respect for one another. During that time, the entire world saw San Franciscans reaching out to one another. No matter what their race, great creed, color, sex, sexual orientation was or is. On that first night, when many parts of the city were without electricity, and every neighborhood was pitch dark outside and inside, there was no looting. There was no rioting. There was no vandalism. And indeed, the crime rate actually dropped in half for almost a month afterwards.



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Nevertheless, it was a difficult and painful time. But we went through it together as a city, with no distinctions right down to Joe DiMaggio standing in the same line with the rest of his Marina neighbors in the marina district school yard where they waited to find out from the engineers which one of their homes was safe to go back to, and which one was not. And I want to tell you that I've never, never been prouder of being a San Franciscan than at that time. The values of our city are such that we knew we could count on people to look after each other. What we showed the country and the world on television day after day, week after week, during that time was that we are a city and a people made of the right stuff. Neighbors rushed to assist firefighters by forming citizen brigades that carried hoses to where the fires were. Teenagers walked up high rises when elevators didn't work to find elderly people who might need food or medical care. Project Open hand which normally delivers hot meals to people who are home but homebound with AIDS immediately expanded their services to feed firefighters and city emergency workers and indeed any citizen who needed something to eat. I want to tell you something, my friends, that just didn't happen during the earthquake and for a few months afterwards. That happens every day. Since 1982, it has marked the way that we responded to an AIDS epidemic, creating what is now known as the San Francisco model. More recently, it has marked the way we responded to a homeless crisis, not by rousting helpless people with police batons, but by creating humane alternatives, to get people into recovery. And to accomplish all of that we have ensured and continue to insist on as a value is that people must participate in the decisions that affect them in their daily lives, and that.



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And that indeed, everyone is a part of our city. San Francisco is a city that was born on the fourth of July 1776 When the first Spanish Fork known as the Presidio was constructed in our city, and as you all know, a continent away they were signing a declaration of independence on that same day. And in the 213 years that have followed, we have learned again and again and again, that the words in that declaration must be relearned in every generation. It cannot be and is not a sentiment but a conviction that keeps the promise of this nation's forefathers alive today. It's not an easy promise. It requires us to speak out against what is wrong or else right. will not succeed and wrong will prevail. Respect is not a special privilege. Dignity is not a fringe claim. And above all else, above all else, whether it is AIDS or equality for lesbians or gay men, silence equals death.



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Silence is acquiescence in acts of indignity. Silence is always the ally of the powerful over the vulnerable. Conscience speaks and the silence ends. The fundamental right of any person is to claim their own sense of identity and to be part of a community. It's what we all want. And yet some people are uncomfortable with that. But the true fact is that they they have never had to live with someone else is demand that they hide their identity for the comfort of others. It's not just our obligation, but history will record that it was a matter of conscience and justice for our generation to support.



Deborah Bell 26:26

You're listening to Wilde 'N' Stein take presentation of the mayor of San Francisco Art Agnew's at the gay and lesbian Political Caucus 15th anniversary dinner we life



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as mayor both in public and in private. One of the most poignant reminders for me comes every February 20, in San Francisco in our city, and perhaps some here, but certainly many parts of the country mark a day of redress and remembrance for Japanese Americans. It remembers the day when they were told by their government that they had to leave their homes and places of work for intern internment camps in remote desert parts of our country, because we did not trust them during World War Two. That was a stain on our country's conscience, because it was done to people only because of their race or color. And every year on February 20, standing there, I see Japanese American men and women not especially known for their emotionalism as a people weeping, weeping 46 years later, after they and their families had been sent by their fellow Americans, the concentration camps. And each year in my city on February 20, politicians fill the stage to express their shock at what was done back then. And I kind of wonder, and so my first year as mayor, I looked up what the mayor of San Francisco did when the presidential order was issued in 1942. When it really mattered for conscience and justice. It's a blank page because they were all silent. The Japanese Americans at that time tested the constitutionality of that order when it happened. And the Supreme Court, the US Supreme Court of that day, said it passed the test of our Constitution. And Americans of Japanese descent stayed locked up. In 1988, the United States Congress finally corrected this injustice with legislation that came a little too little and too late for so. I asked him, How long? How long will it be before we make the same correction about what I believe is the most unpopular civil rights issue of all time, the rights of lesbian and gay men in this country?



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The US Supreme Court of our time has ruled that states may make lesbians and gay men criminals. And so homophobic politicians often make the claim that there is no issue of discrimination. Tonight, I bring a message from San Francisco where Roberta and I live than work. When it comes to standing up for the lesbian for the rights of lesbians and gay men, we make no apologies. When we join lesbians and gay men and their demand to serve our nation by being members of the armed services, defending this nation's constitution, and its values, we ask Americans make no more apologies. When we join lesbians and gay men to demand that end to hate crimes, that main people and wound the civility of our community, no more apologies. When we are leaders, with lesbians and gay men to demand an end to discrimination, and the use of lie detector tests, and other invasions of privacy, no more apologies. When we confront the willful ignorance about lesbian and gay teen suicide, and demand accountability, no more apologies. And when we insist that family policy be written to include all of our families, lesbian and gay families, no more apologies.



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My friends, history is always watching us. Only we, through our actions can decide what history will record about our generation, our time, our opportunity to do something. We know there

already is a roll call of honor in this community. Charlie Howard, thrown from a bridge to his death by gay bashers in the state of Maine. Tom Waddell, founder of the gay Olympic Games, John Simms, founder of the first gay marching band that is now part of almost every community, Bill Krause, who fought for a strong lesbian and gay rights plank plank, in the Democratic Party, Lenny Malkovich, who stood up for prejudice to prejudice in the armed forces. ons pallbearer Hoff who went to a Minneapolis jail rather than lie about his HIV status, and whose crime was that he wanted to attend an AIDS conference in our country, and Harvey Milk, and others remember their names. There will never be a way for us to calculate what we have lost in this epidemic of hate, or the epidemic of AIDS. In my city, the total deaths from aids alone comes to more San Franciscans than all of the San Franciscans who died in World War One. World War Two, Korea, Vietnam, combined, and then tripled. And if we cannot bear to count those losses in my community or yours, here in Houston, then let us decide here in now, to count victories for them. We can create a new covenant that respects the dignity of lesbians and gay men in our society, protects against violence and punishes those who try to harm whether it is in our workplace or in the streets. We can create a new partnership that sustains self esteem for lesbians and gay men instead of undermining it. We are not in separate struggles. And we're not with separate futures. We are not divided by sexual orientation, sex, race, age, or by which state or nation is our own. The second day after I became mayor, in 1989 88, a federal court judge stated from the bench that San Francisco's fire department was and I quote out of control because of continued and historic racist acts, in the fire stations, and so I named the new fire commission that was headed by an African American as president. And now two years later, that same federal judge has stated that the fire department that she wants said was out of control is in quote, good hands. And when San Francisco we Turn to recovery after the earthquake, one of our Fire Commissioner leadership, arrange for a second more powerful city fireboat to help the city and future fires. That Fire Commissioner is the first of a kind in this nation. She is a lesbian Fire Commissioner, who is

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in addition to helping us build a new fire department based on equality is building a safer San Francisco at the same time. When San Francisco prepared for the International AIDS Conference this past June, and fears mounted that tensions could destroy the conference and all others in the future. It was a lesbian police commissioner and a lesbian police officer that led the effort to open the dialogue and close the device. For 30 years, San Francisco has needed a new Central Library Across from city hall. A year ago, our citizens approved a bond measure and in a week will unveil the world renowned architects new model. The president of our Library Commission, who was leading our city into the future, is a gay man. By the way, you can bet that Jesse Helms doesn't set policy on our books.

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San Francisco is the home of the Golden Gate Park, one of the world's famous urban parks, and a lesbian serves as the President of the Commission that oversees it. Tonight, you've heard from Roberta act and Burke who I want to work with me and City Hall. But she's been working in City Hall with the mayor for long before she's ever been elected to anything, most recently as the chair of the mayor's Family Policy Task Force. And within the next two weeks, the next two weeks, San Francisco will pass a family care leave policy like the one the President vetoed with one exception. In addition to allowing employees time off to care for a parent, a spouse or a child, it will allow the same time off to care for a domestic partner.



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But none of those family members would have had this new benefit if it hadn't been for the kind of work that Roberta put into it for over a year. And that's why she's with me instead of sherry, diagnose tonight. So that we can ask your help. Because as she told you, she does mean a lot not only to our city, but I think to everyone who cares about our issues throughout the country. So what I'm saying to you is that with all of this is not to say what a great city we are, but that our city is made stronger. Our city is made stronger, because we use the talent of everybody in it.



38:38

Back was brought home to me during the visit the visit of President, Mikhail Gorbachev to our city this past spring. And after a whirlwind visit. I was seeing him off and he leaned over to me just before he got on the airplane and President Gorbachev said, very interesting thing that I'll really never forget. It's one of those memorable things. He said to me for a lot of reasons, as you'll hear in a moment. He said, and I quote, If God painted a beautiful picture of a beautiful city, God painted a picture of a beautiful city. It would be San Francisco. That was a remarkable thing for someone to say, and especially him. But I was pleased obviously as any mayor would be with such a compliment from a world leader. And I was thinking about that later. And I thought of something I wish I had said and I will when I get the chance. Again. It is the thought that if God were to choose the people to live in that beautiful city, it would be San Franciscans. Not I'm not, not because we are better than anyone else, because we're not. But because we are made up of peoples from every part of the world, and every background, representing every community. And without all of them, our city would be less than it is. Tonight, the Houston lesbian and gay Political Caucus marks its 15th year in the struggle that has had difficulties and painful periods. And in that regard, you reflect what has happened in so many places to other people. But the importance of this particular vantage point, this anniversary is that we can see ahead as well as what has happened in the past. And what stands out so brilliantly from the past, not just here, but in many places, is a record of courage of every day, every day people called on to be extraordinary. And I believe that in this place, at this time, here, and in other places with this community, you will add to that remarkable record of courage. And it will be done by supporting and working in organizations like this one. I know what it is meant for my city, and I've tried to tell you tonight, and I know what it has meant. For me personally. You know, when I have spoken like this in the past to other groups, around our state, and sometimes around the country, people come up to me afterwards. And they say, Why do you feel so strongly? Why do you feel so strongly about this? And so I'm going to tell you the answer. Before you ask. You will have taught me a great deal by what you have done by the lives of lesbians and gay men that I know. And as a result of that teaching, I share a commitment with you. Because I have come to know and care deeply about you as a community. And as people. I feel strongly because I care about the kind of society that I live in. But most of all, most of all, because I love my children, who are eight, and 13. Who God may have created gay. And if that is the case, if that sense of identity is present, now or someday in the future, I want to be able to look my child in the face and in the heart and say, Son, you can be proud of your many brothers and sisters who stepped forward because they changed our world. And together we fought so that your life choices could be yours and yours alone with a guarantee of dignity and freedom. Thank you very much

J Jack Valinski 43:55

that was an is art Agnes who is the mayor of San Francisco who came here to speak to gay lesbian Political Caucus 15th annual dinner. And it was an absolutely wonderful speech talking about his kids growing up and if they turned out to be gay, that he can stand and be proud that he had supported people who thought he thought were right and correct in their causes. Could you imagine a mayor of Houston saying something like that? Well, it would

D Deborah Bell 44:23

be wonderful if she did if she could take stands or would take stands about this community and all the city of Houston art agnosia walks in the fundraiser that they have the annual AIDS Walk. He leads he's one of the people that leads it off and Houston has the AIDS Foundation has a walkathon coming up in November 17. And how nice it would be if this time the mayor of Houston would be there.

J Jack Valinski 44:54

Isn't it also funny how she always happens to be out of town during Lesbian Gay Pride Week.

D Deborah Bell 44:58

Well, you know it's Sunday It's time for vacation.

J Jack Valinski 45:01

Oh, we've got some music to play, Deborah.

D Deborah Bell 45:04

Well, this is a very special song for a very special person. Very happy birthday to Donna. This is for you

J Jack Valinski 45:26

so what was that all about Deborah?

D Deborah Bell 45:28

Well, someone I love has a birthday tomorrow.

J Jack Valinski 45:30
You think just because you're a co producer of the show, you can just pull those things.

D Deborah Bell 45:36
If someone you love has a birthday check, you can play a record for them.

J Jack Valinski 45:39
Okay, that's fair. All right. Newsweek had a nice cover story on Doonesbury, who was probably considered one of the most brilliant political satire issued I guess or cartoonist of the this era. He handled a panel on people with AIDS. Just recently, and I guess it took him from reading, I didn't read the whole

D Deborah Bell 46:05
thing Gary Trudeau not dins berry writes

J Jack Valinski 46:10
that he took them a long time before he was able to feel somewhat comfortable about writing it yet he didn't know anybody who had AIDS.

D Deborah Bell 46:17
And of course, several times several locations around the country have banned Doonesbury at various times. And then this particular issue was a series that got banned in some places.

J Jack Valinski 46:30
It was nine July 1989. And the gentleman who's in the who has AIDS in the hospital says, Dad, have you told anyone the truth about my AIDS? And the father says, Son, listen, he says, No, Dad, you listen, I'm out here by myself trying to get through this experience with a little dignity. And you're telling my own mother, I'm suffering from a mosquito bite. And the father says, Son, she just isn't ready yet. And then the mother walks in, and the son says, Hey, Mom, you know that mosquito who infected me? She says, Yes, dear. He's a six foot two radiologist. And the father says, Oh, God, and the mother says, a doctor, you're dating a doctor. And I mean, it's sad. But you know, it's also humorous.

D Deborah Bell 47:16
Well. that kind of reminds me of that storv about. can you get AIDS from a mosaiuito? And the

...then, that kind of reminds me of that story about, can you get AIDS from a mosquito? And the answer is only if you're having unprotected anal sex.

J Jack Valinski 47:28

And strangely enough, I very rarely do read Newsweek, but I picked it up and this was the week that they had a full page ad. And this issue which is the October 15 issue, for National Coming Out Day, across America, people are coming out. On October 11 1000s of people from all walks of life, are making a decision to lead a more open gay and lesbian lives, they'll be coming out. Telling the truth about yourself is a fundamental step in creating a closer relationships with your family and friends. Below are a few ways you can come out, talk to your brother, sister, father, mother, or child and let them know more fully who you are. Come out to a friend or colleague, contact join or contribute to a local or national lesbian, gay organization. Right your elected officials to make sure that they know they represent gay and lesbian constituents. One way of doing this is through speaking out program of the Human Rights Campaign fund. Coming out is an ongoing process one step at a time, celebrate National Coming Out Day on October 11. Take your next step. Just absolutely beautiful. And,

D Deborah Bell 48:39

of course, we did our special coming out program last Monday and we were going to continue in that frame of mind, but preempted ourselves because we felt like the art Ad News speech was so important for people to hear but the Women's Network at the Montrose Counseling Center on October 24 is having a come out come out wherever you are, informal atmosphere for participants to share their experiences of coming out as gay women and lesbians. This will be an opportunity to further explore one's personal coming out decisions as well as to learn of others experiences. Some have been painful, some joyous all are meaningful, especially when shared. And for more information about the Women's Network. Call 529037.

J Jack Valinski 49:28

I understand it's a very good program over there. A lot of the stuff at the Montrose Counseling Center is just top rate.

D Deborah Bell 49:33

Did we talk about women's weekend coming up? No, we didn't sell the Montrose Counseling Center is sponsoring on the weekend of October 26 through 27th embracing women's electric car healing connection. And if people are interested in the workshops and activities of that women's weekend, they should also call 529037

J Jack Valinski 49:57

and we probably have time to play this one saw, you know, Miller's doing a rendition of this, but I don't think it's good.

D Deborah Bell 50:03

For some reason those of us from Texas just seem to think Nate's he does it the best

J Jack Valinski 50:22

and that is from a distance from heart song, as we're coming up here to the close of the radio show this evening.

D Deborah Bell 50:29

And the beautiful song we played earlier was rainbow at night by Gil Murray.

J Jack Valinski 50:33

Oh, thank you, Deborah, for suggesting that bring it. There was a lot and bring right the third. Jessie don't like it. We didn't quite have time to play that. But it says Warning lyrics require thoughts.

D Deborah Bell 50:46

Well, since we have Election Day coming up, maybe we can play this in the near future to remind people about the importance of taking stands on issues by voting.

J Jack Valinski 50:56

We want to thank you for joining us tonight along especially if you're a new listener, if you got leafleted over the weekend and it was on your car you're in the Pacific triangle area. Or if you read it in twit thank you for joining us normally we do have a section of this way out the weekly news of the gay and lesbian community but unfortunately that wasn't available to us tonight.

D Deborah Bell 51:15

Next week, Lorrie Moore with Afro femme centric and also Angela pasa pasa ready ready? Well, the Montrose Counseling Center talking about

J Jack Valinski 51:23

the women's program or the special women's weekend that's coming up at the University of Houston right the following weekend. And thank you very much for joining us and

D Deborah Bell 51:31

thanks to Bruce for being here and assisting with the program tonight Great. Guys

J Jack Valinski 52:25

calling to time. And that's another edition of the Wilde 'N' Stein Show. The world's longest and continuous running gay and lesbian radio show the collective we'll be back next Tuesday at 9pm. For further information on what is going on in the community, call the game lesbian switchboard at five to 930 to 11. And at 90.1 on your FM dial, you are listening to pacificus community sponsored KPFT Houston. When we were born they tried to cover our eyes