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Jack Valinski, Juan Palomo



Jack Valinski 00:03

All of my co hosts are out at the Texas lesbian conference and the live meeting tonight. And I wish them a lot of luck because it sounds like it's going to be a lot of fun. On tonight's show, we're going to be talking with some people from ACT UP aids coalition to unleash power Gulf Coast chapter. Juan Palomo is going to be reviewing the book conduct unbecoming by Randy shields. A report from this way out on a congressional hearings on the military ban on gays and lesbians and of course news wrap from this way out. In this week's paper in both papers, it was covered. Pat MEDEX Executive Director, sorry wrong wrong side and openly gay computer operator declared his candidacy for Mayor Tuesday, saying he wants to move Houston towards the city manager form of municipal government. Ryan Brown 26 said he would press for a charter change that reduced the mayor salary and apply that savings to hire a manager to run the day to day city operations. The mayor then would be free to concentrate on larger issues. Brown also said he supports such measures as domestic partnership laws for homosexuals, and hopes to gain the support of gay community. But he also acknowledged that he believes homosexuality is a sin. Now I understand he was misquoted in this article in the Chronicle that he actually says he understands that there are certain passages in the Bible that may suggest that but I don't really know that's that's from what I hear. Number of things going on this week, including the congressional hearings is is just it, you know, it's like you couldn't write the things any better than what comes out. True. This is so much better than fiction. Roberta Achtenberg, and intolerant gay rights activists, unfit for high office according to Jesse Helms, and of course, our Phil Gramm is also agreeing on that. Senate Republicans continue their four fight yesterday toward the Clinton administration's appointee of a lesbian to a high ranking job. I wonder about the temperament of someone who engages in this stuff. According to Senator Phil Gramm, referring to her feelings about the Boy Scouts. Things just go on and on. Anyway, you're listening to lesbian and gay voices, and we will be back with ACT UP. Frank: Take Off that Swastikas, from the album I Enjoy Being a Girl. It's interesting. I was reading the paper a few weeks ago that 20% of the population don't believe the Holocaust ever happened. They just opened up the museum in Washington and yes, we are representative there, there are pink triangles. And it happens and that's why there's such groups out, such as Act Up. It's a newly formed chapter. Terry Richardson is one of the people involved along with Gary Grant and Keith

Stewart. And I welcome you all here to lesbian gay voices. Thank you. Well, let's let's what exactly is act up doing trying to do working on? Well it's Friday, right, everybody just relaxes and goes out to the bars. Right.



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We're working on on a getting membership up right now. That's that's important thing as there are a lot of things that we can't accomplish, because we don't have enough people to accomplish them. And so that's what else are we doing, Keith? Well,



Jack Valinski 03:50

last weekend was a congressional hearings and you're all representative. They're



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bright. Congressman Washington and Senator Ellison. Representative Coleman had held hearings on the second decade of AIDS. And we were there in full force. They weren't that we were, you know, none of the elected officials showed up for it. But



Jack Valinski 04:11

how do you feel about that?



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Slide. I mean, no, we there was business going on in Austin, very important business we know about this was scheduled. I mean, they knew that the session was ending soon and that this would be happening. Not only was it scheduled, as I understand it was scheduled for different times, to accommodate their schedules. So it was really aggravating to us to have showed up there and not have them there but to send the representatives. We went ahead with it because it was a very important issue that we needed to discuss. It was videotaped and that videotape is supposed to be sent to the people that were supposed to be in there in person. But as you well know, that can't possibly have the impact of personal testimony. And I'd like to say I was real proud of act because they comprised about 80% of the speakers on the different issues that we spoke on that day, and all of them did a real fine job.



Jack Valinski 05:09

Now, were you only working on the inside? Or were you doing other things, talking to the press? Bringing those issues out?



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Yeah, we sent out separate press releases. And we had a demonstration outside which called for, among other things, su Cooper's resignation as HIV services director for Harris County. That's something we've been working on for six to eight months. And it was the first time that we've really had a public forum to express our concerns about Ms. Cooper in the mismanagement of that office and of the Greater Houston A's lines when she was in involved there.



Jack Valinski 05:44

Does any of this stuff have any effect on what happens in the county? I mean, do they pay attention to the public response?



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They haven't. They haven't. They haven't yet. We're hoping that that what happened last Saturday, will give someone a wake up call.



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I think I think that the county officials, John Lindsay, Sue Cooper, and those officials in the county that that aren't associated with HIV services, services. They know we're out here. And they know that we're watching them. And I think that we have made them uncomfortable on occasion. And it is our plan to continue to do that. And make them as uncomfortable as we can. Because they've not been accountable to anyone but themselves, certainly not the people that they're supposed to be providing services for. We are we monitor everything they do, in fact, we we have founded are started a working group that just deals with Harris County, specifically with HIV services division of Harris County. And so yeah, I think to some extent that we've been affected anytime you can get a public official to notice your existence. That's part of the battle there. Certainly, there are things that goals that we have, that we haven't accomplished yet. I think that we will, the fact that there was a congressional hearing at all, whether the legislators showed up or not the fact that there was a legislative hearing at all, congressional hearing on these issues, I think speaks speaks to our effectiveness. We've been screaming about these issues for a year. And other organizations, aid service provider organizations and activist organizations in town have been screaming about these issues for a year. So somebody's finally heard us, and whether now, Congressman, Washington and and our other legislators will then take the message and the information that we gave them and do something constructive with it, to change the way that HIV services are provided and managed in this county, is yet to be seen.



Jack Valinski 08:08

Well, as bad or as poorly as their manager in Harris County. The surrounding counties used to mix up the metropolitan area mix up a lot more than just Harris County. Are these issues even be addressed outside of Harris County in the area? Do we think we know?



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Most services are provided through the Harris County Hospital District in these other counties? The Ryan White money that comes here is for the Houston region, which I think is six or eight counties around so that but no, we don't hear these kind of concerns expressed outside of this area, because they're not dealing with somebody like John Lindsay, who is basically homophobic. And I don't think it was Congress's intent ever to have someone like him be the recipient and the conduit through which the Ryan White emergency funds would pass. And that's the problem accept has also been monitoring the the attendance records of the Ryan White planning council members because Lindsay appoints people who are his political cronies, and then they don't show up at meetings. They don't get a quorum at meetings, so they can't vote on how to allocate the funds. And that people in at HERSA in Washington have been paying a lot of attention to to act ups, reports of who shows up at these meetings and who doesn't. So I think we're making a difference.



Jack Valinski 09:27

Okay, we're going to take a little break here when we just don't do too often hear at KPFT and tune our horn a little bit. We are raising money, we are raising money and trying to get people to join us here on KPFT to become members to help support this type of discussion, this type of open discussion that only happens here on this community radio station. We are responsible to the listeners not to advertisers are responsible to people who listen to this fashion, who give money, who just listen, you don't necessarily have to give money But we hope you become part of our family, you can do so by calling five to six KPFT 5265738. And you can do that right now. We're asking for a basic membership fee of \$35, or any amount that you can possibly support us with. This is Jack Valinski, I have been part of this radio station for 11 years now. And every time so you're now we come to you and ask you to help support this station, because we hope it's making a difference to you. We hope that KPFT is envision a world peace and understanding among people of many different cultural backgrounds, lifestyle styles and beliefs. Were working to make this vision of reality reality not by sitting back there. But by and being an activist by being an activist, and helping support this type of community radio, you can do so by picking up that phone, we only do it three times a year. And KPFT doesn't have a lot of fancy equipment, as anybody here in the studio will attest to. We are very basic radio, sometimes it's a little bit scratchy, sometimes you can't hear it too well, but it still is going through the airwaves. And we're very proud of that fact, we're very proud that this radio station does support this type of diversity. This is KPFT a Pacifica foundation station with us is a very Forbes, the general manager of this radio station. And very it's your turn. Why don't you?



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Why do you think Jack? Can we break that \$900 900 member goal before the show's over?



Jack Valinski 11:29

I know we have a lot of people that are probably stuck still in freeway traffic. Hi, no, I was beginning of the weekend now. People are listening that but we're on we're on when the sunlight is still out here on lesbian gay voices. A lot of our stuff that we produce for this show or

some of the stuff that we produce for this show also appears on the morning show at 7am when there is a much larger audience listening to it. And Carl has come in here and he's done a wonderful job is joining the station. And there is a much broader approach to this station that you hear different things you hear. Right Monday morning he did a report on the hearings way before we were able to get back on the air. We have helped from Pacifica Pacifica broadcast on March in Washington, and did a very good job. And where else 50 Some stations carry that not only happened because because of the stations that help support Pacifica, we're hoping that you will help support KPFT so that we can keep this tradition keep the open voice here in Houston. So dial that number five to six KPFT 526375265738.



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And Jack, you mentioned to some of the levels that people can contribute that, for example, basic membership is \$35, or \$60, you can receive a World Radio, porcelain coffee mug, or a KPFT t shirt. Or for \$90 you can receive two World Radio porcelain mugs, or a mug and a T shirt. And if you want to go all the way this evening, why not pledge \$250 and become a day sponsor for that amount, you'll receive four on air credits on the day of your choice. And it's a very graphic way of showing that we are sponsored by listeners. This is only available for individuals, not companies. But you can pick any day with a special anniversary, a special birthday of a special day of remembrance, whatever you want. Again, that's for 250. And if you're an employee of one of the many companies, companies in the area, which match that you can also get your company to match that \$250 membership. companies like Exxon Mobil, Peltex, Southwestern Bell, Coca Cola, Cigna, so many good reasons why you should become a member right now. So call us at 526 KPFT 5265738. And you can charge your membership to your MasterCard, your visa, or American Express. But do it right now because we do produce the program that you depend on. And Jack, Let's return now to lesbian gay voices.



Jack Valinski 13:46

We are here, our little commercial interruption there with members of ACT UP Gulf Coast. And a lot of you came from the coronation tribe, and that group sort of disbanded. And, Gary, I know you were very much part of that. We consider



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it to be on hiatus. Let's not say this, if need be queer nationals will rise again to the call.



Jack Valinski 14:10

Well, the elements were sort of the same as being street activist and getting things done going out. And sometimes, probably sometimes even many of the other people in the gay lesbian community don't quite appreciate or understand or support some of the efforts you all do. Talk a little bit about that.



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Well, coordination in the absence of an act of act up chapter here took a lot of the HIV and and PWA issues while they were banded together and took care of them. It was at the RNC that act up then was reformed here as ACT UP Gulf Coast. But what we try and do is keep on the front burner the issues of PW A's. We will be forgotten. We have proven that for over 12 years into this disease, that things are not getting better. They're getting worse and right now our focus is on keeping the HIV and PWA issues on the front burner, especially the fact that we have women's issues that are not being addressed by this government, which is very important that we make note of that, and the minority community. So we try and speak as one voice for all HIV PWA people, what we need is more members to help that one voice go along.

J Jack Valinski 15:23

Carrie, how did you get involved in?

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I was asked last August, if I would house some people from out of town who are coming in for the Republican convention. And I said to my friend who was in coronation, yeah, as long as they're not with act up. And I had read things in the mainstream press that we've all read about people enact up. And the night, Friday night of the convention, I ended up with nine people from New York, from ACT UP New York staying in my house, and it was most incredible experience in my life. It was the most dedicated, committed people that I've ever known. And you know, a lot of issues that affect the Lesbian Gay community are very important to me, but nothing has touched me like AIDS has, in the last, you know, eight or 10 years. And it was something that I wanted to be a part of.

J Jack Valinski 16:15

And what about your case?

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Well, I was I was involved in coronation, when it was quite active here. Before that I've been involved in in gay and lesbian political matters for I guess, going on 16 years now, including doing the Wildenstein show here, but 10 or 12 years ago, I was one of the plaintiffs in the gay student services, versus Texas a&m lawsuit, really in 1977. And so I've been involved off and on in activism here in Houston for a long time. I'm HIV positive. And a lot of my friends, most of my friends are also HIV positive. And this issue has affected my life so personally, that I wanted to get involved. And, and, and we had talked about during the convention, we really wanted to get an act up chapter started here, that that would effectively address the issues that Gary mentioned earlier. And so we did when the convention was over with and the dust settled from, from all of that craziness, we got together and started meeting. And so we've been we've been going fairly strong since. And

 Jack Valinski 17:37

it's amazing how many articles you still read in the paper, and I'm talking about national papers where they refer to us and it just happened to be here, that all the hatred that came out. But getting back to the subject of people talking about being positive, openly. That's still still a lot of people are afraid to do that. They still really are sort of like, well, maybe it's maybe there's a fault there. How do you feel about that, but the ability to come out and publicly say, I'm positive? Doesn't that sort of like break some of those barriers?

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Or definitely breaks the ice if it breaks anything? Yeah, it does break, break some barriers. It, it's necessary for me, it's, it's necessary for my own. I guess my own self improvement, and for lack of a better word, I need to hear myself say that. Because the denial with respect to this issue is insidious. And knowing that you're HIV positive, doesn't necessarily keep you from from denying, and I've known that I've, that I'm positive. I have known that fact since 1986. I didn't start doing anything about it until 1990. And from 1986 until 1990, I just drank and did drugs and hope that it would go away. It doesn't go away. And not everybody can come out and and admit the fact that they're lesbian or gay. Likewise, not everybody can come out and admit that they're HIV positive. As an HIV positive person, the law affords more protections now that the Americans with Disabilities Act has been passed. So the discrimination issue is perhaps not as intense but but I can certainly understand people not wanting to fully discuss that with other people. And, and I sort of I've always looked at it this way, not only with regard to my HIV status, but with regard to being a gay man. I'm in a position that I can be out and as because of that I have a responsibility and ethical responsibility. We'll see a moral responsibility to be involved in an attempt to change things. And I take that seriously. And so that's, that's basically where I am with it.

 Jack Valinski 20:11


When does act up meet? Where? How can people get involved?

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We meet every Thursday at 730 at the new Montrose Activity Center, which is 3330 Girls dark. Everyone who walks in the door is automatically a member of ACTA, but you don't have to pay any money and you don't have to, you know, do anything. And as soon as you walk in the door, we've got things to involve you in. So

 Jack Valinski 20:36

how's the March on Washington, sort of bought some this back the activism back,

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brought back a tremendous amount of energy. The March on Washington was probably except

for the RNC or inclusive of one of the most powerful things that moved us to action. Because when when we left for the March on Washington, a lot of us were going to burn out having done queer nation having done the RNC, we were very tired. We went to Washington, there was some very positive actions there ACT UP had two great actions, one on the Health and Human Services for the women's issues, which I was very excited about, because the women ran the action and the men were there to support them. And that's very important to say, because it was a women's issue, and we were there and supported them. And it was like a turnabout of a lot of years that needed paying back. And then the PMA action pharmaceutical manufacturers Association action where we virtually shut down the street and marched to the PMA building, climbed on the second storey and hung a banner about profiteering on drug money. And it was an extremely successful action. Then you add to that the march itself and hands around the Capitol. It was an exhilarating experience. We shall never forget.

 Jack Valinski 21:50


You will have a new phone number. Or it's it's coming. It's coming. It's coming. Anyway,

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we yeah, we did have a new phone number. But we don't actually have a phone unit. Oh, we're going to be office hopefully this weekend. So hopefully after this weekend, we will have the new telephone number published but the the one you can call is

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7411359. Okay, and you meet

 Jack Valinski 22:13

7:30pm is on Thursday at the news Montrose Activity Center, which is 3330 CARSTAR. And thank you very much, Gary grant, Terry Richardson and Keith Stewart for joining us from ACT UP Gulf Coast. Get involved get get going get doing things. You're listening to lesbian and gay voices. This is Jack Valinski. We'll be back with women's music with Mary Helen.

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Tune into the World Radio Morning News on 90.1 FM from six to 8am Monday to hear discussions on prison reform. African American problems getting justice in the courts, and humorous look at menopause. Those reports plus the latest Houston Area News weather and traffic. That's six to 8am Monday the World Radio Morning News and 90.1 fm KPFT. This is a point of pride a minute of gay and lesbian history. May holds the birth dates of gay and lesbian poets, painters, performers and politicians. The first is the birth date of the Italian American Romaine Brooks best known for her portraits of European and American socialites. Russian composer Peter Tchaikovsky was born on the seventh in 1840. Openly gay Congressman Gary Studds celebrates his 56th birthday on May 12. And on May 15, that great military leader

Alexander would be over 2300 years old. That celebrated gay American poet Walt Whitman came into this world on the last day of May in 1890. This has been a point of pride, written by Mike goswick. For more information on gay and lesbian groups called the gay and lesbian switchboard of Houston at 5293211.



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I like those little points of pride and don't you? I think those sound good and you're listening to that point of pride on 90.1 FM World Radio. This is KPFT ustun. And specifically, this is lesbian and gay voices for Friday, May the 21st 1993. We want to welcome to Houston, all the participants and attendees at the Texas lesbian conference. Welcome to Stouffer Greenway Plaza. The conference starts tonight runs through this weekend. So you've still got time to get down there and get registered and get involved with your sisters. Having a good time. Texas lesbian conference this weekend. So in in honor of them, we're going to go right into some women's music, a little bit of celebratory fashion to start out with and this is drummer kala



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Dierdre Makala ha 90.1 FM KPFT Houston, Pacifica radio World Radio 90.1 FM. And one of the things that's, that's really important right now, we were talking about lesbian conference. But another thing that's really important right now, to us here at KPFT. And to you, the members of the listening community of KPFT is the fact that KPFT is, in a fundraising drive a friend raising drive right now. And we're looking for you to call we'd like to hear your pledge of support for this kind of programming here in Houston, a rare kind of programming on the radio, you won't hear a program that that comes to you any other spot on the dial that says this is a lesbian and gay program. This, these are lesbian and gay voices that you're hearing. Now if you want to hear news around the clock, you can turn to an am radio station. That's all news. And if you want to hear a national newscast, just a regular mainstream newscast, you can turn to that newscast. If you want to hear a live sports event, you can tune to another radio station. But when you want to hear news of the gay and lesbian community, there's only one radio station you can turn to. And that's KPFT. So you've got to think about that. Now, when you think about whether it's time for you to call in a pledge. Our number here to station is 5265738 or five to six KPFT. It just takes a couple minutes. A volunteer will answer the phone, take your name and address, you can remain anonymous if you want to do so. And if you can make a pledge we'll send you a reminder in the mail or what's even better the you have an opportunity tonight for instant gratification, which I always want to know. Yeah. And what always said problem with instant gratification was it's just not fast enough. You know, but tonight, you can have instant gratification for us and for you by calling five to 65738 and putting that pledge on a Visa, MasterCard or American Express. It's real easy. It's real simple. But like some of the most easy, simple things in life. It's real important, right, Barry?



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Absolutely, Mary Helen. And it's important for you to become a part of this found because Pacifica Public Radio and KPFT is under attack. That's right. Senator Robert Dole at the Public Radio Conference, this last couple of weeks went on the record as saying that he wants to have more government government interference, government control of content on public radio

station, which receives federal support. And he is also going to be working against the two year buffer period for federal funding for community broadcasting stations. And that is frightening that is absolutely appalling that Senator Dole wants to have more government control of what is on the local stations. If you feel that community radio stations have the right and the responsibility to be responsive to their community. That's why you have to call and become a member and lend your voice to lesbian and gay voices here on KPFT. And lend your voice to the other programs or the multicultural programming that we have here on KPFT become a member by calling us at 526 KPFT 5265738, multicultural programming, independent programming independent vision of a world one world working together is under attack. And the only way we can face that attack is through a binding together with people who believe in a free alternative media outlets a call right now basic membership is just \$35. We're looking for five new members before seven o'clock. It's just you and for others of your friends and neighbors. So take a moment right now, because you do count you do matter a KPFT and Mary Helen program director Guerlain Ganter was there and he comes immediately and said, This is what Senator doles said Public Radio Conference and it's very, very frightening.



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Well, you know, and it's no accident. It's not it's not coming out of the clear blue. I mean, this is the kind of thing I read in the paper not too long ago, where the Pacifica radio news was denied a grant based on what they said was a political stance.



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And that's also funny, too, because the Chronicle lied about that. Yeah, the member of the CDB Corporation Public Broadcasting Board made a big stink and then as a separate matter panel of our peers did not give a grant Pacifica for entirely different reasons. The the right wing right activists connected the two and then chronicle pulled their side of the story. No one called us no one called Pacifica. And that's why alternative media is so critical to our democracy in America today to have alternative voice to mainstream media. Well, and



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it's a rare voice, absolute market and or any market and I know well, Jack's here with me and he he's worked around radio in Houston for many, many years and he knows what a unique outlet we have here at KPFT. That's why he's here working for it. Right Jack



Jack Valinski 29:59

Welch, one of The saddest days to me was the night of the referendum, where we lost 80 to 20%. It was the January straight, slight deal, right in 1985. When we lost that yet we were there live KPFT was there a lot? And I didn't know what to do. You know, I basically didn't know what to say it was like everything. What are we going to do now? Everybody hates us. Yet we were still able to go on, we still had this piece of media, that we're able to talk and discuss issues all through and Gaspare through the AIDS crisis, we're here. We've lost. We've lost three people that we're doing the show that I know of, that I know of in the past 10 years. And it's really sad.

I mean, Mike Mitch, we lost our Thomas desk. And Mike, I mean, this radio station was Mike nice. I love that guy, not only for the not only for the gay and lesbian programs, he was here for the women's programs. They used to do a classical thing in the afternoon. But that's



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one of the first men around here that I would actually teach a woman how to run the board and empower them in powerlessly



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Yeah. As this is the only station to the places these issues on main part of the schedule, we have, we have a morning host who's gay who feel that this is part of the news on a regular basis, we have made it a commitment to add feminist music lesbian gay performers during our music during the afternoons, nine to three and of course, this program here and that's really taking a risk we feel that you whether you identify yourself as being gay, straight or in between or by, you have a right to know what their voices okay later. That's for help a lady. But that's the point that you deserve to hear directly from the source like Itachi Aziz, she brought in people who are homeless, not people who talk about the homeless. That's why you deserve to hear it straight from the source of the truth. That's why it's important for you to call five to six KPFT or 5265738.



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We have some coffee mugs that can be used for a pledge of what is it \$90 or more for two and \$2. For one, you'd feel good about getting that little, little token of our appreciation, but you don't pledge for that you pledge because you get information. You get music, you get commentary on this radio stations that you can't get at any price anywhere else. So it starts with you. And it's got to start with a phone call. And the number again, I guess everyone knows by now, if you don't know ingrain this into your brain and get ready to call 52657385 to six KPFT that's the number it's gotta start with you. And we want to hear it in our ears, right guys? Yes.



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You know, darling, the first time you said I love you, it sounded like birds singing. No know that was for the in



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the therapy sisters, and they'll be performing this weekend at the Texas lesbian conference. That's their tune entitled An auditory auditory, and I hope that we get an auditory sound in the form of our phones ringing here at 5265738. We'd like to hear from you. We want to thank James McGuire who called in and supported the program. And we'd also like to thank Jack Valinski, who's got who's making a pledge to help the station along our own co host Jack

Valinski, helps in so many ways, gives his time and his money. We'd like to hear from you with your pledge of support become an instant member. And here's something going out to the people at the conference out of Greenway Plaza. And others of you



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a history of lesbianism how they came into the world. The women loving women came in three by three and four by four. The women loving women came in 10 by 10, and 10 by 10. Again, until there were more than you could count. They took care of each other the best thing knew how. And of each other's children, if they had any how they lived in the world. The women loving women learned as much as they were allowed, and walked and wore their clothes the way they liked, whenever they could. They did whatever they knew to be happy or free, and worked and worked and worked. The women loving women in America recalled dates, and some liked it and some did not. They made love to each other the best they knew how and for the best reasons how they went out of the world. The women loving women went out one by one having was stood greater and lesser trials and much hatred from other people. They went out one by one, each having tried in her own way overthrow the rule of men over women. They tried it one by one, and 100 by 100 until each came in her own way to the end of her life and died. The subject of lesbianism is very ordinary. It's the question of male domination that makes everybody angry.



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Poetry by Judy gone that's taken from an anthology collection called lesbian concentrate a very old album, I play portions of it from time to time here on lesbian gay voices on 90.1 FM. And back to something a little lighter. We like to to show the complete range that we have here. And we're going to hear some more from the therapy sisters. This tune is called MFI and I are one.



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Well, I guess he figured out that that was gay and proud. Not MFI. and I are one. But still a little rusty after all these years, and oh, well, I just, I just want to be here with you playing music, but you gotta give us a call 52657385 to six KPFT



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us though, I only know I never want to let you go. Because



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Alex Dobkin on KPFT. And Alex stop. Ken was one of the first singers that really came out and said, Hey, I'm a lesbian. And she even had a song that has the world's record for saying The L Word. The most times of any song liberal you mean? No, no, no, very lucky, lucky,



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lucky lesbian. That's right. Yes. And we



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are pretty lucky here at KPFT. We're lucky to have friends like Rachel rosefield. And John Freeman, who support the kind of programming that comes your way over 90.1 FM. And they've called in with pledges of support. But you know what, what that means that there's still time for you to call, because you haven't called yet. Not you, Barry, not you, Jack. But you the listener, who has been putting it off, and has been thinking that they'll get around to one of these days that they really do like that radio station and that program, but probably someone else will do it. And no, that's not, that's not what's gonna happen. Because what really should happen right now is you could go ahead and make that new Start by becoming a new member. And and do something that will get your weekend off to a great glorious start. Because you know, it is far more blessed to give than receive. So give now,



Jack Valinski 38:11

yet, we here at KPFT. To give. This is a staple. Yeah, and getting all the listeners. And we know that you're gay or lesbian person that you're actually taxed twice, you have to pay those government taxes like everybody else. But unfortunately, to get our organizations going to make the things that are important to us. We know that we have to make that special effort, and it's unfair. But to make things happen to make social change, you have to become involved to become involved. It does, unfortunately, take money. And if you can spare a few dollars, please do call us at 527 KPFT, 26526, KPFT, five



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times the pledge at five to seven, they'll probably like it. But it'll be a lot more helpful if you've got five to six KPFT.



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That's what we're looking for five new members before seven o'clock, and how do we have so far, Mary Helen,



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let's see on of the new variety, or the renewing variety of the new variety. Let's



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I'm not sure we have any new members that were mostly these two people that we've gotten calls from people that are renewing their support. That's terrific. We got a call from and I recognize this name from Joyce Gersh who called in for I'm sorry. Anyway, this this is that's that was wrong. This is a pledge in honor of Randy fields. Who is who's an AIDS victim. I guess we should say first person with a it's just it's written. Yes, it's not written in the politically correct terms, but we'll just try to decipher it here. And there's a memorial for Randy it's We o'clock on Sunday at Rothko Chapel. As a matter of fact,



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that means we have three more minutes to get five new members. So if you've never, ever given a KPFT, and perhaps you found lesbian, gay voices, and you're intrigued with it, I want you to know, this is the type of program that we have around the clock kinds of programs that you don't get on other radio stations. And the reason is that we are listener supported, we depend on people like you to pay the bills, not on a commercial advertiser. So if you appreciate this kind of program, this kind of music calls right now five to six, KPFT 5265738, basic membership is just \$35. Or consider that you can get two World Radio coffee mugs World Radio, that's us, for your membership of \$90. And you can charge that if you wish to your MasterCard or Visa or American Express. And we do give on a regular basis to out to the community. So when you give to KPFT, you're really doing yourself a favor, the station of favor, and the rest of Houston a favorite because we do believe in the multicultural diversity, to hear the truth from the people who know the truth and people who are gay and lesbian themselves, and people who are in the African American community in the Hispanic community. And that's what's so important about keeping the station on the air and coming into your home every single day.



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Lots of versions of the truth. Have you heard



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that you don't get one version like we have so many sources of information from individuals or volunteers and from other sources. And it's so neat to Mary Helen about this station is that you volunteer your time Jack volunteers his time, I'm a paid staff. But all three of us are also members of the station you not only give your time and give your dollars to it. And that's something that you don't get a lot of organizations. And that's what's so special about this place. Mary Helen and Jack, Donna Lori, they all devote a great amount of time to this program just for you. What's your role? Your role can be a \$35 pledge membership that's all it takes to be a part of this community and to help us reach that five new member goal in the next two

minutes. Do it right now. Five to six KPFT five to 6573 embark we'll take down your name your dress and the mountain your pledges you want this nation Bart Simpson? No Unfortunately not. It's not celebrity week yet here. It looks like he'll put us here right now.



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Everybody wants to talk to Bart Simpson.



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Like don't have a cow man. But we'll be continuing our the Lesbian Gay voices. It's about a minute before seven o'clock just tuning in. Stay tuned. We have more fresh voices from the Lesbian Gay community more music. So stay tuned, because we want you to appreciate the kind of program that we have on a regular basis and you don't have to be lesbian or gay or bisexual to enjoy the process. You do. Oh, no, you don't. We're



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checking. Okay, right. Anything is better than next year? Yeah. Because we're checking right now. Not you.



Jack Valinski 42:59

You're listening to lesbian gay voices here on KPFT Houston. This is lesbian and gay voices here on KPFT. And that was news wrap from our sister station in Los Angeles KPFK. We are very lucky to have that program that comes to the facilities of Pacifica. And that program comes to us every week via satellite. And it's a program supported by Pacifica radio here in Houston. Here on KPFT. We are a program for about the gay and lesbian community. And one of the things we do want to remind you that the Texas lesbian conference is going on as we speak. The Texas lesbian conference is happening at the Greenway Plaza. And we will give you more details a little bit later in the show. romanovski Phillips, one of the very special bands that were able to pay play here on KPFT, an incredible duo that sings openly proud gay and lesbian music. You know, this is a very special medium. Radio is a thing that can go through the closet doors. People who may not even know that there's hope in this community in this world may happen to be tuning across the dial somebody Young, who may not know isn't able to get a hold of something positive about being gay or lesbian. And this program and his radio show is able to do that. We talk about the issues, but we also talk about that there's hope. We've been going through this incredible crisis since the early 80s of AIDS. Yet, this is a radio station where we get to talk about safer sex, we get to talk about things concerning the game as being community, it is very important that if you're able to support this radio station, that you remember the younger people who may not be able to do that, who don't have the financial ability to do that at this time. And a lot of young people, this may be their only out the only source of knowing what's going on in the community. Unlike a lot of us who are open and a little bit older, we can go to the bars and pick up the publications, we can go and subscribe to the advocate, or some of the newer publications that are just very well done. But radio is really the only thing. The only thing that can go through the closet door. I remember Ray Hill telling

the story about this young woman who was growing up that would be during the radio show would always be cleaning her closet listening to it on a walk person, because that was her only outlet. If you remember those days, if you remember those days, or what it was like to be one of the only people when you thought you were the only person who had those type of feelings. And that everything around you told you that those feelings were wrong. Everything from your parents, to school, to church, to everything in the paper, everything you saw on television, that this was the only outlet that you knew that it was okay to be a gay or lesbian person, try to remember that and pick up the phone and dial five to six KPFT 52655265738.



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That's so important Jack and just as important as changing people's attitudes around us as well, people who are perhaps not going through that process. And this station on a regular basis has been at the forefront of getting the information out. And that's why we're encouraging you to become a member of this station as well. This is a station KPFT World Radio is a station that brings you features about gay lesbian voices throughout the day, throughout the week, during the news in the morning through the music during the midday 9am to 3pm romanovski and Phillips, for example, as part of the rotation are part of the music that's played during that. And this is a type of station that takes that risk to change attitudes. Game has been issues are at the forefront of the current civil rights movement. We are at the cutting edge as it wishes at the will, in terms of the Armed Forces military services hearings with the KPFT aired the first two days in terms of coverage of the March on Washington for gay lesbian, bi equal rights and liberation. These are the kinds of things that KPFT has taken a stand for as an entire entity to get the word out about all the issues that affect all of us as people. And that's why I'm very, very proud to be a part of the station. And I hope that you will be part of being part of this station as well feel pride when you call five to six KPFT or five to 6573 and and become a member membership is just \$35 or four \$60 Why not go that level and receive a World Radio coffee mug or a KPFT t shirt or \$90. And that's you can receive two World Radio coffee mugs. The important thing is to support a station that supports you your issues and your curiosity and wanting to know more about the world and what the traditional media gives you. It's only here because of listeners like you in the past and will only be here in the future if you become a part of that community radio station. So Jack, you're absolutely on target when you say that this is the station that helps you yourself and helps you the world and no one else will help support that station listeners.



Jack Valinski 48:23

It was the early days that Pacifica led the challenge of providing this type of radio, to our community. And not only our community, there are many other issues that are discussed on here. We may not agree with all of them. But this is the former those issues can be discussed. And it really scares some of the people who are very set in their ways. Oh, you bet. So do do that, pick up the phone, and make a pledge to this station, make a pledge and feel good about it. You can really feel good because you're part of our family. We're just a few members here that put on the show every day. But we try to do our best to represent the community and to bring out different different attitudes within the community. There's lots of we're a very diverse community. And we span the entire spectrum of many different issues. And that only can be discussed here openly, from our point of view, here on KPFT. Please do make that membership pledge right now at five to six KPFT 5265738.



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Jack, if I don't realize that this show on a weekly basis, on average basis cost KPFT about \$10,000 a year in terms of investment of the station. Now 60% of that comes has to come from listeners that \$6,000 It'd be great to have that kind of support from the listeners. But we know that people don't feel comfortable contributing to this particular station. Other programs support themselves much better, but that's okay. We're not here to make money. We're here to get the issues out. But it is important if you feel that this is important to you that you make your voice known. It doesn't matter how much you give. It does matter that you give something so if you could afford \$90 for two mugs, that's terrific. If you can afford \$5, because that's all you have, that's terrific to the point is to become a member with other people who feel this as an important service that we provide for you with you on a regular basis. So do take a moment right now call us at five to six KPFT or 5265738. If you had a credit card, you can also charge it if you wish to your MasterCard, your visa or your Express. And of course, we will send out a pledge form to you in the mail or confirmation. But do it for yourself because you feel that it's the right thing to do and you'll feel proud you'll feel part of that family that World Radio family when you become a member and you will know that you have done the right thing. So call us right now and thanks.



Juan Palomo 50:42

This is Juan Palomo. Judy Garland has long been a favorite of gay men. So has Dorothy who was Garland's character in the movie The Wizard of Oz. It is not surprising that the gay men have long identified themselves in some quarters as friends of Dorothy. But when the US Navy intelligence service, the NIS heard the phrase in the Chicago area in the early 1980s. It concluded that a woman named Dorothy was the hub of a huge ring of military homosexuals. The NIS did the only thing it knew what to do. It set out to find Dorothy and convince her to give them the names of all the homosexuals she knew. The agency of course, was never able to find Dorothy. But as Randy Schultz details in conduct unbecoming, his new book that provides a detailed and exhaustive compilation of the lengths to which the military has gone to expel gays and lesbians from within its ranks in the Vietnam War. The failure of the agency did not stop it from proceeding with what can only be described as a witch hunt. The Dorothy incident may be comical, but there's nothing amusing about the often ruthless campaign to root out homosexuals from the various services over the past 30 years. The stories about lesbians are particularly galling because lesbians are especially vulnerable to such witch hunts in the military. A woman who does not consent to having sex with a male soldier is automatically labeled a lesbian. In fact, many women in the military have gone to great lengths to prove they are straight. Some have married gay soldiers, and some have even allowed themselves to be raped by a straight man. This new books by Schultz is not a great literary piece in the sense that it uses compelling storytelling techniques. And the organization of the book is often confusing. But she is a tireless and able investigative journalist whose dedication to this very timely subject is evident throughout the book, shoots based his book on more than 1100 interviews and documents, and at times, it seems that he felt compelled to write about every one of them. But in a way, that is a plus. The sheer volume of damning information against the military is stunning. It makes you sick to your stomach and your heart to realize that the military of the so called land of the free has relied heavily on the sadistic tactics we generally associate with history's most repressive dictators, or to coerce people to admit they are gay, or to finger others as homosexuals. Ironically, this was done in the name of protecting

the integrity of the armed forces. In light of the recent tailhook scandal, it makes you wonder whether there's any integrity there to protect even sadder and more appalling. The practice continues today. Even though the Pentagon's own experts have found repeatedly that gays are not detrimental to the military. The story of how the generals repressed the last set of findings that reach that conclusion is one of the most revealing chapters in the book. But perhaps the most disturbing episode is the attempt by the Navy and the NIS to blame the 1999 explosion on the USS Iowa on one of the battleships sailors who died in the accident, the investigators ruled it was a case of murder suicide. According to them, a gay sailor who was despondent over the rejection of a fellow crewman set off the explosion. Even after Congressional investigations proved the NIS had made up the whole story, that neither sailor was gay, the Navy refused to budge. It refused to budge because to admit that the guns of the Iowa were accident prone would lead to the mothballing of all battleships. It is indeed a shameful story. But it is not a surprising one given the Navy's fixation with its expertise at it Finding gays and lesbians. The other branches have been equally rabid. And they have spent millions of dollars to conduct their investigations and kick them out. This on top of the millions they have already spent on training them in the first place. Shields suggests that the history of homosexuals in the US military has been a struggle between two intransigent facts. The first he says is the persistent presence of gays within the military. The second is equally persistent hostility towards them. Gays are everywhere in the armed forces. In fact, Shields points out, the homosexual presence on aircraft carriers is so pervasive that social life on the huge ships for the past 15 years has included gay newsletters and gay discos, gay Marines guard the president in the White House on our guard shows rights, and they protect us ambassadors abroad shows claims that we have had gay astronauts and that a four star army general who served as head of one of the most important military missions of the 1980s is gay. There are no names listed here, and that might disappoint some readers. But then this is not an exercise in outing closeted gays in the military. It is, however, an effort to oust the entire military as a homophobic establishment. And in that sense, Shields succeeds admirably. Gays have been in the military forces from the very beginning. In fact, as Shields boys up Baron Friedrich von Steuben, the Prussian army officer without whose leadership and training George Washington's army would have perished was gay. When von Steuben arrived at Valley Forge to take charge of Washington's disorganized and dispirited troops. He was accompanied by a handsome 17 year old French nobleman who acted as his interpreter and Secretary and his constant companion, and one student's homosexuality was conveniently overlooked, then just like homosexuals in the US, military, admirals, generals, even members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff have consistently and conveniently been overlooked in recent years. This has especially been true in times of war. In case after case Shields offers details of how many military commanders have quietly told gays and lesbians under them, that their homosexuality did not matter. And they have even protected them from overzealous investigators. But it is not the military selective tolerance that makes this a crucial book in the current debate over gays in uniform. It is the sinister nature of the campaign against homosexuals, a campaign that has treated gays and lesbians as something less than human. Few Americans who read this book will fail to come away with a sense of shame at what we have allowed the military to do in our name. Shields said he wanted to write a book to help people understand how so many millions of gay people live in terror of discovery for fear of suffering discrimination that has been consistently sanctioned and even endorsed by our legal system. It remains to be seen whether he will succeed. But if he doesn't, it will not be because he failed to document the evidence. If Sam Nunn comes out of his kangaroo court proceedings, that he is trying to pass off as hearings on the questions of gays in the military, and proceeds to blog President Clinton's plan to lift the ban without bothering to read this very important book. Or if he reads it and does so anyway. Then none is indeed the dangerous they got. Some people insist he is this is one Philomel for lesbian and gay voices on KPFT World Radio.



Jack Valinski 58:43

Thank you one. This is lesbian gay voices and we'll be back



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okay, Latino Americana. Latin American focus is where you can find the exotic music of Latin American portrait commentary, weekly news from Central and South America, interviews with musicians, artists, human rights activists, and much more.



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And pocket comes to you every Thursday from eight to 10pm here on World Radio KPFK 90.1 FM.



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This is a point of pride a minute of gay and lesbian history. May 1933 saw the start of Nazi book burnings. The few realized one of the first book burnings targeted homosexuals. The Institute for Sexual research directed by Magnus Hirschfeld, a Jewish homosexual physician was the target. Nazis later returned and torched the whole building. The Festering Hate of Nazism played a sad but significant part in our history. For from it, we rescued the symbol of the pink triangle. Today, lesbians and gays take the pink triangle as a symbol of pride. But Nazis used it to label homosexuals in the concentration camps. This has been a point of pride, written by Mike Cheswick, for information on gay and lesbian groups or activities, called the gay and lesbian switchboard of Houston at 5293211.



Jack Valinski 1:00:47

This is lesbian and gay voices. And this is Jack Valinski. I want to thank the cattle guards knife for supplying us with dinner one of the few fringe benefits we get here on Pacifica radio during the marathon during our pledge drive. This is a radio show that's worn about the gay and lesbian community. And in this half hour, we will have a report on the gays in the military from this way out. But before that, we want to talk to you about why we're here. And why we're asking you to help pay for this radio station to continue this type of programming, and all the type of programming that does here. I hope this is a very special radio station to you as it is to me. I consider myself more of an activist than a fundraiser. And activists meaning that I try to spread the word and talk about the different issues in our community. I don't always agree with everything that I read and see and, and deal with in the community. But But overall, we are an incredible community that works together. I know our dear friend, Deborah Bell, who's in Washington and hopefully heading back soon. She says when she was up there, she realized how special Houston is that we are a community that works together for the most part, that we do have this range of men and women working together of many different types of people within the community. Yes, we do have our differences. But for the most part we stick together. And this is one of the first forms that this community had way before there was a gay and

lesbian Political Caucus, way before there was a gay and lesbian Pride Week, way before there was so many of the other 70 Different organizations in this community. We had a spot on this radio station, we were able to talk about the different issues. And in fact, the game was being political caucuses says that they were formed partly because of this discussions that happened here on this radio station, way before the politicians would even talk to the community way before so many other things happen. KPFT was here. In fact, many people know that this station was bombed off the air by the Klan in the early days. And yes, we talk about that as the old days. But it's tradition here that KPFT and Pacifica has been a strong force in this community. And it's been a tough battle. It's been a tough battle financially to keep the station open. There's no There's no two ways about it. But we're here because of the dedication, the hard working of the many people who help support this radio station. And we're asking you to do that. If you just moved to Houston. If you're new to this radio station, listening to this radio station, we're asking you to pick up the phone and dial five to six KPFT 5265738 become a new member. Join the family here and we are a family. This station is located right in the heart of our community. This station has always been part of it. We've been part of doing the live broadcast at the parade. We've been part of the live broadcast around the election times, many times sad times that we've talked about the different issues here on KPFT. Please join us, please become a member 526-573-8526 KPFT.



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And Jack It's important not only to validate our past, but also to remark that we are still breaking territory in the area of gay lesbian broadcasting. I'm a board member of the gays and lesbian, the Public Radio and they are cheering our decision to bring gay features as a part of our mainstream news coverage, bringing gay and lesbian music as part of our mainstream program. Next one mainstream is kind of a strange way of putting it but Alternative Music Mix. Now this station is taking this risk. So KPFT is still on the forefront. And we are being watched by many radio stations around the country for instituting a culture of change, which recognizes that we are all part of the world family, and that we all have to work together to change attitudes that change society. And that's the really the mission of this station. And you can become a part of that present and that future when you become a member at five to six KPFT 5265738 Because we're a living, breathing, thriving and striving organization and you'll feel good that you become a member because it truly is the right thing to do. We are getting issues and music of different cultures and particular the lesbian gay culture out into the community. It is an important function for us to fulfill, but we can only do it with your support. Again, 60% of our income comes from people just like you, each one contribute with it. and whether it be \$35 or \$100, or maybe \$5, do your part to make sure that the many voices of the Houston area get on the air all the way from Victoria to sometimes as close to the to the Louisiana border from Brian to Galveston. KPFT is everywhere. And we can change people's attitudes Pete change people's awareness and change people's understanding, we can do that with your help. As Jack mentioned, we have a very proud history and we have a very exciting future become a part of that and you become a member. And you can charge that if you'd like to your MasterCard, your visa or American Express. And Jack, we got a couple of great terrific pledges this last time, Mary Helen, before she left, she gave us another check, sign up again for membership. And also we've received an instant membership from the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston. So they're also supporting the station we'd like to thank them very, very much and they're in fact opening for the for the flirtations, and I believe Hopper, our volunteer out there will have information for you about the Gay Men's Chorus as well. So we have support from all across the community, join them right now at five to six KPFT 5265738.

 Jack Valinski 1:06:06

This is your radio station. Your radio station is something that evolved and we keep changing. Nothing is set in stone here at balls around at lesbian and gay voices as a new radio show. That is a cooperative between many people and many different interests within the community. And we're trying to open that up. But we need your support to continue to do this type of programming. We have one plomo join us who was a writer for the editorial writer for the Houston Post. I'm very proud to be part of a radio show that involves one Kelowna and Suzanne Anderson and Judith Meyer and Lori Clark, it is very important that we have all these different issues within the community. And to do that we need your support. We need your support to continue this type of radio. And please do that by calling five to six KPFT 5265738. Let's listen to something that was done from this way ours and German Eagle Scout

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during over 200 years of illustrious US military history, how many other times has the brass asked the troops how they feel about an order before deciding to issue it? How many times during the natural history of any other country for that matter? Sam Nunn Senate Armed Services Committee took the show on the road as it were holding a day of its hearings on gays and lesbians and the military have enabled.

 Jack Valinski 1:07:33

That story was filed on Monday since then there was a compromise that Barney Frank tried to come up says Don't Don't say anything, don't say anything. But on Wednesday, many gay and lesbian rights groups rejected any notion of a compromise on President Clinton's band plan to lift the ban on homosexuals in the military. Any proposal that requires men and women to lie about their status in order to keep their careers is unacceptable. Sin Tim Tim is very Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign fund. Representative Barney Frank, democratic Massachusetts who is gay offered a compromise Tuesday that would allow gay and lesbian service members to do as they please off the base as long as they keep their sexual preference a secret on duty. Frank said that Clinton did not have the votes in Congress to overturn the existing prohibited nation of gays serving openly in the military. It's a policy that says Don't Ask, Don't Tell. Don't listen, don't investigate. Frank says basically the policies don't start. Don't get into the whole thing. Frank's plan is similar to that of Senator Sam Nunn, a Democrat of Georgia, the Armed Service Committee chairperson, who has suggested a policy of not questioning recruits about their sexual orientation, imposing a strict code of conduct. And to keep it secret experiment he says that the bait is far from over and urged the gay and lesbian bisexual community to flood Congress with letters and telephone calls in support of ending the 50 year old ban the campaign for military service. A group opposed to the ban says that while it disagrees with the ideas of individuals should keep their sexual preference secret. It believes that the bait has moved towards its position. The organization's is lifting the ban is the only rational and fully constitutional proposal currently on the table. The group plan to present its proposal to the Pentagon group examining the issue this yesterday. The plan calls for no discrimination based on gay status and private consensual conduct. And this prohibits ation of homosexuals and heterosexual conduct and duty no matter whether you're gay or straight. That stuff happens in private is nobody's business. We're going to turn to our calendar, which

we have a lot of things happening of course this weekend. The Texas observer, which was originally planned to be out earlier has just started to come out on the press and it is full with many articles dealing with our community. It's called out and about out gays in Texas. And issues articles written by such people as one plomo a nice Parker, Debbie hunt and Connie more here Houston and many other things. I just we just got handled it shortly before we got on the air, but it is available at Inklings and many other of our bookstores in the area do pick it up. It looks like it's really incredible. Lives of course a monthly meeting for networking is tonight, but that's part of the Texas lesbian conference. It's a grassroots coalition of women produced workshops. It is going to happen at Stoker's el presidente Hotel, which is at six Greenway Plaza. And there's an 800 number for I guess for reservations mostly, but it's gonna be happening all this weekend. Rainbow riders tomorrow will be out there and also chain gang bicycle riders. In different areas. The rainbow riders number is 869 1686 and the chain gang bicycle clubs number is 5224481 Chang gang will also be out on Sunday, as well as rainbow riders. The women group meets this Sunday also. And it's Latino women talking notes of Euro and Afro American sisters of oppression silence in history. And that happens at the happens oh this is going to be somewhere different. called 3675158 for more information. Also on Tuesday the AIDS equity league meets they happen at Charlie's restaurant at Westheimer in waa. They meet at 5:30pm Queer stories, love gay bashing, AIDS, gender bending and a fantastic voyage to hell and back. Don't miss these new queer stories from the hottest Queer Film Festival that's happening at the diverse works 1117 East freeway at Interstate 10. In North Maine, you can call 2280914 For more information, the Women's Network on Wednesday women and HIV talks about that at Potomac Street Clinic. What's happening there, and that happens at the Montrose Counseling Center. Their new address is 701 Richmond. Also, next Friday, of course, I will be I will not be here. I'll be out of town. But Lori Clark will be here for Lesbian Gay voices next week. A number of things happening. I also want to remind you that on June 18th, the first day of Pride week on Friday, we're going to be doing a live broadcast at the kickoff, which happens at the lobby and 501 Lovett. It's just short stuff drove me from the station down here. We're going to be doing a live broadcast and hope everybody can join us at that opening kickoff for Pride Week, and it's gonna be free. But before we get to that, we're asking you to call and pledge to KPFT This is the last night we're going to be doing marathon pledging for the spring marathon. And it will not be till the fall or late summer when we're back again asking for money. We're asking for new membership to come join us to be part of our family here at 526-573-8526 KPFT. Make that you know you listen to the show. Hopefully you listen to the show a lot or you listen to parts of this radio station all throughout the week, have to become an active member. Nothing in our community happens by chance. It all happens because there's hard work or because people pledge money and become part of a group. That's how long we've made all this events. We can't count on the kindness of strangers, you have to count on ourselves. And that's the only way things happen here. Pick up the phone and call 52657385 to six KPFT lesbian and gay voices is a cooperative effort. It's a cooperative effort of many different people. Mary Helen, who has been part of the station for many years comes back and volunteers and plays women's music. I myself have been part of Wildenstein as long as also with Donna Gunn. Yay, part of Wildenstein. We're back, you're doing a new show. And I hope it's a better show. I hope you enjoy this more than the old show. We work harder doing this. There's more elements put into this show. So to our show, it's on at a better time at six o'clock. You know, as you get off of work on a Friday evening, kick back and start relaxing, that you appreciate this type of programming that we are diverse that we handle so many different issues. We do interviews, we do commentary, yes, we sometimes give our own little bits of information that we're all part of. But you become part of this thing. You can become part of this by pledging at five to six KPFT 5265738.



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That's right, Jack. And I'm very Forbes General Manager very proud to be a part of the station which provides a space for voices lesbian, gay voices. And that's why it is important for you to support this station too, because we are part of the world at large and it is important for all of us to hear all voices, particularly those voices, which are usually not a part of other types of media, like commercial radio, because of course the commercial sponsors wouldn't allow that kind of thing. But we allow that kind of thing here because we've scaled some port And as because people like you who have contributed in the past who contributed once again to make this programming possible. So call right now at five to six KPFT 5265738. Basic membership is just \$35. Or for \$60, you can receive a World Radio, coffee mug or KPFT t shirt, or at \$90. You can receive two mugs, or a mug and a T shirt. But the important thing is to give whatever you feel the program is worth to you. That's the key thing. It doesn't matter how much you give. It simply is a matter of how much you think the program is worth to us. Because right now you can charge your membership to your MasterCard, your visa, or your American Express. And we're particularly looking for new members. We've had one new member this last hour and a half we're looking for for more in the next oh five minutes. I know we can do it if you call right now. But do stay tuned in five minutes. We're going to off the clock with Nuri Nuria great blues program. And so I hope you'll stay tuned for that. But right now support lesbian and gay voices because it is a part of your life. It's a part of our world. And it's important for you to be connected to the station that brings that to you. So again, call us 526 KPFT or 5265738, check how many how many years have been involved the station



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years, 11 years more than I want to.



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We have many volunteers who have been involved the station for many years, we have many new volunteers as well. Not only do we have broadcast programming, we also have a very wonderful new training program who bring in more people into the station. It's free. It's it's supported by the brown Foundation, we hope to continue it past the end of this fiscal year. But again, part of the service that we provide for this community and the training program is brought in a diverse group of people who are also involved with the world community and you can become a part of that when you call us at five to six KPFT or 526573. Or counting down, we need to hear from four new members and four minutes. That's just you and three other of your friends and neighbors and you can join Mary Helen was also given another contribution to the station. And of course the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston. Some worthy members donors that you can become a part of when you call us five to six KPFT Jack, there is



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an opening paragraph on the last page of this Texas observer that is just too much the title is born to be a Baba, but my name is Lucille when in the course of human events, it becomes evident that you're gay and you're all alone in West Texas, that there has nothing to do but jump in that old Ford pickup, kick up your high and point her towards Houston via Dallas in

Austin. Other cities in Texas aren't as lucky to have a Pacifica radio station. We're the only city in Texas to have a Pacifica radio station. We're one of the few stations that do gay and lesbian programming. There's a station in Dallas that does it. And their station has a much poorer signal unfortunately than us. But the other stations don't have this type of voice, this voice that can talk to gay and lesbian, gay, lesbian people talking to you being able to discuss issues openly talking about AIDS education, talking about women's issues, talking about the women's music that we play. And not only on this program, but the fact that gay and lesbian music is played throughout the day throughout the nine to three segment of music here on KPFT. Please become a member here at 526-573-8526 que Pft.



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And Jack as you know, it's not just the program as gay to there are gay people, gay men and lesbians in positions of importance or involvement at the station as well. As General Manager, I become a part of the National Gay movement with my involvement in the board of directors of gays and lesbians Public Radio, the chairman of our station Advisory Board is a lesbian. The our Morning News host and producer is also a gay man that gives us an additional sensitivity awareness and concern for issues affecting gay men lesbians of his community. And also because of that, it gives us a particular sensitivity to the the problems of civil rights of other minorities. And that's what's special about this station. People like us who can know the problems of civil rights can then apply that to other people as well. But also make sure that we bring you the programming that expresses that point of view proudly and confidently, you can make sure that we continue to do that without suffering from the backlash and people who would prefer that we failed altogether. So call us right now five to six KPFT 5265738 We're counting down each one. Sorry, we need we receive one new member we're looking for four more, you can be one of those five to six KPFT calls right now. Jack,



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we have one minute before we have to switch to the BBC in London, one of the very special features that's here on KPFT the ability to do local programming and the ability to get such programs as fresh air that does such wonderful interviews the BBC from London, only here on KPFT. But for all that to happen, we need you, you who are listening, you who are a member, there's only about 10% of our active listeners that actually members. Please do that. Pick up the phone and dial five to six KP ft 5265738 and make this radio station happen. Make things that that happen on this radio station available because you join. I want to thank you very much for joining us on lesbian and gay voices. This is Jack Valinski, I want to thank Juan Palomo, Don Gonyea, Judith Meyer and Lori Clark all being part of this show and Mary Helen This is KPFT Houston



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