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From the soundtrack, Even Cowgirls Get the blues. A movie I haven't seen yet. I hope that it'll be coming here soon. And maybe, maybe it's



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thank you and we hope it will help to maybe start some conversations. Yeah. Thanks for listening. We look forward to meeting your listeners next weekend.



Cindy Friedman 00:21

Thank you. voices on KPFT Houston. This is Cindy Friedman.



Deborah Bell 00:21

And that was our ace reporter Cindy Friedman on the same with an interview with CeCe Cox, CeCe Cox and Lisa Means are two of the photographer's who worked on a book called 1 million strong the 1993 march on Washington. There'll be over at Inklings tomorrow at two o'clock for a book signing. And there will also be a slideshow presentation so you can go on over date Inklings at 1846 Richmond at hazard and meet those women and find out what that book is all about. You're listening to lesbian and gay voices. This is Deborah Belle along with Well, I



Jack Valinski 01:05

think I'm here I'm not here.



D Deborah Bell 01:07
Not really changed. So many changes, where we go

J Jack Valinski 01:10
through lots of changes, sort of like David David, Bowie, you know, he's been through some of these changes in his life. There's a lot of interesting things going on too much. First of all, the good news, the good news about Apple Computer is coming to Texas. Actually, they

D Deborah Bell 01:24
really does warm the cockles of your heart. Yes, it does.

J Jack Valinski 01:28
But I mean, they've always been here, just like we've always been in the military. But what's really interesting is that basically the Williamson County Commissioners sort of changed their mind, although they don't really say they changed their mind. They just said they were

D Deborah Bell 01:42
love that one guy that David Hanks who, who didn't want to be known as the person who brought homosexuality to Williamson County. Hello, everybody. Oh,

J Jack Valinski 01:53
and in Mali islands. Wonderful. Colin, if you got to read it today, it was in the Houston post, and she just says, You can't believe how stupid these people are. But she points out that the most famous drag queen in history was from Round Rock, a piece of information that came across her desk. His name was Barbara et var B E T T E. And she was she knows how to write and she was very well known entertainer in Paris. In the 20s. She joined a high wire act disguised as a woman. It's just incredible that, you know, they don't even know this stuff.

D Deborah Bell 02:31
You know, there, there might be some fights over the term most famous drag queen, you know, I'm

J Jack Valinski 02:36
sure that's all I need to start around here. But basically, they change their vote, and Apple is going to bring about 1500 high tech nonpolluting jobs to Texas, which is great news. But it was even strangers that the Republican party executive commission of Texas agreed with them

even strangers that the Republican party executive commission of Texas agreed with them, agreed that they shouldn't let those tax breaks happen at such a such a, you know, to do stuff like that. And you know, what kept saying in the news that they were giving benefits to gay employees when it was to all partners.

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Deborah Bell 03:11

Right. But it was it was the fact that they were giving them to the partners of gays and lesbians that upset the people in Williamson County. Because the last word, you know, they're, they're having a war against us, Jack, as we'll hear more about later in our documentary, The politics of bigotry. They're going to go ahead and nominate four other guys, but they should just go ahead and write Tom Hanks name on the Oscar statuette right now, says director Robert Altman, after seeing Hanks and Jonathan Dean's Philadelphia, which opens December 22, that's pretty powerful from a director of his caliber making a statement like that, of course, Philadelphia, is the story of a gay lawyer who has AIDS and is fired by the firm for which he works. And his attorney is homophobic. Who handles his case, which is it's an I wanted to say, Denzel Washington, is that right?

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Jack Valinski 04:18

I'm not sure I'm gonna go see a preview next week. And, you know, they have to open the film in New York and Los Angeles before the end of the year. That's one for one week. So considered for next year is academies. And it was my understanding that this was supposed to open in just a limited amount of screens around the country. But when it was previewed to a lot of theater owners, it's going to be a much wider distribution. So we're looking real hopeful on that. A number of other things if you've got to listen to fresh air today, Terry Gross did an interview with the play writer of Jeffrey who's also the screenwriter of Addams Family Values. I just loved the name of that, that film, even though it apparently wasn't isn't All right, great film, Adams family's values. And you know, anybody can have done family values. The theater falsettos is coming to Houston and it's here through December 21. The 26th. At Jones Hall. Yeah, Jones Hall. Information about tickets is six to 930 700. An absolutely wonderful play that frankly, the New York Times just couldn't write enough about is going to be here. And it's about life. I mean, that's basically what it is about crazy family life. Well, we all know about that. Number of other things happening in the theater a ton of Christmas, and I hope it's not all sold out, but it may very well be opens Tuesday at 8pm and runs Tuesday through Friday to an 8pm on a Saturday to 8pm through December 19. Where them center. Absolutely a wonderful, wonderful play. what else what else? What else was going on?

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Deborah Bell 05:57

Well, from a news article, as we know, the Don't Ask Don't Tell was recently fined quietly into law. And there have been some rulings on specific cases of people in the military who are fighting being thrown out. What discharged, that's the term they use. And some of the judges have made comments such as the one that was concerning the reinstatement of Joseph Stephan. The appeals court said the government cannot discriminate against a certain class in order to give effect to the prejudice of others roads Chief Justice Abner Micra for the court. Even if the government does not itself act out of prejudice, it cannot discriminate in an effort to avoid the effects of others prejudice, such discrimination placed directly into the hands of bigots. I

think those are some of the most enlightening words I've heard in a long time. In 1986, the justices ruling for another case said that it was facetious to suggest that two gay men engaging in sodomy in their own home were entitled to privacy under the Constitution.

J Jack Valinski 07:19

The KPFT board meeting is going to be next Wednesday at 630 here at 419. Love it, then a week from today come out a little bit early at the Gentry is they'll be showing the logos for next year's Pride Week. And I think there's going to be some initial judging in there and I don't really know all the details. Isn't that great? I don't know all the details about that. Just like I went to the vet network concert, so I probably should have went to a board meeting of GRP. See, but it feels good to do that. Now Jack,

D Deborah Bell 07:48

it's okay. It's okay. You're entitled you have paid your dues and the community.

J Jack Valinski 07:55

A different story is going to be on Tuesday, December 28. At 9pm on TNT, turning network television of course, you have to have cable to get it. It's a drama about a gay man and a lesbian married to prevent the deportation of a husband. They fall in love. And I'm not too crazy about the ending, but it's a 1978 film that at that time was pretty groundbreaking.

D Deborah Bell 08:19

Is that the one neck posture is in? Yes, I think it's Oh yeah. She's wonderful. She has these, these cool blue eyes. They're great. But thinking

J Jack Valinski 08:29


of movie stars, Paul Newman has a crush

D Deborah Bell 08:33

on a jet. Make fast make faster.

J Jack Valinski 08:37


Paul Newman has an indecent proposal to his steam co star Robert Redford for a million bucks. I'd sleep with him. Newman told a radio talk show in Poughkeepsie, who asked he would consider joining Redford and indecent proposal to

 Deborah Bell 08:53

even in Poughkeepsie. I love saying Pepsi. You know recently, Dolly Parton said that she wasn't a lesbian, although she really didn't see where it was anybody's business who was and who wasn't. And Richard Gere recently made a statement in response to reporters asking him if he were gay. He more or less said it. You know, it doesn't make any difference. You know, why are you even asking this? It's a stupid question.

 Jack Valinski 09:18


Good news. The FBI is being ordered. Love this being ordered by Attorney General Janet REO to discard the policy.

 Deborah Bell 09:27

If she's a woman who can order Yes,

 Jack Valinski 09:29


yes difficult. For homosexuals to be hired. The bureau will now would bid discrimination based on sexual orientation. Until 1979, the FBI had banned homosexuals. And since then, it's policy. That homosexual behavior made it significantly more difficult to be hired. And she just says no, no, we're not going to do that.

 Deborah Bell 09:51

Well, we're going to going to go to some music, but that will follow with our special series that we've been having on lesbian gay voices. It's the documentary produced by Barbara Bernstein about the politics of bigotry is called in Jesus name.

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Why does everything receive a tribal twistedly?

 Jack Valinski 10:24

Well, that was sort of a surprise, a song that we played Morgan O'Connor are featuring Jerry Douglas and Ross Bamberg is called Summer flight. It's from the best mountain stage volume two. And the reason you heard that is I haven't have the CD in my briefcase, you were supposed to be hearing Jesus's name, we do have to apologize. It was supposed to have been on the tape and it wasn't there. And we're going to try to I'm not sure if we can get it re recorded or sent to us from Pacifica or not. But we will play that at a later time.

D Deborah Bell 10:57
We also are doing live radio fine. Yes,

J Jack Valinski 10:59
we also have to apologize that we're supposed to have the new segment of this way out. And we didn't have that either. So you get to listen to us talk a little bit

D Deborah Bell 11:08
all volunteers here. And there's small staff and staff goes on vacation. And you know, sometimes things don't happen the way we would like for them to

J Jack Valinski 11:19
just like our powers down a little bit. We're off the air for a little while today. This is community radio. I wish we had a backup transmitter a backup everything. But in fact, the bugs are even after us today inside the studios, because it was so nice. They left the doors open. Yeah, and

D Deborah Bell 11:37
you know, we've got this new control room and everything, but we still have lots of bills to pay. And so we're going to be having our fun drive in January. So they'll give all our listeners a chance to support the station. So maybe we won't have some of the technical

J Jack Valinski 11:50
right like I mean, sometimes we have to rob Paul to pay Dwayne or or something like that. Where anyway, so

D Deborah Bell 11:59
what we're going to try to fill in with some more music, which now you should like that because we have music you don't get to hear other places. Tom Paxton is over at Anderson bear tonight. And he was on this afternoon with Bill McHale great said,

J Jack Valinski 12:14
Oh, nice to hear that to talk about. And Sidney Freeman a couple of weeks ago, last week or a few weeks ago had some live people had some live musicians on which is really, really nice. She does a wonderful show. And actually, that sort of brings up another thing. I

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Deborah Bell 12:30

tell you a funny story. Okay, I was listening to Cindy's program her special Hanukkah and Happy Hanukkah to all of you out there that are celebrating that. And, and it was like, you know, it's kind of into and everything and I got off the car briefly. And then I came back in and when I turn the video back club, there was a song about Jesus as I couldn't see what was going on. And finally, the announcer said something apparently when I got out the car, I hit a hit the knob or the button or something. I had switched it to a Jesus.

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Jack Valinski 13:04

Well, last week, I was listening and I heard this tremendous segment. I can't remember what it was. And I'm thinking, Boy, this person is really sharp and you know what they're playing and stuff. It was very important. Yeah. And speaking of somebody else who does great shows here is Shana Scranton. She does echoes and dreams I believe this shows on Wednesday nights from dreams and echoes, you're probably right and speaking, you know, well, we're it's a wonderful show. It's really a eclectic music and a lot of different things. And she really knows the music. And, you know, sort of slightly different things on the station. I'm good at

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Deborah Bell 13:41

listening to it, but I don't really know you use it like some of these folks do. They put on music. Yeah, they put a lot of time and effort into it.

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Jack Valinski 13:49

Well, let's talk a little bit about some of the things going on. You know, we had an election last week.

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Deborah Bell 13:54

We did and thank goodness. Eleanor Tinsley did when we went when her city council seat because it was very narrow there and the person she was running against was a straight slider.


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Jack Valinski 14:07


Yes, barely won barely won a lot of other incumbents lost. But if you're reading the editorial, apparently what council did was they're putting a another amendments on or another, whatever you call those things on the election January to do away with term limitations. And I think the public has pretty well spoken that they want term limitations on the ballot. There's there's

 Deborah Bell 14:33

ways of doing it limiting terms, you know, you know, so people out you can always vote people up, but it's hard to do that when they've got such a big war chest of money. I think what's interesting this time too, is that people who were not incumbents but had some relationship to income, but also guys that were not elected in the first place. I think one of the most interesting was someone's ex husband I never did quite understand that about Kristian hearkens ex husband Frank was running for her seat and somehow I don't know it was very strange but he didn't win so we're

 Jack Valinski 15:09

gonna have seven new council members come January and it will

 Deborah Bell 15:13

be interesting to see what develops with this new council and just how different or how progressive or what what it will offer to the city

 Jack Valinski 15:21

we're gonna take a little break now and you'll listen to lesbian and gay voices and we'll be back Marcia ball and I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year babies

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so Bob, do you have the list of candidates to replace Logan's department head I guess are right here first on the list is coming highly qualified plenty of experiences Cummings these days so 57 I think that's a little odd don't you who else is on the list? Gonzalez and move on by his last name Gonzalez. I don't think we need any of that here. Well then there's Tyler a real go getter a woman's department head I don't think so. already. What about Gardner works long hours knows that the pipe Mom Don't tell me don't know about Gardner why the man has light in the loafers get my drift? Well, it doesn't really matter. Oh, sure. Next thing we know the whole department will be able to run with. Right. I've always liked Richardson. He's worked his way up to help reorganize Bob, in case you haven't noticed he's black. So they'll slow the whole department down. He's one of the best workers. We had his love Simpson. He's a mathematical genius. But man wheelchair? I don't think so. Well, it's the whole list of department filled with people and not one of them is qualified. Isn't that ridiculous? Yeah. Ridiculous. The Leadership Conference Education Fund and the advertising Council remind you that our string our progress depends on our diversity.

 Jack Valinski 17:00

What a great public service announcement. Yeah, we

D Deborah Bell 17:04
got that from the folks from this way out. Oh, that's where

J Jack Valinski 17:07
it came from. That announcer is a announcer who does a lot of probably very expensive commercials, and it's very good money. It's so nice of him to donate some of his time. Do things like that some of these announcers make tremendous amount of money, something

D Deborah Bell 17:22
we don't we wish we did.

J Jack Valinski 17:24
Well, we're happy though. Are we happy?

D Deborah Bell 17:26
We're very happy to be with you on lesbian gay voices.

J Jack Valinski 17:29
I hope you're happy listening.

D Deborah Bell 17:31
If you would like some input. With our program, you can call us at 289 2700 That's the voicemail number. If you have ideas or suggestions or would like to volunteer that the number to call is 289 2700. We feature local, state national and international news, music and community events, interviews with reviews and commentary and a whole mishmash of stuff.

J Jack Valinski 17:59
And we're pretty mishmash tonight. Yes. The holiday seasons are coming up. Now they're here. They are here. Well, it's really hard to tell when it's 75 degrees out so isn't that while

D Deborah Bell 18:10

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I love it.

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Jack Valinski 18:11

I love it to love it. Speaking of love it

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Deborah Bell 18:18

always gets in there somewhere

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Jack Valinski 18:20

from there. Right?

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Deborah Bell 18:20

I grew up there. Yeah.

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Jack Valinski 18:22

The Did you see the movie that Dennis Quaid was in?

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Deborah Bell 18:24

No I haven't seen that.

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Jack Valinski 18:26

I don't even so it's it's no it's not. It's West Texas. And all the [holidays?] is is very same.

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Deborah Bell 18:33

flat, dry and Tumbleweed


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Jack Valinski 18:35


and it goes on forever.


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Deborah Bell 18:36


 Deborah Bell 18:38
Yeah, road goes on forever.


 Jack Valinski 18:39
Why did I bring that up? Anyway, Robert is just beginning party's just beginning. Well, let's talk a little bit about you know that we're in the midst of the holiday season. Sometimes good for some people. It's not good for other people. It could be a very lonely time. If you're sort of alone. I'm very much Ramona


 Deborah Bell 18:55
oh gosh, [Nuri? just came in and he has on a tie that will wake you up. This electric looking good there, [Nuri?] and it's a it's a holiday. It's festive. It's got a looney tune characters.


 Jack Valinski 19:06
That's why we put our transmitter off. Yeah. Oh

 Deborah Bell 19:08
Nuri Nuri on off the clock coming up coming up right after us on right after lesbian and gay voices. What comes on after entering the gym square? Yes. Esoteric adventures. I love their promo there Lori Anderson promo

 Jack Valinski 19:25
Yes. Don't wake up their fish. Actually, let's wake up the fish right now.

 Deborah Bell 19:30
What is that number?

 Jack Valinski 19:33
You're gonna see they're never gonna let us do this again. Yeah, just wander on.

 Deborah Bell 19:37
They'll make sure that they have our tape.

J Jack Valinski 19:40

Tape and resume you know if you're in commercial radio, you always have to have a tape resume ready. But anyway, we're in the midst of holiday season on Sunday night at six o'clock. Mary's is gonna be lighting their tree

D Deborah Bell 19:51

at home the official Montrose Christmas tree on top of Mary's right on the corner of Westheimer and wall crest

J Jack Valinski 20:00

Oh, and I was telling you that my friend, Ed Barnes is in town I had Ed when traceless Yes, we took a, we took

D Deborah Bell 20:08

a ride from San Francisco and comes to us and listens to our program.

J Jack Valinski 20:11

And once he was even on and worked in the eighth Ward, a number of years in San Francisco as sort of a volunteer, and he tells some incredible stories about being involved, and some of the things going on, out. And he actually told the story about the course, the Los Angeles course, he, the course had sort of this contest, it was a blind contest. And all these bands submitted their songs and the Los Angeles Gay Men's Chorus won this contest with all of a sudden they realize it was a gay

D Deborah Bell 20:44

court. Oh, it wasn't a course of I mean, it wasn't just gay courses. It was a number

J Jack Valinski 20:49

of right and some of the religious bigots didn't like that. And they basically will resent it, but they suit and they want and they got the plane, all that wonderful stuff. But we're in the midst of the holiday season, it could be a sad time for some people. And, but there are things going on, if you're involved in churches, or you want to be involved in churches, those things are going on. What's really neat is that some of the bars and establishments do have like Christmas dinners for their loyal customers, which is really neat. I mean, you don't really seem to advertise that. But you know, get to especially in the neighborhood type of bars, which I think people are pretty friendly here and Houston. At least that's what I've been told by people who visited. I mean, as a good example of talking about how, you know, he lived in San Francisco

for so many years. And he lived here just a few years in Houston. And he really misses it. He really misses the people. He doesn't really miss the weather, but the people he does, and you know, you think that San Francisco has all these different types of people that he says, you know, just has a lot of strange people, but they're very friendly.

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Deborah Bell 21:53

Strange, but very friendly. Well, thank you for that endorsement, it Barnes. The lesbians in business are doing several things for the holiday season, including having a party on December 16. Starting at 6pm until midnight, it will be over on Muscat Missouri street starting at 6pm. And there'll be a DJ and a buffet. And what they're asking women to do is to bring either a non perishable food item for stone, soup or a gift suitable for a woman living in the Houston area women center. Each Christmas the shelter for survivors of domestic violence opens a store where resident children can shop for free gifts for their families. The shelter reports that it receives many gifts for children but far fewer for the moms. The gift you bring to the party should be unwrapped and suitable for young mother casual clothing like gowns, bar perfumes, slippers, gloves, etc. You might also bring gift wrap and tape things will also be needed by the kids in the shelter. And of course live is also planning to have a New Year's Eve blowout. I think Donna and I are gonna let you do the show that night Jack. Oh, and we're going to go and celebrate with 400 other sisters and their friends at the DoubleTree Hotel in downtown Houston and Dick this this includes dancing, dining champagne at midnight and a cash bar all night long. And it's a very reasonable fee and tickets are available I know over at Inklings and some other places around town so that looks like a really exciting holiday thing. It's kind of unfair to remember,

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Jack Valinski 23:33

last weekend, the rice Media Center showed a thing called void shorts, a new queer cinema. It was a bunch of short films, and one of them was anthem by Marlon Riggs. And it's sort of an MTC MTV version of Tongues Untied. And another film that was shown was the dead boys club a young man dons a pair of disco shoes, and it finds himself bumping and grinding with those bad bad boys of the 70s it was really interesting very realistic people in almost almost like the village people recently I was something that somebody was making fun of.

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Deborah Bell 24:10

They're still out there you know, they're still doing performances. I think they're great.

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Jack Valinski 24:15

Well that's it you know, some things keep on going look at the Partridge Family now.

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Deborah Bell 24:22

Yes, so what's your

J Jack Valinski 24:24
what's your point? This stuff? This stuff will go on forever. go on forever. Oh, let's listen to some music. Okay. Here's a big

D Deborah Bell 24:45
thank you very much. That's John fine.

J Jack Valinski 24:49
Who was not in town tonight.

D Deborah Bell 24:52
got confused.

J Jack Valinski 24:54
I'm very confused. Yeah.

D Deborah Bell 24:55
He must have been talking about people from love as well. Welcome number 11 of AIDS talk Houston the public access cable show hosted by Matt Lachlan will deal with the subject of AIDS and prison. The panel discussion guests are Ray Hill producer advocate of the KPFT prison reform program. Tom snore a registered pharmacists who will discuss treating aids in prison and Rory Eagle li by a former inmate who is involved in National Prison Reform advocacy. All three panelists are members of the Harris County Jail Citizens Advisory Team Task Force. This special installment of eights talk Houston, which is sponsored by caretaking LC was produced in the Las Cruces New Mexico penitentiary. air dates are December 20, at noon, the 21st at 8am, the 23rd at 2:30pm, the 27th at 6:30pm and the 28th at 7:30pm on the public access channel 17

J Jack Valinski 26:00
whatever channel that is right now and also fan TV feminist television with a group them to FANBOYS is there enough things in that? Interview and Performance? You can watch that December 12 But 3pm On December 17 at 7pm and the 23rd at 11pm. That's also on the public access channel. I really want Kate Well, we don't know how long the public access channels tomorrow

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Deborah Bell 26:26

right here on KPFT on after hours. One of the most popular lesbian and gay programs in Houston believe that it was the most popular well they think so too, but I don't know that I'm sure it's just as popular as us. Features an interview with Houston native Rob Nash, the man behind curtains theaters latest offering 12 Steps to a more dysfunctional Christmas hosts Scott Lewis and Howard Nick Hill will be joined by Nash and all his crazy characters in what promises to be a zany look at the dysfunctional family. I could just go home for Christmas if I wanted to do that. With politics camp and the queer music zone after hours is as diverse as the community. It represents something KPFT 90.1 FM every Saturday from midnight to 3am.

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Jack Valinski 27:17

In an apartment a man and a woman decorated a Christmas tree so writes Anna Quindlen of the New York Times they move strands of lights around the branches stood back to consider the effect. Plug them in that so they can colored stars to answer the darkness. From across the street, they can see two panels of glass and the asphalt away. We mourned our friend while those two strangers went about a different route ritual. Monday would have been just Mertz 40th birthday. He was intended to spending it dining Well, unfortunately, he passed away, he was one of the many people who died that day of AIDS. This was a person who wrote for The New York Times and was covering the many effects that this had on our community. And a recent New York Times book section magazine section he wrote a long story about how some of the people in this community feel that AIDS is just sort of going on. And we're not paying a lot of attention to it. A lot of us are paying a lot of attention to it simply because it affects so much of our lives. Yet there are so many different things that do affect us from day to day. And it's really sad. I mean, if you think of all the people that we've lost over the many years, and there's still hope there's still some hope you still keep trying. Yet, as we read the magazines and the newspapers and things like that we don't really see a lot of hope coming out of the medical community. We know they're working very hard on it, or some people are working very hard on it.

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Deborah Bell 28:47

But we did have some good news this past week, right here out of Houston from MD Anderson and the Houston clinical trials. There has been a breakthrough discovery of testing that has been done, where it halts the progress of HIV. And there was also good news I believe out of Princeton today it was either Princeton or Harvard. There were there were two breakthroughs in one had to do with Fusion and I thought that the universities and except which one had the breakthrough in what area and

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Jack Valinski 29:18

understand when a person writes the world is moving on uncaring, frustrated and bored leaving by the roadside, those of us who are infected and those who can't help but wonder whatever happened to AIDS?

D**Deborah Bell 29:32**

Well, we what will happen to AIDS is still hearing it's still being worked on and hopefully we will find out if the from the latest breakthroughs in research if these are things that will in fact, be able to be of use within human human beings actively living with HIV. Maybe people that are infected will be able to help the progress so that aids will not come up out where are they, they will have HIV, but they will not get sick from the complications and the various opportunity infections. So, you know, we're very hopeful about that, you know, that's kind of like what the season is about is the season of hope for the world. Whether you celebrate the solstice, Christmas or Hanukkah, or just that is winter. And here we are moving closest the 21st is the solstice and that's when it's the darkest day of the year. And what we know is after the darkness day will, the days will start getting brighter again, and that's what it's all about. Moving towards the light. The Texas gay veterans of Houston will be spreading some of that holiday cheer in light with a holiday Working Party on Sunday, December 19, from three to 7pm. The members who will make up holiday cheer baskets to give out to fellow veterans at the VA hospital, and are encouraged to contribute any creative ideas they may have to this undertaking. distribution will be at the hospital on Tuesday the 21st. And for more information you can call Paul at 3593720. David at 7809917 or Charles at 6506503. Those are all 713 area code numbers.

J**Jack Valinski 31:26**

I found this in USA Today. About a month ago I guess two people if two people love and care for a child, why should they be denied to be denied legal custody. I've grown up with lesbian mothers who both loved me and never left my side. The fact that they slept in the same room all night had absolutely no effect on the way I am today. Growing up with a different lifestyle than your peers is difficult at times. But the problems arise because of others. Those in the majority do not understand the differences and attacked those who are different.

D**Deborah Bell 32:01**

The Houston chapter of parents, families and friends of lesbians and gays, PFLAG has moved its regular monthly meetings to a new location. The group now meets at St. Francis Episcopal Church at 30. I'm sorry, at 345 Piney Point south of I 10. And they meet from two to 4:30pm on the first Sunday of each month. And if you would like more information about PFLAG you can call 867 9020.

J**Jack Valinski 32:31**

What else is going on in the community? Well, I

D**Deborah Bell 32:35**

know that there are a lot of folks planning holiday party, some people are having to go through their company Christmas party. I wonder how many people are able to take the truth spouse of their choice as a date, rather than you didn't even bother taking me to yours.

J Jack Valinski 32:53
We were busy last week we were here. That's true. And you were the radio show. That keeps us busy.

D Deborah Bell 32:59
But that you hit it when you heard about that. I mean, I have heard about someone saying, oh, you know, so and so went to their company Christmas party. And so they went with our friend, Bruce and I had to stay at home that night. That kind of thing.

J Jack Valinski 33:15
Speaking of Bruce, did you get a party invitation?

D Deborah Bell 33:17
Yes, a beautiful party nation from Bruce and Judy and dog and their cat and a really use hand folded handmade. And I don't know if I'll be able to make it by to the party. But wish the Reeves family very, very well. KPFT is having a party. That's true, too. We're going to be collecting some goodies to send over to stone soup as part of our festivities. I think we're going to be doing that on the 16th the staff and volunteer here at KPFT.

J Jack Valinski 33:46
And if you'd like to donate some stuff, I'm sure you can just drop it by here and

D Deborah Bell 33:50
I thought during business hours during the day, and he's here out in the lobby, and she'll be glad to take any donations you have of that nature. Either. Stone Soup donations are donations to KPFT. Right.

J Jack Valinski 34:01
You can bring things like toiletry items, toilet paper, those things we use all the time. That's

D Deborah Bell 34:06
true. Well, let's go to some more music. Okay. And thank you, Jamie Anderson. I mean, she just has such a way with words. She says Be happy, joyful and gay. I love that I love I love Jamie

Anderson. And of course she does that music that we open the show with no more closets, which no, we want to encourage people to get rid of those closets. You are allowed to go into your closet with your portable radio and listen to lesbian gay voices, though. If that's the way you need to hear it, but we really would like for you to put it on the speakers and blare it out.

J Jack Valinski 34:57

Be out about it. Yes, that's true. And there are so many different programs to listen to. I understand that the video is out for the March

D Deborah Bell 35:04

well there are three videos covering the March on Washington and they're all available over at Inklings understand out north Crossroads has them or maybe Lobo does, but one of them which is called a simple matter of justice is the official Marya morning. video done by the march committee. There's another one called what I can't even remember the name now.

J Jack Valinski 35:30

It's video B. It's

D Deborah Bell 35:34

the one done by Gerard video. And then there was another one that benefits the Gay Lesbian Task for marching for freedom is the one that benefits the task force.

J Jack Valinski 35:46

There's also like the video that sees it's not a video that people equate six hours

D Deborah Bell 35:51

from from singing in, wasn't it?

J Jack Valinski 35:56

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D Deborah Bell 35:56

span that was wonderful. I have all of those. And so you got like, the one was from every angle. Yeah, the one that was done by the march committee that was done by jab. It was just

incredible. It really made me proud to have been part of doing the March and the message that it sends out. Earlier tonight. We were talking to the people from hatch and afterwards Trish was asking me Did Did I think there had been a lot of changes that have taken place and and when you look back on this last year, just think how different it is now we are much more open and out and visible. Entertainment Weekly did an article featuring gay comics including Lea de Leiria and Susan Weston hopper. And it mentions Kate Clinton.

J Jack Valinski 36:47

And Comedy Central has done shows on game has been comics

D Deborah Bell 36:51

and we have films and plays. You know so so it is happening and there are a lot more liberties that are out. And I think there's a change that's for the better. Tony Award winner playwright and lyricist William been a falsettos will be in Houston at Crossroads market on Monday, December 28 at 730 for a special reception and book signing on the eve of the show's Houston debut. So it's an a free and open to the public to go over their crossroads. And, you know, we have all these community businesses like Bobo and crossroads and influence that are struggling, you know, there's they're struggling businesses, but they still want to do so much for the community. They still do things, do events, put things out. And as a community, you know, that's we need to support them. And now they're all doing their holiday thing.

J Jack Valinski 37:49

Remember a lot tonight put nice presents for people. They're surprised people buy some presents at Lobos Crossroads or Inklings, you know, some books and just seven to some of those countries. You've been listening to lesbian and gay. We're Susan and we're just about the end of our show.

D Deborah Bell 38:05


Thanks for bearing with us tonight. We're sorry that we've had the difficulties technical and otherwise. But we do hope that you will join us again next week at six o'clock. And we want to thank the members of hatch and their if you want


J Jack Valinski 38:21


to call their number is 9427002.


D Deborah Bell 38:25


And of course Mary Helen, the for her musical segment and the members of the Gay Men's Chorus

 Jack Valinski 38:30
and Cindy Freeman for doing the interview segment here tonight. Sure. And

 Deborah Bell 38:34
of course that concert is tomorrow night

 Jack Valinski 38:36
7pm at the Wharton Center downtown. tickets are still available. It's two to seven arts I believe
is a number or you can buy it at the box office.

 Deborah Bell 38:45
And Thank you Jack Valinski and thank you Deborah Bell and thank you Donna Gournay our
participant Thank

 Jack Valinski 38:51
you transmitter for staying on the air. This is KPFT wisdom