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SPEAKERS

Suzanne Anderson, Ron Bradley, Deborah Bell, Jack Valinski, Ray Hill, Brian Bradley, Mary Helen Merzbacher



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[No Closet by Jamie Anderson plays]



Jack Valinski 00:35

From Pacifica's KPFT in Houston, this is lesbian gay voices a show for about the gay and lesbian community. This was the October 28 edition which is also the Halloween edition I'm Jack Valinski.



Deborah Bell 00:47

This is Deborah Bell. Sunday is the end of daylight savings time in the United States. So don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night. The way this works is, you fall back so at two o'clock am on Sunday morning, it becomes 1am which well do it whatever way you can figure out to do it. The important thing is that you have clocked right so that you don't miss next week's lesbian gay voices and another hour of bar time. On tonight's program we'll have right Hill has been labeled a pesky contemptuous troublemaker, among other things. And he's here to prove that title wrong with a peaceful demonstration at the Second Baptist church Sunday services.



Jack Valinski 01:31

And Deborah Bell and Cynthia review The Crucible playing at the Alley Theatre.



Deborah Bell 01:36

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J Jack Valinski 01:43

And Suzanne Anderson and Brian Bradley will be doing their speaking out segment just very briefly.

D Deborah Bell 01:50

And of course, our regular features Mary Helen with music, news wrap from this way out and our calendar of events.

J Jack Valinski 01:57

But first, here's Suzanne and Brian with speaking out.

S Suzanne Anderson 02:01

Good evening. This is Suzanne Anderson,

B Brian Bradley 02:03

and this is Brian Bradley and I'm not ready.

S Suzanne Anderson 02:05

Speaking out for lesbian and gay voices. Well, Johnny Depp says that closets are for clothes. And of course, as you may well know, Depp is starring and Edward and Edward was the late cross dressing director. And he told the advocate magazine Johnny did not add he's dead, that gays and lesbians should be open about their sexuality. If someone is gay and wants to come out. They're doing themselves a tremendous disservice. Also, he said that it's kind of nice when you're hanging out in a slip. It's really rather comfortable. Speaking of

R Ron Bradley 02:41

clothes, Bennington the Italian clothing. Clothing maker has stated that it will introduce a new line of condoms next month, November that will be first marketed in Japan. They say the green and pink condoms will be manufactured under licensed by a Japanese company. And their ad slogan will read as follows. Britain's smallest gone garment is a condom.

S Suzanne Anderson 03:04

Suzanne Anderson 05:10

There was a great story that Molly Ivan's wrote. In the paper this last week, it was about Jean Fontan though, if you don't know by now, he opposes abortion in all circumstances and acts as the Chief Financial Officer for an outfit called American restoration, which wants to abolish the separation of church and state. But he also claims God is his interior decorator. Actually, it's Mrs. Font know who claims God is her decorator? See they've got this \$935,000 mansion on 48 acres in spring and waiting for it. That's not the area he's running in. Isn't he doesn't live in the \$20 million house isn't his primary residence. No, it's a little shack open West University plays I'm caught up okay. Anyway, of course he's, he's running right now living in this little house across town. But he's got this big house that he said he told his wife that he had a vision of sorts and said, We're going to build a big beautiful home kind of an articulate fella. Anyway, he prayed to God for direction and when they went to Hong Kong, they found these beautiful floor rugs the most gorgeous rug she's ever seen. God told her to buy them. Yes, and God knows a millionaire. He's a private hospital investigator who wants federal government to pay private hospitals like his to provide health care instead of public funding public hospitals like Parkland Hospital in Dallas. He claims to be a practicing physician and lawyer. Get this he got his medical degree from the University of Guadalajara in 1963. And practice medicine since 1978. Has never practice law. Anyway, he also wants to cut off all federal aid to education. His quote is education is the primary responsibility of parents.

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Ron Bradley 05:11

Well, we've heard God is your co pilot now you can have Jesus Christ as your interior decorator. Well, you know

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Deborah Bell 05:16

what romanovski and Phillip say about interior decorating and God said if there is a God he he's a queen. That's got to be no surprise there straight men would think of all those colors.

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Ron Bradley 05:28

Font No, I think font not speaking of education being the primary responsibility of homes, every gay and lesbian and their supporter needs to give themselves a nice sounding round of applause for our actions the last couple of weeks in more than a month actually, because the US Senate has finally given its approval to the \$13 billion education and Secretary Education secondary education act by a vote of 77 to 20. Without the anti gay language that had been added by amendments offered by none other than Senator Jesse Helms and Robert Smith, and approved this earlier this year by Congress, the hem Smith Hancock anti gay restrictions would have borrowed any federal funds for school districts that encourage or support homosexuality. They were stripped from the act in September in a joint Senate House conference committee. Helms said he would filibuster the act after the amendments were removed in committee, but the Senate voted 75 to 24 to not allow him to have the floor, effectively putting a halt to any filibuster move. The Senate then went on to pass the measure.

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Suzanne Anderson 06:38

Well, John Bobbitt may be cut but he ain't dead. Y'all probably know that he did a new X rated video called John Wayne Bobbitt uncut, available as I understand at Lobos, thanks to Brian Bradley. But that's not all. John Wayne Bobbitt is doing this is Halloween weekend. So it's Halloween weekend so it's only appropriate that he would be scheduled to strip at a bar called the district in Fort Lauderdale on this weekend. They'll also judge judge a look alike contest at the club in which transvestites will compete to see who looks most like his ex wife.

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Ron Bradley 07:18

I will be reviewing that tape in the near future and we'll get back to you on its artistic merits

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Suzanne Anderson 07:26

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Ron Bradley 07:29

so make me laugh. You know I recently just returned from New York and I was telling Susanna story. I was there for almost two weeks, and I was in Times Square One day smoking a cigarette and I looked up and saw the three times larger than normal Bill bulletin board put out by Benetton their colors magazine, it said something to the effect, see how the other part or half lives and it had two gay men loosely embracing each other and looking at each other closely in the face. I noticed the crowd is walking by most people looked up at it and didn't even give it a second thought their eyes didn't even convey a message. But then as I stood there other people tourists would come by and whatever and say, God, you know what, look at this bulletin board. This is disgusting. This is absolutely reprehensible How dare they put this, you know, queer thing up here? It just goes to prove Benton's point, but I don't suppose Sony has gotten the idea because the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation has reported at Sony on Earth a giant Sony video. Billboard in New York's Times Square has refused to take to pro gay anti violence public service spots by the author Edgar Behrens. The ads denounce violence and promote the acceptance of lesbian gay guy always get that wrong. Lesbian, Bisexual and gay relationships with alternative pictures of two men first fighting didn't kiss him. Ban says Sony told him the billboard ads work, quote unquote, too controversial.

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Suzanne Anderson 08:57

from Geneva, the World Health Organization said Friday it was giving the go ahead for the first large scale trials of potential vaccines against the virus that causes AIDS. They've decided some genetically engineered vaccines have proved in preliminary trials to be safe, and to help create immunity against HIV. The countries where it'll be tested are Brazil, Uganda and Tanzania. According to the latest World Health Organization figures 17 million people in the world have been infected with HIV virus.

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Ron Bradley 09:34

With this a little hard to swallow, isn't it? But progress is being made. Will be at small. Also at the

who it's a little hard to swallow, isn't it? But progress is being made. I'll be at small. Also at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. They have announced that they're in the process of setting up an office of women's health that will work to make certain government back health projects and research initiatives address women's health concern. When the new office opens, it will focus on a number of health research issues including birth control Oh, breast cancer and HIV infection. I guess they finally smell the coffee.

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Suzanne Anderson 10:06

US housing Secretary Henry Cisneros last week announced an additional 5 million and rental subsidies for the formation and centralization of the national office of HIV AIDS housing within the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. And in our city, we began spending more than \$3 million which has been allocated under HUD's housing and opera housing opportunities for persons with AIDS program. While the queers have a new poster person, pray tell who might that it's Mike Acker, who was a loyal company man who kept his homosexuality hidden behind the facade of a conservative banker. We have a few of those. But after he lost his job as vice president at Texas Commerce Bank and a bank did you say Texas Commerce Bank O T. Square. In a corporate reorganization last year, the former US Naval Academy graduate and Vietnam War veteran filed suit against the bank, alleging he was let go because he had AIDS. Well, after he went public with his suit and the front page story in the Houston Post, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission reopened his case, it went to mediation. And we've seen a couple of pictures of this gentleman and his new Mercedes Benz

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Brian Bradley 11:32

drive on this thing. I'm still bitching and still driving a five year old car, I can't

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Suzanne Anderson 11:38

have the answer for give you some money, honey.

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Brian Bradley 11:41

They've given they've given me other things. I guess that's not they do have some nice little queers that work there, though. I'm not going to mention any names about the person surrounding my next little report, but a prominent person in Houston told me yesterday that they're being treated at MD Anderson for lymphoma under 32 years old, and he's a gay male. And he was thumbing through his chart the other day, and he came across the entry that someone had written. So and so 32 year old lymphoma, patient, homosexual, persistently test negative for HIV. You know, when is MD Anderson and the rest of the medical world going to wake up and realize not all of us have AIDS not all of us are gonna get AIDS and not all of us are gonna die of AIDS and the ones that do just might get a Mercedes

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Suzanne Anderson 12:31

interesting that that's pertinent to information that needs to be on his chart. He is a home vour

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Deborah Bell 12:38

nurses is that language that a doctor would normally use?

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Brian Bradley 12:42

Well, in all my years as being a scrub nurse. I know it unless it were pertinent didn't wouldn't need to be in there. And as far as I know, lymphoma has no connection with what the type of lymphoma he has to do with sexuality. You know, my mother's a lymphoma patient. Could she be a dyke do she? She looks like she

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Suzanne Anderson 13:05

says, and she looks like you with red hair. Yeah. There's some scary, my mother my mother's a big bite. Okay, and the New York Attorney General candidate Karen Burstein remains ahead of her GOP challenger, even though one of his prominent supporters suggested that she shouldn't be elected because she gay polls released Thursday showed Burstein a Democrat leaning Republican Dennis Bako by up to 16 percentage points.

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Ron Bradley 13:36

Well, it seems as if both of the coast had got their little tails in some hot water. Suzanne just told you about the East Coast. Let me tell you something about the West Coast. Governor Pete Wilson of California has vetoed a statewide domestic partners bill and has labeled it ludicrous and totally unresponsive. According to the gate oriented log cabin Republican club. They condemned the veto and said it would not endorse Wilson's gubernatorial reelection bid. The Log Cabin Republicans of California State president said of Wilson's action, log cabin is aghast and profoundly disappointed by the veto. Simply put the governor's veto message is ludicrous and totally unresponsive to the legislation. Much of the veto message does not even address the merits of the bill. Instead, the governor expend so much ink discussing illegitimacy and welfare reform. Governor Wilson is facing a close reelection battle against Democratic challenger Kathleen Brown, who staged a mock bill signing ceremony on the steps at the state capitol. And as sideline to that at the same within the same day the same bill signing or vetoing ceremony. The governor of California did make it illegal did make it legal finally for women to go to work and wear pants. We're talking about 1994 We're talking about 1994 I thought maybe I just drifted off there. Affirmative. That's incredible. 1994 women now in the state of California may wear pants in the workplace. Well, that's called progress that slow progress in the voice. This week, there was a cartoon one of the characters watching TV said, you know, I think Kay Bailey Hutchinson, his Bob drop ball dough in drag. The response was, that would explain a lot. It sure would. Offensive you can back onto the HIV hemophiliacs in the United States are dying at the rate of one a day. This is often a group that our community loses sight of that has suffered greatly through the epidemic as well as ourselves. For years, the Hemophilia Foundation has told its members that contracting AIDS from blood clotting medicines was an unavoidable tragedy caused by the lack of early knowledge about the disease. Now a deposition and other documents related to a lawsuit against the foundation and

for drug companies show that the foundation executives understood as early as 1990 82 I'm sorry, that HIV causes AIDS likely being a blood borne virus, and that it could be transmitted to others by blood and there was potential for epidemic. He said that the reason that this was not released earlier than it was that it might drive prices higher than people with hemophilia could afford? Well, no. Okay,

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Suzanne Anderson 16:26

now we've got what 50% of all hemophiliacs that receive transfusion are HIV positive,

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Ron Bradley 16:33

and they're studying as much as 30% of the blood clotting products that are on the market, or were on the market in 1983. were contaminated with HIV, these HIV contaminated clotting drugs have infected more than half of the United States, sufferers of haemophilia 3000 have died somewhere between seven and 9000 more have tested positive and most if not many of these persons are children. Clews valet 30, a co founder and former President of the French brands branch of the AIDS awareness group ACT UP died Tuesday in Paris of HRV related complications. The Lay lobby to to raise public awareness of problems confronting all people with AIDS. 30 years old.

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Suzanne Anderson 17:18

Speaking out tonight, this is Suzanne Anderson.



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This is Brian Bradley.

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Jack Valinski 17:23

The views of Suzanne and Brian aren't necessarily those of the station, but more than likely are the views of Deborah and myself

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Deborah Bell 17:31

very often very, very often. And you know, next week we're going to have Suzanne and Brian speaking out some more about some scary things that happen in this time of year where people come knocking on your door. We're not talking about Halloween, we're talking about election time. I'm not worrying about the Log Cabin Republicans although that is the most scary people as far as I'm concerned. Ready? All right, thank you Brandon Suzanne.

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Sister, I'm sorry. Your life didn't turn out. Maybe when you were growing up you were never a Girl Scout. Maybe your dress says I was too close to your mother. There's a reason for your condition. It has to be one thing or another sorry that you're straight. It can be your fault. Have you tried counsel



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talking



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that you can do yourself for people like



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brother, I'm so your life didn't turn out. Maybe when you were growing up? You just never figured it out. Maybe you learn to dance or wear clothes that were your Father. There's a reason for your condition. It has to be one thing or another. I'm sorry that you're straight.



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It can't be your fault.



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Have you tried Councilman talking. There's lots that you can do. There's people like you A if you wanted to



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go to a bookstore or go to a gay bar to get laid, take a touch football, get carried away, be happy, be joyful, be gay I'm sorry that



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you're straight. Where do I send the car?



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Living as a heterosexual really must be hard



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that I can do



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to persuade someone like you if you want to you could change



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if you wanted to. You could change if you wanted to just click your heels together and say, there's no one like homos. There's no one or combo there's no one like Homer.



Deborah Bell 21:15

And that's Jamie Anderson with I'm sorry, that you're straight? Well, you know, no, some of us are in some some of the surplus. Anyway, this is Deborah Bell. You're listening to lesbian and gay voices. And as I was saying earlier, it is that's kind of scary time of the year of election time. But it is also the time of year that sometimes called the official National Gay holiday Halloween. And then just in time for Halloween at the alley theatre, the crucible is playing. Now this is one of America's most celebrated plays and of course, was written by playwright author Miller. At the time that it was written in the 50s. It was considered an analogy to the McCarthy trials, where people were falsely are sometimes calling people communist and, and pointing fingers, sometimes to protect their own self and naming names. And there were a number of people Arthur Miller among them who stood up to the McCarthy board and said, No, I'm not going to play that game. A number of people were blacklisted. A number of people lost their jobs, careers, and even lives. And we will as we look at the crucible, with the hindsight of of history, we can see that currently right up to two current times we are faced with much the same situations. And the ally in its performance, which runs from October 21 through November 19 brings it very powerfully to to our vision. When we look at the kinds of hysteria that led to the Salem witch trials, maybe to the Holocaust, maybe to Well, I don't know the Reagan Bush years maybe Cynthia is here with me and she's going to update us on the alley theatre staging of the crucible.



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won't ever you covered a lot there. But I'll I'll add a little bit and then we'll talk a little bit about the play and under the artistic direction of Gregory Boyd and the managing direction of Paul to troll alley Theatre presents its first large stage production The Crucible by Arthur Miller, set in 17th century Salem, Massachusetts. The Crucible is an examination of power greed, hysteria,

and the oppression of the disempowered in the name of righteousness. playwright Arthur Miller penned the crucible during the time of the growing Red Scare in Hollywood and throughout the country, as former senator Joe McCarthy led a witch hunt in a search for unAmerican activities that would destroy the professional lives of many before it turned it upon itself and died in returning the crucible in its original form. Within the current political context, artistic director, Gregory Boyd comments quote, in today's climate of trial by character assassination, and audience in 1994, we'll find the central focus of an individual battling society's perceptions all too familiar. Arthur Miller's plays also include All My Sons, A View from the Bridge, Broken Glass and Death of a Salesman. And on this past Wednesday evening, Deborah and I were fortunate enough to see the LA theatres production of The Crucible, and it is quite excellent. Do you agree Devere? Er,

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Deborah Bell 25:14

oh, absolutely. I thought some of the staging was a little rough. But considering the numbers of people involved, that had to be on stage at any one time, it is on the large stage and the alley there is not a bad sit in the house. So wherever you are, you get something and the set design was fitting for the the atmosphere provided the correct atmosphere of course, Boyd who's known for his sometimes interesting twist of costumes in and and treatment of ways some of the classical place has stuck to the original in a very well, because it really doesn't need anything. Now as it stands it I think it will always stand the test of time,



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I think there was some updating of the dialogue on occasion, but for the most part, the dialogue reflected a dialect and a way of speaking of 17th century. Right slavery,

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Deborah Bell 26:15

listenable and very understand the right for current day audiences.



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Now, the thing that got out of it as a as a gay audience member, and perhaps you did, too, was just the themes of of the holier than thou in the righteousness. And what does that mean? The Crucible not only attacks the the notion of a hierarchy within a society based on religious order, but also looks at how one defines one's own self truth, and the ultimate, the ultimate test of the player the climax of the play, is really the revelation of oneself through Do you to thine own self be true, as like in Hamlet? Can you? Can you find that inner truth and make peace with that? Or do you bend under a pressure of a group or a society to be something that you're not? And as a gay person, I find that a very fundamental issue.

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Deborah Bell 27:14

And it once again gives us an opportunity to question what is truly moral. Now the original burning of witches was back in European times, medieval times, actually, during the so called

burning of witches was back in European times, medieval times, actually, during the so called Renaissance, a lot of this took place over 9 million European witches were burned. at the stake. Many of them probably were lesbians or gay men, people who maybe adhered to a nature religion or a pagan religion. Anyone who did not embrace Christianity was put at risk. It was also people who threatened the system in some way such as the midwives who had healing powers and knowledge. It sometimes might be someone who had property that was coveted by other people. I mean, there were a lot of things going on. And it's very, very frightening. What is done sometimes in the name of religion, what it's done in the name of Christ, whether you believe in God are not the teachings of the Church. There are some some very, you know, I think there's a lot of value in that. In his review in The Chronicle, Everett Evans says that the crucibles continuing relevance is rooted in its message whether it's in 1692 or in 1994. Society has less to fear from its witches than from their accusers. Which I thought was really, really interesting. Paul hope who we know as a actor here in Houston, who was excellent in the play, Jeffrey is in a very different role as Mr. Proctor not parked her up put Putnam and so it was kind of interesting to see him cast so differently than the way we had seen him last time. Some excellent performances. Certainly the the lead of John Proctor, which I'm going to blow his name here. Cynthia helped me out.



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I don't know if I'm any better but I well John Proctor is played by James black James flat Okay. John, John Proctor and Goody Proctor, I thought were both very strongly played, as well as a goody Putnam Goody nurse and I'm trying to think now of



Deborah Bell 29:45

the Kelly Williams played a goody Proctor and beautiful young woman and I think it was very hard for them to understate her to the degree that they needed to, to to for this character, and then up rather delightful performance by



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you're gonna say Mary Warren, though yes, Brianna Don Meyer, the right she



Deborah Bell 30:09

she is one of the young women who is one of the accusers and then she's, you know, kind of faced with looking at the reality in the face and, and telling the truth has the opportunity to tell the truth but is torn and, and there. We look at people caught up in hysteria and Cynthiana. Later in the evening we're talking about probably a lot of that same sort of thing is what went on in the Holocaust. A lot of that is what we feel nowadays when society always looks for a scapegoat. And in our modern day life, certainly gays and lesbians are often were pointed to as the ones that are threatening the family values were the ones that are causing, you know, it's all the bad things in the world. But you have to look at the gays and lesbians. And of course, we know the reality of all of that. And if we are not diligent about saying no, never again, you know, we were we will break the silence because we do know that it is truth that silence equals

death. And that's exactly what happens in the crucible. People are silent about the truth. And what what happens, right, powerful, intense play, very well done. Ally continues under the direction of Gregory Boyd to provide us with some excellent theater here in Houston.



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They do and a couple of things we should mention real briefly. Ali has a pay Pay What You Wish date, two dates coming up, where you come in and you can pay \$2 on up and that the first date for that Pay What You Wish night is Saturday, October 29 at 7:30 and the next one is Sunday, October 30. At 7:30 you have to arrive in person and you must purchase a ticket for a minimum of \$2 you have a limit of purchasing two tickets. And if you want more information about this or just attending a regular performance or the alley theatre season, you can call the Alice alley theatre box office at 2288421 The number again 2288421 Again the crucible at the ally theater highly recommended and it has already opened so go now and get your tickets



Deborah Bell 32:32

and of course the ally has coming up in the 9495 season Jekyll and Hyde and the Tony Award winning play Angels in America Thank you Cynthia Thank you.



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She is the carriage



Deborah Bell 38:35

and that's rumors of the big wave. Charlie Murphy song the burning times song very revelant to what we were talking about the crucible and the way things happen in the patriarchy. What we're looking for the saving of this earth, I think gays and lesbians have a lot to do with that. And continuing in the vein of persecution. Of course, the term faggot comes from the the bundles of sticks that were placed to burn the witches and they got tired of using the sticks and they started using the gay men that were accused of being witches as the fodder for the fire and that's where the term packet comes. Well



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we have something in common and we have a big faggot here with us now



Jack Valinski 39:24

and some burning faggots and someone where there were rumors also.



Ray Hill 39:29

I am here on one of those other occasions tilting at the windmills kind of things and it's very appropriate that we should be reviewing the crucible tonight because the struggle with the with the fundamentalist extreme right is just incessant. And I try as best I can to do some kind of strategizing and things about it but it's very difficult to deal with that kind of problem over and over again for the last several years, a fellow in town by the name of Steven Hotze? Dr. Hotsy-Totsy, who is a conservative religious activist, fundamentalist, extremist conservative religious activist, has been on Sunday before the election, passing out. Yellow flyers is very strange at the colors yellow because it kind of screams. And on the left hand margin of the front page of the flyers the list all the gay and lesbian Political Caucus endorsed candidates. And then on the right hand margin, it lists all of their primarily Republican and presumably sainted opponents. And then somewhere on the flyer, it prints Jerry Falwell's version of what the gay and lesbian agenda is, and it's just full of distortion and lies. And this is stuck on the windshields of cars parked in fundamentalist churches county wide. Actually, last year, some of them's bred outside the county to like Fort Bend County where most of the names didn't mean anything because they weren't on those ballots. But now, this has happened every year for the last six years. And it's very difficult to respond to because it happens Sunday morning before the election. So if you call a news conference to respond to it, you therefore hold the news conference on Monday, and that does not hit the major media until Election Day. And so the the problem that we've been having here has been how do you time some kind of response to that? In addition to that we've discovered now that Richard Viguerie has taken Richard Viguerie, as is the national Steven Hotze has taken that idea. And it is being duplicated in major urban areas where there are gay and lesbian organizations across the country. And it's extremely insidious. And unfortunately, it's extremely effective, because people getting that information frequently don't have any context in which to put it in. And though they may pre be predisposed to have a dim view as of us, all of those people are many of those people, no gay men and lesbians. And maybe those people, if you just say, wait a minute, this is bull hockey, and this is hyperbole. And this is overstatement. And this is distortion, and these are lies, we might be able to recover some of those votes that we traditionally lost because of this, this strategy will the only way and it's my hope to role model for other communities around the country. How to deal with this, and the only way to deal with this is to go to the most visible target. In your home community, which in Houston is Second Baptist Church. Ed Young's church out there has been a thorn in our flesh. Those of you who study Pauline, Scripture will understand that ever since as long as I can remember, we've been there before. But by going there, and just our presence, this is not I repeat is not an in your face. Kind of demonstration, leave your placards and your signs at home dress appropriately for church. We're just going to go there and sit in the pews and suffer through another Ed Young sermon.



Deborah Bell 43:53

Deborah Bell 44:03

Purpose. Yeah, right. Since you're all going to look like everybody else, which essentially we do. How are you going to make your presence known and be visible as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender?

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Ray Hill 44:04

Did I forget the news conference?

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Deborah Bell 44:06

I think maybe we have sent

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Ray Hill 44:09

out a news conference announcement that we're going to be meeting with the media at a specific place layer, which is the south and entrance to the sanctuary, the Woodway side entrance to the sanctuary, where we met them last time. We did this before we went there in 1988, Easter Sunday morning, about only about three dozen of us went but that was enough to make an incursion or invasion if you will, into their space. And Ed Young tried everything he could to incite us into React. I mean, he I mean, this is Easter Sunday service, which there's not an awful lot of options you have on the service Baptist ministers given it's it's one of two days

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Deborah Bell 44:54

that people go to church almost everybody goes to church either Christmas Eve and And he's church. To Church.

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Ray Hill 45:02

The message is almost always the same. I mean, it's pretty fixed on the calendar and people Methodist Lutheran says it's always the same in in Baptist, you really don't have much else to say except it's Easter. And this is what Easter means. Well, Ed Young comes bounding. He's quite a showman. He's just wonderful to watch. He comes bounding up to the pulpit and he grabs the pulpit. And he says, in the 13th century, Europe lost a third of their population to the Black Plague. And then I'm sure his note said pause for queers to explode. But we didn't. And so that pause became pregnant. And then he was in the awkward position of finishing the Easter service message. Based on his attempt to incite us that didn't work. So I mean, if you're really insightful, please don't join us. But if you're willing to sit through the service, and then come out and chat with the media, the media was last time had time to talk to us all there were many of us quoted in the newspapers and on television,

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Deborah Bell 46:00

and maybe you would like to wear a red ribbon or a pink triangle, or rainbow wear your

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Ray Hill 46:05

red ribbons by any case. And if you have pink triangles, I mean, we are who we are. I mean, I'm not here to deny who we are there enough closeted queers since I can

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Deborah Bell 46:15

come in and my no one knows that I'm not alone as the new rainbow because I've not always been insured.

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Ray Hill 46:25

Risk. You know, this is a pretty high class. You know, last week sermon, not not this week, so I moved but last week's sermon was Sodom and Gomorrah in America and I was just shocked to discover that wasn't about the in hospitality of puffed up rich, Protestant churches. It was about us. It was in terms that that were really distorted.

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Deborah Bell 46:51

You want to talk about Sodom Gomorrah, I want to know why that man was willing for his daughters to be right.

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Ray Hill 47:08

Do if you're going to the AIDS Foundation benefit, which is also the same date, go down to Sam Houston Park and get registered early rounds. They start registering at nine o'clock, but somehow get to Woodway at Voss, which is an extension of memorial outside outside the loop by 11 o'clock service time. Second Baptist Church is a large church with lots of parking problems they've been

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Deborah Bell 47:36


handling and mutual looking Actually


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Ray Hill 47:39

Actually it's different. Actually, gay people donated all the stained glass window there and the brothers brothers doctors O'Brien donated those beautiful stained glass windows. To the west. It looks like hell in West Texas, and to the east. It looks like heaven in East Texas. And they make much deal with that. It's an enormous and a beautiful plant. If you've never been just to hear their organ and see your friends in the choir as it is inadvisable to wave at people you


recognize and Second Baptist church choir because they are not going to wait back. That's right. But go to the 11 o'clock service. sit peacefully through the service. Join the rest of us out the southern entrance of the sanctuary. You don't have to be gay to participate in this if you're a loved one of a gay person or if you're PWA. If you're a person who is concerned

 Deborah Bell 48:32
on our iOS,

 Jack Valinski 48:34
this is important. This is not this Sunday.


 Ray Hill 48:37
12 No. Will be November 6, never. Before the election November, we're going to do the flyers and Sunday before the election. I'm

 Deborah Bell 48:46
always working ahead right I know.

 Ray Hill 48:49
I before I leave and thank you very much put it on your calendar November the sixth 11 o'clock service Second Baptist Church vos at Woodway. Before I leave, I want to tell you how much I appreciate the wonderful work that lesbian gay voices is doing. I think that radio on behalf of the community radio that brings the wealth and diversity of music and ideas and reviews is perhaps some of the most important avenues of communicating with individuals in our community and reinforcing it. And and I appreciate the work that you do here.

 Jack Valinski 49:25
Well, that was so good. We'll have you back next week.

 Deborah Bell 49:29
Besides thanks for you helping to get it all started.

 Ray Hill 49:33
It's the sort of thing that if the caucus did or anybody else did it, then it might cloud the record

but my record

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Deborah Bell 49:42

of course, we want to thank Ray Hill for coming here to tell us about homophobia and things going on at the Second Baptist Church on November 6, and we have been invited right to come back and remind folks about that again next week. But we will be speaking to members of delta lambda phi, University of Houston sgei for eternity. We'll have news wrapped in more. Coming up next, though, Mary Helen and use it. Hi, Deborah. Hi, Mary Helen. Thanks for getting here on time. Oh boy, we were a little nervous.

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Mary Helen Merzbacher 50:16

We were on some bad traffic loop area. I'm looking at the screen and it looks like they've cleared that burned out tanker truck that I was in the traffic for. Oh, good while so if you're on the South Loop, eastbound all the lanes are now open. But while it wasn't the case, when I was slowly inching my way through there, all the people with the overheated cars and so forth. So I thought I'd just kind of try to play some peaceful music. You know, we do a lot of rabble rousing here at KPFT. And in hell ramble needs to be roused, I'd say. But this evening, I'm just going to play a couple of peaceful songs. And here's one Holly near put out a few years ago, called Sing to me the dream from the album of the same name. Lucy blue Trombley performing before a live audience. And like I was talking about before, sometimes I do play some some soft and gentle songs because I feel like like, we emphasize a lot to people on lesbian gay voices, that you should be active that you should raise your voice that you should protest, you should write your congressman, you should come out to everybody that you should do everything that you possibly can do to, to further the cause of of lesbian and gay visibility. But I know that there are some of you that do not do that and feel for various reasons that you cannot do that and are still in a relationship where you're in love with someone of the same sex. If all you can do is have your love. I just want to support you in that and know that let you know from us here that that's okay. And of course we'd like love it for you to get active and it always helps. But if you can't for some reason, just know that you still have our support, and our love. It's seven o'clock here at 90.1 FM, this is KPFT Houston and you are listening to lesbian and gay voices. My name is Mary Helen. And I want to tell you about something coming up for those of you that maybe would like to get active. On November 3, it's a Thursday night agora, which is a lesbian and gay organization that concentrates on on public relations for the gay community. There will be a workshop will be presented on the new activism of the 90s how gay and lesbian people can get involved. It will be held at Montrose library and speakers will include Juan Palomo who is an openly gay columnist with The Houston Post. And nice Parker, who's a liberal activist Dale carpenter, a conservative activist, and Jim Halloran, who lives with the UT School of Public Health, and co founder of Project leap, which helps to train people with HIV and AIDS. On how to get involved in the political process and process is, this is Thursday, November the third from seven to 9pm at the Montrose library, workshop on new activism of the 90s getting involved for gay and lesbian people. One more song and we're gonna go back to more speaking out and speaking up here at lesbian and gay voices. Thanks for listening. We appreciate it. Pay your pledge. If you haven't done so already. We've got a darn near perfect record here for LNG voices, so we want to keep it that way. And remember, we love your baby. Thanks for listening. I don't know what it is that makes me love us. You I only want to be with you, Deborah. It's a truth.

D Deborah Bell 54:47
Thank you. I know it's turn.

M Mary Helen Merzbacher 54:51
Coming right up. Right now. You guys are going to be talking to Terry and Keith from gay and lesbian Political Caucus And also with I don't know what the buzz is, I'm hearing it to Jack. And also with, with Brian's gonna be in there

R Ron Bradley 55:09
not unless you turn my microphone on. That's what was best. No,

M Mary Helen Merzbacher 55:12
it's some sort of intermittent maybe we're just hearing it so you go ahead.

D Deborah Bell 55:19
So to say, Thanks, Mary Helen for the music was nice hearing some of that peaceful stuff, maybe we can do that again. There is strange thing something's not plugged in right? That's often said about us that Something's just not

R Ron Bradley 55:32
or you know, they're always saying that there's going to be a plague follow us eventually, one of these days maybe these are the locusts descending,

D Deborah Bell 55:39
I was reading in the paper. And I've been listening to NPR and there's a lot of talks about you know that we just don't have the antibiotics that work the way that we used to, and that we're looking at a lot of things that can be affecting a lot of people and it has nothing to do with sexuality or you it has to do with cleanliness and the fact that we are a global village. Well, we Well, I think people should pay attention to these things. We do have several people working on our technical problems. You're listening to lesbian and gay voices and the buzz from outer space. This is Deb rebel and Brian Bradley, Keith Stewart and Terry Richardson of the gay and lesbian Political Caucus have joined us in the studio, we've rearranged the schedule, because it's just that kind of night. And I have to tell you that we will be having our interview with delta lambda phi later in the program. We will be having Sarah DePalma's continuing interview with Karen Corin on a future episode of lesbian and gay voices. But we felt like that there's so much

going on with the elections and with what they attack upon our community that we did need to let folks know what can be done between now and Election Day to help those candidates that that need to be elected that do have the endorsement of the gay and lesbian caucus. So I'm gonna let Brian Bradley take it over and we'll discuss the the key points,

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Ron Bradley 57:02

you know, we were just sitting here discussing that the next couple of weeks is a really an opportune time for the entire populace of the United States to get out and do their civic duty, we're going to be electing people to Office for two, four and six years, that are going to be very, very much impacting many aspects of our lives. Gays and lesbians, of course, have concerns that the general population down, but we're just as concerned about defense issues and economic issues and health issues as anyone else. But critically, I think we're moving into that post stonewalled 25 era that we need to make good on the work that we've done so far. And there are numerous organizations that endeavor to do that, among them the Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus, and they have a lot of things that they would like to invite you out to become and be a part of, in the upcoming two weeks, and indeed for the next two, four and six years. And Keith Stewart is the vice president of Hg LPC, now going into its 20th year the oldest state organization to address gay and lesbian political issues. Keith, what can the average Jane or John do in the next two weeks to help out?

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Well, I think that John has a really unfortunate choice of words, Brian, nonetheless. Mary Brewster Mary, we're going to be the caucus is sponsoring several activities over the next week and a half up until election day that that lesbians and gay men can get involved in. You don't have to be a caucus members to do any of these activities. This is perhaps the most exciting time of the year for us. As we as we work on various campaigns for candidates that we've endorsed. Just a sampling. We're going to start as of tomorrow. We're going to be doing block walking on Saturday and Sunday and then again on on November the fifth and November the sixth. And we will be walking precincts that we have determined have a very high percentage of lesbian and gay voters.

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What about 14 precincts? Yeah, it's

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about 14 precincts. Of course, all of the Montrose precincts, a significant number of the heights precincts, Greenway plaza area, and a couple of isolated suburban type areas.

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Saturday morning and Sunday,



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Saturday morning and Sunday morning. We're going to be meeting at the caucus office at nine o'clock. The caucus office is located at 2700 Albany for those of you who've been in the Houston area for a while that's where the officer's club used to be. It's where club emo and club some is now. We're located on the third floor. If you will come up there we'll have all the information that you need to take with you to do the block walking where you need to go. We'll have maps for you Whoo. And in sends you on your way.



Ron Bradley 1:00:04

There are some 94 positions being voted on this time. I know next week, you're going to talk about the ones that the HTPC have endorsed. But this year, you've indeed endorsed more Republicans than you have in the past. Is that not correct? Well,



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I can't I can't answer that with a yes or no, because frankly, I don't know. And perhaps Terry can address that issue more more directly. Let let me just say that we encourage lesbians and gay man to invoice and to vote the endorsement card, the endorsement card Currently, we have endorsed two Republican candidates for for judgeships, and let me let let me let Terry address that issue real quickly. Sure.



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We, we only screened three Republicans this year, we endorsed all three Republicans. One of them subsequently asked to be UNendorsed. He said he was getting a lot of pressure from Stephen hotsy. And some of his buddies who we all know and love so well. And so we UNendorsed him, we still have Cynthia crow on the ballot, who is a candidate for county court number four. And we have David Willis, or David Jennings Willis, who is, I think, the 1/89 District Court, they have really, really gone out of their way to seek the support of our community, and we're very proud to support them. We are asking people this year not to vote the straight Democratic ticket, but to take the time to go down and scratch in those two races.



Ron Bradley 1:01:49

That's one of the things that has changed here in the recent political arena and spectrum, you have folks that have historically align themselves with one party or the other now saying, don't vote a straight ticket, and perhaps you want to elaborate on why that's important, you know, such as you know, Senator Sam Nunn, who's been a veritable foe against us. He's a Democrat. Why is it important for people who have historically voted Democrat to come out and support these two Republican candidates, as well as the other ones that the Congress has screened and endorsed?



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In these two races? In particular, it will, these two candidates are getting a lot of grief from their own party, as you might imagine, it is very important that our community that our numbers and our precincts come in big for these two candidates, it will, it will demonstrate to the radical right that that they they can't tell these people what to do that when you stand up for the right thing, the right things happen. And in we've got to support them, they've taken a big risk asking for our support.



Deborah Bell 1:02:55

So we have to look at the way judges are elected in Harris County, it's a little bit different than some other places in the world. And they have to be assigned to a party. And sometimes they they make those judgments for various reasons. It's, I think that you should choose a party whose platform reflects your beliefs. And it is sometimes really, really hard not to just hit the Democratic ticket as far as I'm concerned. But there are times when especially in those judgeships, because a lot of those races have direct impact on our lives, they can so much more than some of the other people. So it is very important that you take into consideration the questions that were asked by the caucus that they used in the in their endorsement process, and the fact that these people did come forward and ask for the endorsement that that is a real clue. Now, what do you do about this person who says no, I'm gonna decline the endorsement. The caucus is okay. You're no longer endorsed poof. So we really shouldn't vote for this person.



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Yeah, this person's name is not I'm not even gonna say his name. It's not on the endorsement card. Unless you've, you've been, you know, pretty avid reader of the political columns over the last few weeks, he probably wouldn't even know who he



Deborah Bell 1:04:20

was. Neither is this person's opponent on the endorsement. That's correct.



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That's correct. We only endorse one person in a race in the general election so his opponent was also not endorsed.



Ron Bradley 1:04:33

Working people who are not able to come out and help Saturday and Sunday go and pick up HTPC endorsement cards.





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We're distributing those all over the Montrose area in some locations in the heights. We are distributing both the HDL BC election newsletter, which is a very good publication, very informative. It has printed in it the endorsement card on And we are also distributing and we'll continue to distribute at various locations around around the area, such as crossroads, Inklings, Barnaby bees, all of the bars for the most part, we're going to be distributing it the coffee at the coffee bars, I guess is what they're called Brazil, Java, Java in the heights, so forth and so on. Also, in the Montrose voice, we have printed the the endorsement card, so there's plenty of opportunities to get it. If you get, we get close to the election, and you haven't run into an endorsement card yet. If you want to call the caucus five to one 1000, we will make sure that you get an endorsement card that you can use them to, to vote. And we will of course, be



Deborah Bell 1:05:49

reviewing those endorsements next week on lesbian and gay voices and go into more detail about those races.



Ron Bradley 1:05:57

Okay, as far as Saturday and Sunday is concerned, just show up at the old officer's club on Albany at 9am.



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Well, if you show up at the old officer's club, you'll actually be in emos. We're on the third floor, it's at 2700, Albany and show up at nine o'clock and we'll give you everything you need. We're also going to be doing block walking next weekend, the fifth and the sixth of November. On on the fifth, which is Saturday again show up at nine o'clock. On Sunday, however, we're going to be starting a little bit later, we're going to be starting the block walking immediately after the AIDS Foundation walkathon concludes, so we'll just be leaving from that location to go out to to. To do that. We're going to be covering the heights areas this weekend. And we're going to concentrate on the Montrose precincts next weekend. Also, I want to mention that on On November, the first we're going to begin phone banking. So if you're interested in phone banking, we'll be doing phone banking virtually every night, from that night, up to the night of the before the election, we'll be found banking from six to nine. And so if you can't get out in block walk for any reason, that's an opera, the phone banking provides you an opportunity to get involved. And, and, and and to assist in this in this endeavor, you'll have to if you're interested in that call, again, call the caucus because where we're actually going to have the phone banking will not be determined until Sunday evening. So so but that's on the slate too.



Deborah Bell 1:07:37

And, you know, it's really important for people to come out and be involved because that's the only way we really can make our numbers count is to be visible and to take action. And this is a really easy way to do it. You don't have to actually talk to people you just put something on

their door that they can read at their leisure. And you get to meet some nice folks because the volunteers in the gay and lesbian community are probably the nicest you go find anywhere.



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We take it up there there, bro.



Deborah Bell 1:08:08

I'll be doing lots of work for the cause as it were. Thank you Keith Stewart and Terry Richardson of the gay and lesbian Political Caucus. They will be with us next week again to talk about the caucus endorsements for the general election and ways you can be involved and making a difference politically. And I do want to while we have the opportunity to say more about the AIDS Walk because you may have noticed that race Ed goes the AIDS Walk and didn't come to church and the caucus is saying go to the AIDS Walk and then you know come walk walk into and do other things. Everybody should go to church the sixth annual 5k Run 10k Walk a thon roll a thon benefiting AIDS Foundation, Houston Sunday November 6, at Trent tranquillity Park. I remember when it was a parking lot is now tranquillity Park. For more information you can call 626 Walk and we'll be back on lesbian and gay voices with this way out just a second.



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wiring the pinky toe ring acting as a gracious Hello. Have I reached the party to whom I am speaking? A Miss Doris Day. Good. How are you Miss Gay? This is Miss Kavon at the telephone company. Yes, well, we have a little problem with your name. Well, we simply cannot print it in our listing. Well, that may well just just a minute that may well be that may well be but I'm sorry. Those are the rules. After all, Have children can look through the phonebook and you know, yeah, impressionable minds? Well, I am very sorry. Well, then you're just going to have to change your name. But by the way, are you? You know, gay? Oh, you can tell me Come on, I know what's happening. I'm hip to the happening. I had an uncle once. Who was that way? You? Aren't you? I knew it Dyk Isn't that what you people like to be called? Excuse me just a minute, just a minute young lady just coming up. We don't have a lot of such language to pass through our instruments.



Deborah Bell 1:10:32


Therefore need more of a support system? As far as the family or a networking device? So in your fraternity, is that true? Is it is it mostly people who are away from home? Or is it mixed? Well, we have for for people who live on campus,





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we have a total of 50 members right now. Currently, they're active. Seven of them are initiated brothers, and eight of them are pledges of pledges someone who wishes to join the of the pledges like set forth and live on campus. And I think two or three of them are from other areas


of Texas.

 Deborah Bell 1:11:16
Where are you from?

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Well, I kind of claim Houston as home. I'm a military brat. So I have loved places.

 Jack Valinski 1:11:24
Is there a stigma of joining an organization like this?

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Well, initially, the first thing that we always get asked, Is everybody says, well, T are y'all just a sex club? And the answer is, of course, always, no, absolutely not. There, there are places that cater to that. And that's not what we are. And that's just one of the things we always have to dispel. You know, again, the biggest thing you can get from joining a fraternity is the friendships and the connections that come with it. I know that myself, personally, I have met many people that I otherwise would not have met and come across opportunities that I wouldn't have met. And the traditional Greek system, I think is what they call it doesn't necessarily provide that for a young person who's gay. This is very true. Most fraternities tend to be self selecting. And as such, someone who is different doesn't really, they don't receive a welcome invitation in all, in all cases, in some cases, they do have a very supporting brotherhood, and they're lucky. But generally, a young gay man or lesbian woman finds that this is not some place that they really want to be because they're not accepted as an equal. Sometimes they can be the the brunt of less than pleasant jokes. And so usually, they drop out of the organization at that point, or they choose to remain closeted. And it's probably one of the toughest times of life, you know, getting away from the house and home, having some freedom, dealing with your sexuality, probably tougher than people who wait later in their life, because then they may be more independent. This is very true. You know, and that's, that's one of the biggest things is it does provide a support network. And I can honestly say that if something was to happen, and I needed someone to turn to, I could turn to any of my brothers. And I know that they'd be there for me, because same way that I'd be there for them.

 Jack Valinski 1:13:40
What about an outsider, somebody who's not fraternity? Do you think they might? Is it an opportunity for them to know a little bit more about openness of being gay? Dealing with coming out?

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Yeah, we host party several times a year we lately we've been hosting local bars, just because it makes the task of hosting a party very easy.

D Deborah Bell 1:14:05

So a lot of fraternities do service projects. Now is your fraternity. Does that sort of thing? Actually, I'm

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very glad you brought that up. Next week, we're going to be setting an example on campus. We've chosen a service project, there's a fountain called the Cheyenne tower, which is the university can't afford to keep it up because the state won't give them the money. I could go into why they don't get the money. Thank you that all the football? Well, no, actually it's based on formula funding, and they take the average number of hours per student and because many students at U of H are part time, we get less funding. But our fraternity has chosen to address the issue of why this fountain is not kept up and instead of just complaining about it, we're actually going to clean it and we're going to do the upkeep on it. And we're working very closely with the president of the of the US versity, who's just thrilled about the project, that's going to happen next Friday at 130. It's in front of the library on campus. And anybody that wants to help is is more than welcome.

D Deborah Bell 1:15:13

Fountain is located right in front of the University of Houston library main.

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And anybody that was that wanted to show up and help us out with the cleanup is

D Deborah Bell 1:15:23

welcome to so how would I go to get there, I'd

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have to go. The easiest thing to do would be to call the university at 743 1000. Um, that's the general information number. And they could give you explanations, but look for entrance number one.

D Deborah Bell 1:15:45

That's the main entrance. And there's



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there's a small entrance entrance. Right inside the entrance, there's a little information booth, and they would direct you as to where to park, etc. Right?



Jack Valinski 1:15:57

What is the atmosphere of the administration towards this fraternity? Well,



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we're lucky at the University of Houston, we have a policy that's been adopted by the University recently, about two years ago, that specifically prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation is generally has not been a problem. There have been one or two instances where individuals who had really small minds decided to say things that weren't very pleasant. We've had one prank call caller ID which enabled us to call the person back and ask, it was another fraternity. Once we brought it to their attention, it came to a cease. In life, you know, it's only been just here in there. Most of it, the people who supposedly oppose us are so scared of us that they stay in the closet themselves. And of course, you



Deborah Bell 1:16:57

do have gay and lesbian organizations on campus. Now chapter was active there for a while. If, what year are you in?



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I'm a freshman.




Deborah Bell 1:17:11

Just starting? Oh, yes,



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actually, we're going to be working with global that's the gay and lesbian student organization. And we're going to work with now and a whole bunch of other organizations. And we're going to be doing a whole series of events on World AIDS Day, which is December the first, um, as everyone knows. And that's our next big, upcoming event after this fountain project,

 Deborah Bell 1:17:38

right? Well, the fountain project sounds like something it'll be ongoing for a long time. I mean, yeah, you get it cleaned up, then you had to keep it cleaned up, right, we're

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researching chemical alternatives to kill the algae on a permanent scale. And I think it's something that's important because it's demonstrating the rest of the student community that you can make a difference if you just simply do it.

 Deborah Bell 1:18:02

What kind of message would you want to send out to a person who maybe attends university or Houston? Or who's considering going there about being involved in a fraternity such as yours? What would be a draw for them? Maybe to join that rather than some other fraternity?

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Well, I think if, if they're, if they really are a bisexual or gay person, they're going to find that we're going to be a lot more receptive than the other fraternities. The other fraternities will do everything from politely say no to cuss you out. They're just not real big on it for some reason.

 Deborah Bell 1:18:48

Whether it's if you're going to be out, this would be laser pistol. I

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really if you even, and this goes to the people who are not out of the closet, if you think that you might come out of the closet, you'll probably find yourself happier, simply because we don't care. And it's not an issue with us. And that's one of the things we we strive to do on campuses, where fraternity first we have gay members seconds. Because that's the whole focus of who we are


 Deborah Bell 1:19:19

is all women in the fraternity No.

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fraternities are traditionally for men and sororities are for women. There is an organization I believe it's called lambda delta lambda. It is a sorority that is it's set up in a mirror image to us.


I could obtain contact information. If there were some women out there, there's not one out at you they know. We would love to sponsor a colony and an interest group and help get one going

 Jack Valinski 1:19:50

great. How would somebody get some information about your organization?

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Well, you could contact me directly at 5247966 See, if I'm not in just leave a message. And I'd be more than happy to help them out with information. But I don't know how much time we have left, I was gonna say, why don't we go over the process that someone's gonna

 Deborah Bell 1:20:16

say before we close off, if there's anything else you want to make sure you let people know about

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just so that everyone, if someone was interested in joining our organization, we do something that's called rush, which is essentially it's a recruiting period where prospective members get to meet the brothers and the brothers get to meet prospective members. And that this usually happens at the beginning of each semester. And sometimes if there's enough interest, we'll do one and at the beginning summer. From there, we extend invitations for people to join those that accept, undergo an eight to 13 week education and evaluation period, which is called a pledge ship, where they simply pledged to learn what it takes to be a member. And then at that point, they're initiated and become full members. And that's something that most people generally don't understand is, is the whole little fraternity process.

 Deborah Bell 1:21:17

So it's an active and growing chapter of delta lambda phi, the University of Houston, sgei. Fraternity, we've been talking to Brian Grove, what is your position? I have a title. Yes, I'm

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the Public Relations kupah. Well, now, I'm actually one of three executive officers. We have a President of Public Relations chairman and a pledge educator, and a treasurer. I take that back. So it's four positions now. But those four positions make up the executive committee and I just person that gets to come over and



Deborah Bell 1:21:51

will chat with us about that. You're going to be the president of the university next Tuesday.



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Oh, yes. Somebody penciled that in? Well, one of my fraternity brothers, guy named Kirk Cooper, whose pledge educator is involved in the University of Houston student Foundation. And he decided to play a practical joke on me and entered me in a contest that the benefits of this contest the proceeds raised go for different charity events. Anyway, I won the contest. And essentially what will take place is next Tuesday, they have an event called The Big Switch. The president of the university, Mr. Pickering, Dr. Pickering, actually, will go to my classes and take notes. And I'll go to his office and sit there and make executive decisions. Well, no, I'll get to meet with everybody. And it'll be a big press event. So if you want my picture, watch the post in the Chronicle and the TV stations on Tuesday and Wednesday



Deborah Bell 1:22:50

sounds like an excellent opportunity for some educational outreach and no get to know me. Well, yeah.



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I'm not supposed to make any policies or set any examples. But I think I think you will be setting an example. Yeah. I don't intend to hide from the sexual issue. If they ask, yes, I am gay. And I'm not scared of it. And I'm proud of it. And I don't think it makes me any less of a person. But by the same token, I don't know that I will necessarily throw it at the press and plug them with it. And I think it's just it's absolutely fabulous. That not just that I that I'm the one that won this, but that a gay person or lesbian person don't qualify their won the title, because I think it's probably the first time in 20 years that it's happened that we



Deborah Bell 1:23:39

know of. Yes.



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And I'm fairly certain that the school paper will make an issue



Deborah Bell 1:23:47

once again, you know, that's an excellent example of that being gay or lesbian. It's just one aspect of our personalities of our whole being. So I think that's a really good attitude for you to have. And I will look forward to seeing more in the media on that. Thanks for being with us

tonight. Brian.

J Jack Valinski 1:24:04

We have a lot of items coming up in the in the coming week. And we will talk about that in just a minute

D Deborah Bell 1:24:21

Thank you. And I think he's going to I am of course many of us are on lesbian and gay voices.

J Jack Valinski 1:24:29

I'm a little a bit of a techie. Computer person You sure are and a little bit. There are some things that you see in on the internet. And one of the things that they're doing is this one person from Philadelphia is posting some of the things that are on video. And one of the things that's airing on Pay Per View and that includes this area is a threesome. threesomes is strange but somewhat amusing mood music or musical about three college roommates two males one female musical it's a no no I say musical even movie Movie. Okay, and what it is is a man one's love with women. One woman one is in love with man to a man who is gay and in love with man woman. So it's sort of that triangle. One of the things that are really neat is called in Herbalife, it's the first and only regularly scheduled national broadcast television series reflecting lesbian and gay culture, performances ideas, returns to public television in its third season in new quarterly format. In the life cordially will bring to America a special one hour episode in November, February, April and June and romaine a well received magazine format that became so popular. The problem is it's not shown here and yesterday, it I think

D Deborah Bell 1:25:42

they did show it once or twice, we need to contact channel eight and say we would really like to see that in both life. A gay and lesbian television program.

J Jack Valinski 1:25:54

Absolutely. There's no reason in the world that the 10th largest television market, the fourth largest city doesn't have access to programming like this.

D Deborah Bell 1:26:02

Romanowski and Phillips appeared on a recent episode of In the life I don't know if this is one that's played yet or not. But they were hearing concert last Tuesday over at Rice University and the show was indeed fabulous. Paul Phillips outdid itself with his new Lion King hairstyle. And unfortunate that there was not a better attendance. The the music of Romanovsky and Phil

UPSeS is incredible. And we do feature here on lesbian and gay voices quite a bit. Their latest release is called brave boys. And I really enjoyed the evening it was just too bad. It was on a Tuesday night school and it makes it makes it really hard.

J Jack Valinski 1:26:44

Well, what's really interesting is that this is the best of and more of romanovski and Phillips and it was really a good show. And you'd like to ever said, we wish there are more people there to see it because it seemed like the people there really enjoyed it.

D Deborah Bell 1:26:57

One of my favorite things was Paul Phillips was talking about how they're always talking about the homosexual agenda. And he says, if gay people could agree on anything,

J Jack Valinski 1:27:07

I also want to thank the post in Sunday's edition ran this nice story on the front page of their calendar Style section, I forget what they call it on it. And the music critic, Claudia Perry, Perry is did a nice, so write up on them. And I thought that would get a lot more people out. But maybe next time, well,

D Deborah Bell 1:27:29

if anyone really, if they listen to this station and hear the music, and people in the community, they they should make an effort to go and support our entertainers such as Lynn laughter Romanovsky Fela

J Jack Valinski 1:27:42

and all this stuff is brought together I mean, the entertainment, the music, the spoken word, the the plays, and stuff like that all brings us back to us being a community and us working together. And it is so important to go out and vote. If you need a voting card from the Gay Lesbian Political Caucus, you can call 521 1000. They will mail you one but you can also probably go out through most of the bars and pick one up if you're interested in that early voting is going on. And from October 31 through November 4 polling places will remain open 7am to 7pm, which is great because you have no excuse not to it. There are many different areas where you can vote, but the easiest one to remember is downtown. And that one is at on Prairie and you can get more information at 7556965. And where is that? Where does it say it's on Prairie downtown? There's free parking.

D Deborah Bell 1:28:43

And I think there's a phone number there.



Jack Valinski 1:28:45

Yes, I'd said that 7556965 and Prairie at Austin I believe.



Deborah Bell 1:28:52

I don't know sometimes as we get older it gets harder and harder to see that fine print. Well, here's something exciting in a in a well worth attending event. The Houston human rights campaign fund Board of Governors invites you to be part of meeting our next Congress member Sheila Jackson Lee Tuesday November 1 from 530 to 730. At The Museum restaurant 1512 West Alabama there is a small donation requested Sheila Jackson Lee is running for the seat that Craig Washington is leaving which is just as well since he called them shout out even though he had when he was there he voted right yes to say that about Chris and but of course that is also known as the Barbara Jordan Mickey Leland seat and she was certainly continues that vein.



Jack Valinski 1:29:45

I am very disappointed in Craig Washington's attendance and I can probably go off on that it's really saddening that somebody who voted so well and had we believe had in his heart a lot of good things, decides that when he lost the election, he wouldn't show up.



Deborah Bell 1:29:59

Well I think Sheila is someone that we can count on. She's, she's been there for us on city council and, you know, she's a strong feminist and certainly deserves the support of our community, of course, is endorsed by the Gay Lesbian Political Caucus. So that's Tuesday, November 1, from 530 to 730. At The Museum restaurant on West Alabama,



Jack Valinski 1:30:21

some of the things coming up on the first of which is Tuesday. The pride committee usually has an executive meeting that night, but because the last one was when while the weather was bad, it's going to be a general meeting and the theme is going to be chosen. And you can be there it's at 2700 Albany, which is the Gay Lesbian Political Caucus office at 7pm. If you need some more information, the numbers 5296979. Also on the first which is the day after Halloween, Tuesday coming out group from in the Montrose Counseling Center at 701. Richmond is at six o'clock and it's an if more information it's 5290037.



Deborah Bell 1:31:03

The equal rights for all the Houston black tie dinner benefiting the Human Rights Campaign fun will be taking place on November 5. The speaker will be David Maixner who was an adviser to President Clinton there's entertainment and all kinds of things going on. This is a rather nice...

President Clinton there's entertainment and all kinds of things going on. This is a rather pricey event but what some of the things it does help some of the local community organizations such as P flag so if you would like more information about the Houston black tie dinner call 5239611

J Jack Valinski 1:31:39

on the second well actually where was the celebrations are going to happen on election night? They said I forgot your forgotten okay, I guess you're not that I'm

D Deborah Bell 1:31:50

allergic to smoke so I don't plan on going to things where I'm gonna have to breathe it

J Jack Valinski 1:31:53

well on the second is the regular scheduled game has been Political Caucus meeting at 730 2700. Albany their information numbers five to 1000. Also and that night is social justice committee of the NCCR 1990 indicator at 1pm. You can call 8619149 For more information, and also on that night is the man's network. Let's laugh bring something humorous to the meaning and discover the emotional physical power of laughter That's pretty interesting because it is very, very powerful. And this make going hit yes. When you see some of the people in office now you've got to you've got to laugh that's a 701 Richmond at 7pm donation is requested their numbers 5290037

D Deborah Bell 1:32:36

And once again let us remind you of the from all walks of life the fifth, the sixth annual benefit, walk roll have fun for the AIDS Foundation Houston Sunday November the sixth at tranquillity park for more information call 626 walk six to six W A LK don't know what numbers that translate to I wish they would put both

J Jack Valinski 1:33:00

Yes. It's hard to especially when you don't have phones that have that what else is going on? We've got


D Deborah Bell 1:33:08

creating changes coming up in Dallas and I'll some Texans are the keynote speaker including Leticia Gomez from the lesbian and gay Hispanic organization, Melt white from the Cathedral of Hope, who used to be a fundamentalist Christian and follow the true way. And of course, our very own Glen Maxey, Phil Wilson, who's the Director of Public Policy for AIDS Project, Los


Angeles, and that if you'd like more information about creating change, you can call the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force at 20233264830. You forgot to mention 3329 Jack and I will be there was a workshop on gay radio activism. I also will

 Jack Valinski 1:33:58

be doing a brown paper lunch bag type thing on Pride.

 Deborah Bell 1:34:02


Okay, and that is November that may tell people not to go not the ninth through the 13th at the Southland center hotel in Dallas, Texas. You do have time. I'll have an interview next week with Perry Jude rattle check. Yes, some executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Of course, we're going to have right Hill bar to describe the Second Baptist Church. To tell you all about going to church. The Gay Lesbian Political Caucus will be here to announce their endorsements. And Bruce Reid's we hope we're having booth Bruce, he is an openly gay candidate running for office out of the Bel Air area. And of course we got to thank

 Jack Valinski 1:34:42

everybody got to figure out who to thank because I forgot who was on Well, I

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mean, we'll go into

 Deborah Bell 1:34:46

that but I just want to remind folks that coming up tonight the big boss man is back in town. Yes, nursery nursery will be here doing off the clock blues show. So, BBC that's right first lesson thank

 Jack Valinski 1:35:00

Suzanne Anderson Bryan Bradley for very much speaking out.

 Deborah Bell 1:35:04

I just love them for that. Ray Hill for his commentary, Deborah Bell and Cynthia Gaber for their review of The Crucible. The members of delta lambda phi from the University of Houston way to go Newswrap from This Way Out. Our musical director Mary Helen Merzbacher, Cynthia Gaber with tonight studio assistant. We have to also thank our producer this evening and engineers Zachary Steele,



Jack Valinski 1:35:32

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