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Suzy Wagers,
, Deborah Bell, Cindy Friedman, Jack Valinski

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Toto we're not in Kansas anymore.

J Jack Valinski 00:32

Well, we're both in Texas this week.

D Deborah Bell 00:34

Jackie sounds sexy with that voice. It's so Husky low or change. What did you pick me up in San Francisco and

J Jack Valinski 00:45

it was there together. We can benefit from that call theater all day long.

D Deborah Bell 00:48

I see I see dedication of an activist. Oh, yes,

J Jack Valinski 00:52

yes.



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Well, this is Wilde 'N' Stein. I'm Deborah Bell.



J Jack Valinski 00:55

And I'm Jack Valinski.



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And we're going to give you the calendar, then we're going to go to this way out for our national broadcast. And then later will have Linda Morales with us, the 2106 case coming up on the 29th of this month with a decision that can have far reaching implications for our community. And so to the calendar.



J Jack Valinski 01:16

Yes, we have lots of things coming up. Tomorrow, of course, there's a coordination meeting as there is every Tuesday it's at 730 at the Montrose Palace. 1505 of that 1501 Well, that's what it says on there. Fine. Well, it's just, you know, five, Nevada and Commonwealth around the corner. And that brings us to Wednesday.



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Well, also they have a queer hotline. 52929690 great. They got to connect it again. Right. And that's a very active group. And that's one thing that's going on. Do you have anything before Friday?



J Jack Valinski 01:51

Oh, yes. Wednesday, the Gay Lesbian Political Caucus has their



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elections and our elections really going to happen? Supposedly, yes. Okay. Because I heard that no one had to nominate yourself the night of the election. Okay. And that's going to be where?



J Jack Valinski 02:05

As same place Montrose palace 1505, Nevada at Commonwealth 7:30pm.



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Okay, anything on Thursday, Thursday,



J Jack Valinski 02:13

there's a number of things that happen every Thursday. There's the workshop series at Sharon Stone and Associates 837 to 8:30pm. And you can call 6236081 For more information, the HIV fitness program low impact aerobics class, and that happens at the Metropolitan multi Service Center. 1475 West grey at 6pm.



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Okay, and on Friday evening, the 31st at 8pm at the First Unitarian Church 5210 Fannin at sophomore Charlie king, a musical storyteller a political satirist at Clear Irish center and one of the finest songwriters in the contemporary folk idiom will be performing it's a benefit for the nonviolent action war resisters league. And also appearing with Charlie will be KPFK programmer Cindy Friedman, and she's going to be there along with Charlie and they're going to be performing wonderful music that I think you can relate to this kind of from the heart there are tickets in advance slightly cheaper and then a more expensive at the door there at Inklings are at the church office during business hours.



J Jack Valinski 03:23

And also on Friday the 31st the AIDS equity league along with Representative Deborah Dannenberg, the 1992 Michael Makka Dory awards reception and there's donations requested it's from 530 to 730 and CODIS which is Montrose at Hawthorne way up, way up the elevator.



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And on Saturday, the first of February the 1993 march on Washington regional meeting for Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas and Oklahoma, from 10am to 5pm. In Dallas at the gay and lesbian community center, 2701 Regan for more information 5296979 There's also the parks bicycle tour sponsored by the changing gang chain gang Bicycle Club, and there'll be touring the Houston parks Memorial Park, West University and more. And they have several divisions for your level of bicycle ride riding ability. They're going to meet at 10am at heavens parking lot certificate grant 5224481 For more information,



J Jack Valinski 04:26

and on Friday and Saturday night the Q-Patrol out starts at 11:30pm and it goes till 3am And it starts at the Montrose storefront police station 802 Westheimer actually they asked you to have training beforehand but if you'd like some more information you can call Tracy Brown at 5244657.



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The there's also some films that are taking place over at the River Oaks theater. Yes,



J Jack Valinski 04:50

this is really interesting. Gay Lesbian midnight series on January 31 And February 1. Without you I'm nothing It's a What is



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this about Sandra Bernhard?



J Jack Valinski 05:04

Oh hilarious off Broadway satire. She takes aim at celebrity fashion and 30 years of pop culture. And that continues for the next two weeks different shows though of course. And of course, it's our favorite theater the River Oaks at 2009. West gray. For more information to dial five to 42175.



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Then Sunday morning, the second the women's group of feminist group will be meeting at the Unitarian Church and they'll be discussing the book by Susan Faludi called backlash and its implications on the women's movement. It's called the undeclared war against American women. And that's in the Sojourner Truth room of the First Unitarian Church 5210 fan and call for more information Iris at 5298571. Our Janet at 3703657.



J Jack Valinski 05:56

Also on Sunday, PFLAG needs since their monthly meeting, and that's the parents and friends of lesbians and gay since community organization that provides support system for families, friends of lesbians and gay men. And they meet at the intercare Hospital 7601 fan, and you can call them at 7210788 For more information,



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some wonderful mothers of lesbians attended the Montrose Counseling Center Women's Network last week. They're all involved in PFLAG. And it was really a good program and that's a great group.



J Jack Valinski 06:28



JACK VALINSKI 00:20

And next Monday Wilde 'N' Stein Oh, yeah, we'll



Deborah Bell 06:30

be here again doing you'll be here. I'll be here. You'll be off again somewhere. Just say you guys you just can't depend on man. I know. I know. We're just now we'll be here. And we'll be queer. And we'll have some queer stuff on something to talk about.



Jack Valinski 06:42

I want to thank all the people who donated to Wilde 'N' Stein and all the other programs here on KPFT for the marathon, and please do send in your pledges if you pledge. So



Deborah Bell 06:52

yeah, it's not much good unless you send the money in and it's what allows us to be on the air and keep going, bringing you the programming that we do. And we really appreciate your support.



Jack Valinski 07:03

And we want to thank you very much. And now we go to this way out and news rats that way.



Cindy Friedman 07:13

I'm Cindy Friedman. And I'm Brian Nunez. With news wrap a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending January 25 1992. Sodomy has been decriminalized in the newly independent Ukraine. The action came as part of a package of major revisions to the former USSR legal code, which were approved by the Ukrainian Parliament at the end of 1991. Will other former Soviet states follows suit. Some activists are hopeful, but not Moscow's Gennady where Shopkin he told the press. This shows that they have a much more democratic understanding in the Ukraine than in Russia. I don't think we'll see this change anytime soon in Russia, because the first problem preoccupying people here is that they don't have enough to eat since we're disappointed how and finally, you might think that the development of a gay motorcycle club would indicate everything's up to date there.



Suzy Wagers 08:11

But the first such club in Russia is suffering the kinds of deprivations pioneers so often do. The members of Cossacks MC do have their wardrobes together, they wear the classic studded leather jackets, tight jeans and high top biker boots, as well as any Hells Angel. But actual motorcycles are in short supply. The Cossacks have only one bike a world war two vintage Harley Davidson. Worse yet, they can't actually ride that bike. They don't have a battery for it.

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Cindy Friedman 08:44

That's news wrap for the week ending January 25 1990. To follow the news in your area and informed community is a strong community

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Suzy Wagers 08:54

news rap is compiled and written by Cindy Friedman, for this way out. I am Brian Nunez

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Jack Valinski 08:59

and I'm Cindy Friedman. You're listening to this is a wonderful show. I wish we can play the whole thing. We just don't have time via satellite from Los Angeles.

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Deborah Bell 09:08

I always knew I was a dike on a bike. It was just that slight problem. I didn't have a bond. So it's okay though. Maybe we can have I don't know

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Jack Valinski 09:16

if I can imagine you on a bike.

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Deborah Bell 09:17

Oh, come on. Yeah. Imagine

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Jack Valinski 09:21

anyway, it's back. It's great to be back together, here together at the same time, right where we got through marriage.

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Deborah Bell 09:27

And it's just the two of us. Yes. The collective has dwindled down yet again to just the two of us.

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Jack Valinski 09:33

Bruce is busy doing after hours or hours of programming every week.

D Deborah Bell 09:38

But as I always say once part of the collective always a part of the collective and there they'll be you know, guests. Opportunities. I'm sure.

J Jack Valinski 09:47

You were in Los Angeles. Yes, I

D Deborah Bell 09:50

was the representative for our region, which includes Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas. There were four representatives from our region, the other three people will come down So I was the lone you stunning and we were in Hollywood. And you could see the sign on the hill. Right, right. Right across from the hotel. And what we were there to do with some of the planning that takes place in order for there to be a major march on Washington, DC. And this is the third national march for lesbian and gay rights. But this time, the name is slightly changed. It is and I'm not sure I'm gonna say it the right way.

J Jack Valinski 10:33

Actually, could you tell us the other name?

D Deborah Bell 10:35

The the one that I read, or it had been no one you could read on the air? Yeah, I that one? I can't read on the air. Well, it's something about that slot from be take over the nation's capitol facts can come to me silly in the nation's capitol, baby. Oh, baby, that sounds like Clinton. Yeah, we thought we would go to that when we actually there were a lot of a lot of debate about what would be the best name and to be inclusive and to say what we're really there to do. And and to tell you the truth, I don't think we ended up with the name that most of us really wanted. But as it stands now, it's the Lesbian Gay by 1993. March on Washington for equal rights and liberation. Now, there will be a regional meeting in Dallas, this coming weekend at the community center, and people that are interested in attending that should call 5296979, the people in Dallas will either put you up or have low cost accommodations available, so that you can drive up Friday night and stay for the meeting. They have a wonderful community center, there used to be the MCC,

J Jack Valinski 11:46

our church, right, it's right off the crossroads. They're on 2701 Reagan,





Deborah Bell 11:50

and the next national meeting is going to be in Dallas, the weekend of May 9 and 10th. And so that's going to be really neat to have that in our state and to have some impact on what takes place nationally. And there will be direct actions of disobedience, lobbying, cultural events, the names project quilt, and a whole bunch of other events. Now, it's estimated that something like half a million to 650,000 queers were in Washington, DC, in 1987. And what we're hoping for is a million or more this time, and we still haven't gotten our message across and we still need to be working on it. And you know, it's there's nothing quite like a big march like that the sense of community that it gives you. And so I'm out cheerleading for it, and urging people to get involved because the best long wait really can happen is for all of us to make a commitment to be word of it.



J Jack Valinski 12:49

And right now, Pride Week is acting as a helping getting the communications out in Houston. And



D Deborah Bell 12:55

you guys just kind of like everyone's Pride week all together at the same time.



J Jack Valinski 12:58

Absolutely. Absolutely. Well, two weeks ago, I was in San Francisco. And I got to attend a Pride week meeting for San Francisco.



D Deborah Bell 13:08

Meeting junkie, and I am glad to be back in Houston. That's kind of the way I feel out about after being in Hollywood because that will for one thing, just la as the city was it's pretty rough out there. And my impression of it was not all you know that lovely California sunshine. There were some neat people there. It was really terrific and a lot of ways. And we did get some committees established. And we did make some plans about what all is going to take place for the March but it was pretty intense. And you know, you have all these dynamic activists and it's bound to happen the



J Jack Valinski 13:41

right right. We're not a unique community community. We were very diverse. That's true. Well, we have some we have a tape listen to.



D Deborah Bell 13:48

Yes. We're going to go to a tape of Suzy Wagers from the Texas Human Rights Foundation. This

was taped at the Creating Change Conference. I had to go there to tape people from Texas. It was very strange. This is Deborah Bell for Wilde 'N' Stein KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. I'm with Suzy Wagers, who is the director of development of the Texas Human Rights Foundation. The Texas Human Rights Foundation is best known for the 2106 case that's currently on a hill in the state of Texas to see exactly what is the Texas Human Rights Foundation,

 Suzy Wagers 14:26

I'm glad you asked, Deborah. Texas Human Rights Foundation, which I will refer to from now on THRS or [inaudible] is a statewide nonprofit litigation organization on behalf of Gays and Lesbians, and also those who are HIV positive. As I said, we are nonprofit and although we work closely with Lesbian Gay Rights Law, these two organizations are complementary, but different. Of course, they lobby legislature in their former director Glenn Maxi The first openly gay person elected to the state legislature. We on the other hand, volunteer court cases. And that is exactly what our challenge to Section 21 is. We're sponsoring that lawsuit. And this is in fact, the second time that THRF has been involved in a lawsuit challenging the sodomy laws and putting one of the first and as you stated the cases is on appeal when his Third Circuit Court of Appeals and in Austin, probably around the beginning of the year. And, of course, it was ruled unconstitutional at the trial level, December 10, by state district court judge, Paul Davis, and it was a great victory for our community. But we and other persons involved in lawsuits brought an appeal from Dan Morales, because the trial court decision is not binding throughout the entire state. And it's not written or cited as part of law. So we were happy that it was a field. But I would like to have all the listeners know that it's imperative. I mean, this is the time to really get involved in to get excited about it ruled unconstitutional at the appellate level, there's a chance that they could appeal it to Supreme Court in Texas, but we do not anticipate that that will be the case. So if you do secure day three at the pellet level. That's it. It's awful books everywhere. It's unconstitutional. Goodbye, 2106. And we have class people are no longer stigmatized as criminals, criminals. So I mean, it would be great degree in its historic occasion,

 Deborah Bell 16:48

you were telling me that there's been some changes? Thr s was definitely well, is that encompassing?

 Suzy Wagers 16:56

What is it not in terms of thing of the HRF has been around for 50 years. And in the past primary project has been a legal resource project AOR, pays more initials. And that basically consists of a statewide toll free phone number that persons with AIDS or HIV positive k call to access legal information, or attorney referrals, if they're in a rural part of Texas. And having a legal problem in our head aid they can call will usually help them out initially give them some counseling, depending on their situation, and then hook them up with an attorney in your area. And

 Deborah Bell 17:34

we had to come here to to Alexandria, Virginia in order to have an interview. Would that put you on the spot if I asked you what that number is? Oh, no,

S Suzy Wagers 17:42

I'm so glad you asked. Thank you. Yes, definitely, people need to know that we are here as a resource. And that number for the AIDS legal resource project is 1-800-828-6417. And again, if you are HIV positive or have AIDS, please call to access legal information or for an attorney referral. And I would like to say that attorneys who work with the project work on a pro bono basis.

D Deborah Bell 18:09

So base most of the time, they will volunteer their services. Now, you recently one of the changes has been that a new staff litigator has been hard. Tell us a little bit about that.

S Suzy Wagers 18:21

Certainly, in the 15 years, since it started CSRF has been almost exclusively an attorney referral service through the AIDS legal resource project, and we coordinated educational efforts with US attorney, but really the litigation brand for litigation project has been exclusively the 2106 challenge. And that's that was the case simply due to lack of funding. We wanted to get involved with more lawsuits, but we didn't have staff person, a litigator on staff to do that. And really, we didn't have the fun. Now, as of October 1, if you mentioned Pamela Opal, Sue was hired with a staff litigator, and it's so exciting because we will drastically expand our scope of service. And the cases that we take on 75% of the cases that she will handle will be HIV and AIDS related, but the other 25% with AI being in development must raise all the funds for will be gay lesbian. And we recently at the beginning of October had a board retreat and a legal committee met and said areas of priority for litigation for Pamela in gay lesbian areas specifically in those include hate crimes because obviously they aren't on the rise and something must be done. Lesbian mother custody issues there are domestic partnership there are so many areas that can be addressed now by having a Have litigator on staff. And so we're very excited. Of course, serving as an attorney referral service has been important. But now we need to let people know that we have an attorney here on staff who can help them out, even if they have a legal problem or questions related to their sexual orientation and not fact that they are HIV positive or have AIDS. I mean, of course, the the AIDS Project and the 800 number I mentioned is specifically for those who are HIV positive or have AIDS. But I would urge anyone who's experiencing legal problems because of their sexual orientation, whatever it might be to call the thr F office because now we have someone there who can help them.

D Deborah Bell 20:42

For everything that you would ask for this this Human Rights Foundation, as you could only ask your three wishes to be granted. What do you want to see happen with the organization, like within the next year?

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Suzy Wagers 20:56

Well, Primary among those wishes would definitely be for 2106 to be ruled unconstitutional. And my personal wish in that area is for individuals throughout the state to know the Texas Human Rights Foundation is sponsoring that lawsuit. And what that means is, is that currencies who are attorneys got together and said, We that needs to go away and found individuals who were willing to be named as plaintiffs. And they are all activists in their own right and prominent individuals. That that individuals know that if they want to support the lawsuit, they need to send their contributions to Texas Human Rights Foundation, because many people mistakenly think that these five individuals got together, got an attorney in private practice and said, Hey, let's challenge this. And that wasn't the case at all. And it's difficult, because at the time a lawsuit was filed, we didn't have a staff litigators. And we're not handling that case in house. And it's kind of frustrating, as I said, because Texas Human Rights Foundation is getting lost in that shuffle. So definitely, for 2106 is ruled unconstitutional at the appellate level and protecting human rights foundation to get that credit, and people know that joining that movement to get that law off the books that they need to support Texas Human Rights Foundation. And quickly my other two wishes. One would be definitely that people throughout the state know that we're here no evidence or experiencing a legal problem. That's what we're here for. And not just if they're HIV positive for HIV AIDS, although that is a priority, that is the priorities of ACEs research project, and now we've expanded our scope of service and they're experiencing a problem in any number of areas that relates to their sexual orientation, you can help them my third wish would be for the year, definitely, by, say this time next year to have three staff attorneys. You know, one concentrating on on AIDS and HIV, perhaps one lesbian issues and one hate crime. I mean, there's so many different areas in so many legal issues that must be addressed. There. We really couldn't have enough. Well, of course we could because I work with attorneys and waste. More than one is too many no hitting. For all my my board of directors who are all attorneys, you heard that forget about it. I'm just saving. That No, did you have the resources to address all of the legal problems that we as a community have disenfranchised and individuals who are discriminated against experience on a day to day basis?

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Deborah Bell 23:45

So what it takes is involvement of individuals and certainly always so fun. Even if it's a little bit it helps. How can people contact Texas Human Rights Foundation?

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Suzy Wagers 23:58

Well, they're free to call and I urge them to do so. Are we are we are a statewide organization as I mentioned, our offices are in Austin. I can call anytime and I'm there just about if you're interested in membership, any of our programs, receiving literature, that number is very good. 512-479-8473 Or of course they can write and and I urge them to do that as well. And our mailing address is post office spot 49740 Of course that's often 78765 and

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Deborah Bell 24:36

and just make those chips out protect the human rights foundation.

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Suzy Wagers 24:41

We as I mentioned briefly, we are a membership organization and we offer student memberships of \$10 or and low income is that our basic starting rate is \$21.06. Isn't that cute? And of course along with that annual membership comes our quarterly newsletter. have discounts on the F events? And yeah, I urge people to get involved and to really feel that they're making a difference because they can people say, Oh, I can only write a check for \$10. But just think of everyone in the city of Austin in the community write a check for \$10 is a B. And so we need that support desperately. I mean, especially to get the Morales case to the appellate level because a court costs and attorney fees currently are over \$50,000 and with the appellate level will probably easily double. So I urge people who support our office in that area.

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Deborah Bell 25:38

Thank you, Susie. This is Deborah Bell. I've been talking with Suzy Wagers at the Texas Human Rights Foundation for KPFT. Houston 9.1 FM.

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What a nice interview.

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Deborah Bell 25:50

Well, thank you, Jack, nice person to interview a hard worker. We have several folks working for our rights on the state level, Susie with the Texas Human Rights Foundation, and Laurie Iserlohn with the Lesbian Gay rights lobby.

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Jack Valinski 26:08

I'm sure you didn't miss this in the paper. Recently, the National AIDS epidemic has reached another grim milestone 200,000 reported cases with the second 100,000 coming four times as quickly as the first, the Federal Centers of Disease Control reported that the nation now has 200,006 392 cases of people whose immune systems have been seriously weakened by the disease with 133,000 deaths in August 89, eight years into the epidemic, when the first 100,000 cases were reported. The next 100,000 cases surfaced in just 26 months. Pretty scary statistics.

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Deborah Bell 26:44

It really is. I certainly hope they say that in the gay male community that there's been a big difference, because there has been some education and some work done. But not enough. Never enough of

J Jack Valinski 26:58

it. It was very interesting in San Francisco to see the bus shelters or bus shelters that they have all over the city pasted with the billboards, and two men pretty much naked. Talking about sharing condoms.

D Deborah Bell 27:14

There's a lot of that in LA to public service type things in bilingual. And also in Spanish. It's so important. So since we're talking about 21 06 Here's a song by Houstonian. Why law era about our criminal love. So the eyes of Texas are upon us 21 06 The homosexual conduct law part of the penal code, which is going to be up for review this year. But right now there is a case on the appellate level, Morales et al versus the State of Texas. Morales being Linda Morales of Houston, we were hoping London would be able to come by the station and talk with us a little bit about the fact that this case is going to court in Austin the 29th of this month, this very week.

J Jack Valinski 28:21

You know, some people ask, well, what does that really mean to me? Well, you arrest people anymore for this today.

D Deborah Bell 28:27

As far as I know, no one has actually been arrested for violating 2106 itself, which is in the wording of the law excludes same sex people from having certain kinds of sexual behavior with one another. But it has been used to discriminate. It has been used as a basis such as recently very visibly in Dallas, where the city council had before it a ordinance change that would allow openly gay or lesbian officers in the police department.

J Jack Valinski 29:04

Actually, their application still asked whether you're gay if you're a homosexual,

D Deborah Bell 29:08

right. And there was a young woman 27 year old Micah England who was rejected and

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she was actually recruited from out of state, wasn't she? I don't know if I know that. I don't know if this was a particular individual, but they actually recruited somebody from out of state. And then when she saw the application, she couldn't she moved. She gave up a job.

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Deborah Bell 29:28

Yeah, it's this was rejected in 1989. So she has been, you know, part of the effort to get this changed. I know. Deb elder was in Los Angeles with me this past weekend and she she said that's kept them very busy up there. Because the City Council is using 21 06 as a basis for not changing this. Mica says the discrimination is I guess, going to go on for a little bit longer. I don't know what's keeping them from doing the right right thing, and the right thing being that there are gay and lesbian police officers probably in every city in the country, including us, including Dallas. But of course, they're just not open about it. And you know, I a lot rather have someone be an officer who's gay or lesbian and open about it than someone who would lie. And also in, in search of gay America of which is short stories concerning different people all over this country who are gay and one of them is a gay officer in San Francisco who had been openly gay in New York City. And oftentimes, they're very fine officers Very good. Just exactly the type of people that we want serving on our law enforcement. And some of the things that have come up during this debate about whether the ordinance should be changed, have just been incredibly goal. They're the people that voted, it was a vote of 10 to five, the people that voted against it said things about that. They didn't feel like that they could hire a police officer, who was an a person who was considered a criminal and state of Texas because they violated part of the law. And of course, you know, that makes somewhat of sense. What doesn't make sense is that it's a law in the first place. John Thomas, a Dallas resident, who is another plaintiff in the lawsuit has expressed a personal belief that six the sexual orientation just really shouldn't matter. He always had a problem with if there was a state law, that was stupid and silly and shouldn't be on the books in the first place. And it's also having a lot of people come forward and say things like this, one woman said that she said, she gets before city council and she says, homosexuals are 20 times more apt to molest children than heterosexual. And the truth is, which was not countered. In the article which upset me the truth is, is just the other way around 98% of child molestation are committed by so called heterosexual men usually married men with children in the same family. Right. Right. And so that you know it, I get angry, I get angry when I see things like that. And

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Jack Valinski 32:31

there's another quote here, it says, On the other hand, there's those like Jeffrey Campbell, who says, Dallas is a city where intolerance is a traditional family value.

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Deborah Bell 32:40

You know, that term traditional family values, Bush was using that he was talking about how the economy because if we go back to traditional family values, and he was saying all this, about how all these things are going to take place because of the family. Well, I have a family I'm part of the family and my values are just as moral and just as right as anyone elses.

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Jack Valinski 33:05

And I was brought up by heterosexuals Me too.

D Deborah Bell 33:09

Let's really oh gosh, I had I said that over the radio.

J Jack Valinski 33:12

That was really interesting tonight on NPR they were talking about and they were married in wedlock to the comedy channel is also going to be running smooth speech tomorrow. I heard that and they're going to make their own commentary on it, which I wish it's not available on cable here and used it

D Deborah Bell 33:26

Yeah, they were repeating some of the things that he said last time and they really thought he should like keep with it because you know, all those kinds of things they really sell he can he can sound good.

J Jack Valinski 33:37

Well, let's lighten up a little bit and play a little bit. Christie lab and she'll do it I could listen to Christine lab and stuff over and over again. Yeah, she's

D Deborah Bell 33:56

fun. The therapy sisters do that song to state district judge Paul Davis have often declared the state's 113 year old sodomy law unconstitutional in 1990. Attorney General Dan mirallas appeal will be heard Wednesday and often. Regardless of the outcome. Further appeals are likely possibly to the US Supreme Court. Davis ruled on a lawsuit filed by five gay men and lesbians from Austin Dallas in Houston and the Texas Human Rights Foundation. There has been a separate lawsuit challenging the sodomy law statute filed by I think two things Paul England hearing on this motion will will be a argued in district court February the third in Austin. So there's two things coming up here as well have a bearing and you know if they use this, too For to legalize discrimination. They'll use it in other ways, too.

J Jack Valinski 35:04

It's also interesting too, that we've got a new mayor and we got to see what's going to happen with the Houston Police Department.

D Deborah Bell 35:09

Yeah, but the queer nation has already been out in front of linears. Home. And people wondered whv they went to his home well. as they sav. people come to our homes. and

perpetrate hate crimes on us. So we're just absolutely just going to take the message out to the streets. And besides that got more publicity that way. I

J Jack Valinski 35:29

also understand I apparently missed this that we no longer have the health director, we have a new one,

D Deborah Bell 35:35

John Arradondo resigned his position there is I'm not sure if someone's served, or if there's an interim director. I'm not sure if someone else is also being brought forward. But there's a big move right now to put the city health department and the county health department to unite them and see what should take place with that. Hopefully, it will make them more efficient and more accessible to the folks that need it.

J Jack Valinski 36:04

Health Systems. Absolutely. Yes.

D Deborah Bell 36:06

Yeah.

J Jack Valinski 36:07

And that saying,

D Deborah Bell 36:09

and you know, linear is a business person, I think that there's a lot of things he can bring to the city. I even you know, this sounds really weird for me to be saying this. But I even think Elise linear has an opportunity to do a lot of things in the city. And a lot of people are giving her flack about having an office at City Hall. But I think the work that she's going to do is going to far outweigh I agree with that office and and she wants to she wants to get into beautification. Well, I think she needs to look maybe at the homeless. We all kind of beautiful city. That doesn't matter if there's people that don't have homes. And

J Jack Valinski 36:46

absolutely, there's lots of things and I'm sure we want a beautiful city want to see the parks. I mean, they don't do a lot to keep our parks up.

D Deborah Bell 36:54

kids to have to be down on Lower West time.

J Jack Valinski 36:56

Or Right. Right. And the problems with the schools. You know,

D Deborah Bell 37:00

I think I'm just gonna call her up and ask if we can do lunch. Well, you

J Jack Valinski 37:04

ought to do that. Have a chat. Well, okay. Okay. I'll come along with the tape recorder on the table next year.

D Deborah Bell 37:11

Be an investigative reporter. Yes. Well, we have several things planned for the month of February coming up on Wilde 'N' Stein. On February 10, lesbian poet Susan Dumas will talk about her new book resurrection, written over a 20 year period of her life. On February 17, Dr. Gabrielle rabbit poor, who's a therapist will be talking about relationships and internalized homophobia and other issues that we face. February 24. Since it's Black History Month, we're going to have a special edition of gay and lesbian activists speaking out as they struggle to find their history. And on March 2, a taped interview with Marilyn Pittman. She's a lesbian comic and one of the stars of out for last a gay lesbian comedy show, which will be premiering in clubs in May of this year.

J Jack Valinski 38:04

Well, that's great. You know, when I was out in San Francisco, the commercial radio station KI ts, which is called Live 105, that plays a lot of modern rock music. Had a lesbian comedian on during the morning. And they did a whole show around that issue. And it's like, this is not

D Deborah Bell 38:20

overly unusual for the alternative radio. This

J Jack Valinski 38:23

was a commercial radio station. That was commercial alternative but a highly rated station

D Deborah Bell 38:29

Well, one of these days, I'm going to be able to say that Jack when I was out in San Francisco.

J Jack Valinski 38:34

Well, they think we're all world travelers. They don't know how struggle their

D Deborah Bell 38:38

meetings are. But I did get to go over to the Chinese Theater and put my hand prints into Marilyn Monroe's. And I do have the same size hands. I knew I would. I couldn't. I couldn't do garland. For one thing. She was a small person. And at no, it's just like realizing that Judy Garland actually had been there in touch that place was too much.

J Jack Valinski 39:01

Time for us to move on out of here. We want to thank you very much for joining us.

D Deborah Bell 39:05

Stay tuned for beyond the bottom live which is going to be coming to you

J Jack Valinski 39:10

live from the most Yeah, live live broadcasts, which is just down the street here live. And also want to remind you to listen to break through on Friday mornings at nine o'clock. And after hours, midnight, Saturday night, Sunday morning with Bruce Reeves and a bunch of different other people.

D Deborah Bell 39:26

voice gets back to it much more Socrative octave.

J Jack Valinski 39:30

Well, I sort of like it this lower. It's even lower than yours. Yeah,

D Deborah Bell 39:33



Deborah Bell 39:33

I like it too.

J

Jack Valinski 39:33

So anyway, you're listening to KPFT Justina Pacifica foundation station. This is Wilde 'N' Stein with Jack Valinski

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Deborah Bell 39:39

and Deborah Bell and we'll see you next week.