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Jack Valinski 00:02

from Pacifica KPFT Houston. This is a special edition of Wildenstein. We're bringing you live coverage of the 12th annual Lesbian Gay Pride Week parade. As we're starting here at three o'clock for parade is starting at the corner of Whitney and Westheimer. My name is Jack Valinski. And I'm Deborah Bell. We already can see the first



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contingent coming around the corner.



Jack Valinski 00:26

Motorcycle patrol the Lancers MC, they're lining up flat flags with the look to the future logo. And there is of course, Houston Police Department patrol car at the very front clearing the way people are lining up along the sides of Westheimer. And there is a lot of anticipation This promises to be one of the largest and most gay parades of all time in the city of Houston.



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We are at the city on the city stage. And this is at the corner of Westheimer in Whitney it's the beginning of the parade. The prints gonna go all the way down to Westheimer to Don LaVey heading outbound in a westerly direction. And then up done lady to the metropolitan city service center



Jack Valinski 01:15

where there will be a star night Nani a wonderful carnival with rides and entertainment and community organizations have booths. There are also balloons and banners unfurled all along.

Westheimer a really fun job of decorating. So it's very exciting. I'm getting goosebumps Jack.



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Music come in from the Wizard of Oz. We are definitely



Jack Valinski 01:39

not in Kansas. If they ever saw that guy in Kansas, I don't know what they do within the Lancers and their leather regalia. Motorcycle. Coming down



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here, this is a wonderful day for the parade. The weather has been cooperating with us all week for all of Lesbian Gay Pride Week, which is lasted 10 days here in June as it does and were commemorating the Stonewall riots and rebellions in New York City 21 years ago today, where people basically says we're tired. We're not going to take it anymore. police harassment.



Jack Valinski 02:13

It's a little overcast, but that's nice. It makes it a little less scorching, for most but there's some nice breeze actually, we have with us on the reviewing scan here the people that will be reviewing the entries, the different floats and delegations in the parade and awarding the trophies later, the Lancers are lined up and they're about to step off. And that magic moment when the parade officially begins is with us now.



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The Lancers meet the second Wednesday of each month at 8:30pm must have been riding a motorcycle,



Jack Valinski 02:50

I guess that leaves me out and you're stepping off.



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They do fundraising for the community. It's a motorcycle club



Jack Valinski 03:01

where all members are something and owned by can read that word. Let's all look to the future

where all members are something and owned by can read that word. Let's all look to the future with brotherhood in hope they say

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our next contingent number two parade banners.

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40 by 45 versus money for different community events, especially for people with AIDS Assistance Fund.

 Deborah Bell 03:29

They have a huge Texas flag a united United States of America flag and of course their own banner of the Colt 40 fives, the International gay and lesbian rainbow flag and a look to the future banner. And of course

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our logo for the air which they're carrying on the flags look to the future using Lesbian Gay Pride Week 99.

 Jack Valinski 03:57

Were right here in front of the infinite records and mamas money on Westheimer. So people have are lining up at this section, the freights a little bit different this year than the past years because we are going towards the west instead of the East.

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And also this event is being taped by the alternative video Association here in Houston lesbian, gay, filming, videotaping of events.

 Jack Valinski 04:23

So we're doing radio and television all in one.

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And our next of course is the color guards carried by the Texas gay Rodeo Association. Yeah. And the horses is coming to Houston this year, November 9 10th, and 11 and we salute them. Texas gay Rodeo Association 1990 rodeo celebration

 Jack Valinski 04:46

The Texas gay Rodeo Association does a lot of fundraising in the community as well and as well as enjoys the spirit of the community throughout the year. They also have their official poop For scoopers fluorescent pink shirts and with their ranks very important job to have we can't repeat what it says on now we can't say that word but something happens and they have to clean up after it when it does and here are grand marshals a nice part and Walter corner to outstanding activist in the community. Walters wearing a fluorescent hot pink shirt and hot pink boots. A nice of course has been a price past president of the Houston gay lesbian Political Caucus and is currently a board member of Mac as many other things here we have and Walter

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Carter is owner of the Brazos River bottom bar that does an awful lot of fundraising

 Jack Valinski 05:44

and does a lot with the 40 fives they say here's John nicks and Ron a das they are in little golf carts with bright balloons with the logo and they're throwing little goodies to the

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very good job.

 Jack Valinski 05:59

Good things are little tokens they're throwing out their pink with gold lettering on Wednesday says Houston Lesbian Gay Pride Week Nani and then it has the logo on the other side.

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Our first commercial float. First time we have a corporation in the fray the Budweiser and fire truck and West distributing companies from Texas.

 Jack Valinski 06:29

Silver Eagle distributors they have a old timey looking fire engine and I Clydesdale Statue Of course, this red wiser symbol, the Clydesdale and then we have some nice people waving someone with a tiara on I'm not sure who that was. Of course it's a Budweiser six pack tribe. Like beer Yeah, like to find Pulitzer beer, six pack truck. So they are a little a little ways down still coming up. They're lit off by a very small person, I would say this person is maybe three or

four years old. And he's got some shiny glittery streamers behind him. But right behind him is a KPFT 90.1 banner. And that must be the after hours folks coming up behind here, don't you think?



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Yes, I was listening to after hours last night. They were talking about the article on today's post in the Style section. If you haven't picked up the post today do so. And it's a very comprehensive article on the gay lesbian community.



Jack Valinski 07:28

They are on midnight to 4am. Every Saturday anyone interested in radio and in presenting gay and lesbian positive lifestyle to the community. They have interviews, news music, specializing in gay and lesbian artists in their music reading a poetry and books by and about the community.



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Horse you know, they're a little way down the streets because you can't hear them yet. And as they were lining up, you can hear of course, the opening theme which all the time says Come out come out wherever you are.



Jack Valinski 07:56

Right. They have also some rainbow colored banners with pink triangles. They have several other KPFT supporters marching with them. They have what they're calling Harvey Milk lollipops. It's a picture of Harvey Milk and some of the wonderful statements that he's made about the importance of coming out. And of course we have Roger with the official after hours vehicle. It's got speakers on it and it's playing different tapes of different things. From after hours as it moves down. Westheimer celebrating life in the heart of Montrose I would say things started as pink skirt it just not wearing the pink skirt. Right now we're hearing the beginning of the Stonewall riots. You may all come out they say Come out come out wherever you are. Well here's the Montrose activity center entry number driven by Sunny Smith Houston sunshine they have some of the street performers dressed as fresh fruit, banana and grapes they montrose activities in our umbrellas, several other organizations within the community and umbrellas there umbrella and it shows that team Houston march on Austin names project Houston gay and lesbian Student Association pride awards. And of course Lesbian Gay Pride week itself is brought to you by the Montrose activity center. And the people that are advertising that star Mike Nani takes place after the parade with a Mac entry and Clyde Williams, John Hill and Jim Owens on the board of the Montrose Activity Center, also known as Mac are writing in that



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our next one is a commercial entry United cab 699. As it said,

 Jack Valinski 09:51

Oh also 0000 It's a good easy number to remember. Very supportive company of the community.

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Yes and Roy under that if you're out to bars late at night, you may want to take a cab home and may not necessarily have to be united. But it may be a good idea. Although United spends a lot of their effort and time into community Montrose in the inner city,

 Jack Valinski 10:12

even though this is a very large parade, they're moving along at a pretty steady clip here already and we have the Midtown spa entry. Jack, maybe you can explain this one a little better than I can. I am not quite sure. They're gonna be having a fourth of July cookoff celebration. They also have an annual New Year's bash. The Spy are very loud right now. So it's hard to talk over them.

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It's sort of like oops, I guess.

 Jack Valinski 10:48

I guess you're supposed to guess what's going on in there. I don't know. The country cousins. Maybe the first Saturday of each month at 6pm. Very cheap membership. And it's a social group. And they have several activities throughout the year. Have to have a pickup truck with about well, it says about 10 to 14 people but there's a few more. And these are people that live out in the north area of town. And like to get together for social events, it is an all male group.

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Want to remind you that you're listening to live coverage of a lesbian gay pride parade. 1990 is our fifth year of live coverage here at KPFT.

 Jack Valinski 11:39

And coming up, we have the Parents and Friends of Lesbians and gays. This group has been active for a long time and it's people who have either a gay or lesbian in their family and are who are friends and some of them are in fact gay and lesbian themselves, and they're very supportive of their family members and the community. This is a movie Mokra I must say that

Arden Evers Meyer, who is with lesbians over age 50 is walking alongside the convertible because her over 80 year old mother is rotting. And that's really special because it just came out to her a few years ago. And now they're able to share that



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PFLAG they're known as PFLAG. And they've been very active in Pride Week this year, that many events have their own event last week.



Jack Valinski 12:28

And they have I think it's the third Sunday of each month over at Grace Lutheran church they made they cover different topics and they are supportive. If someone's just coming out to their family, they'll help give you information or also help your family with a little better understanding. And then of course, we do have the lesbians over h 50 contingent coming up. They have a pick them up truck horse



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and they're all dressed in violet purple, which is the right term. So I



Jack Valinski 12:55

think this is lavender lavender T shirts with loafers because they are below lesbians over age 50 Although you don't have to be over 50 to be in it. You can be a friend of someone who is and they have community bike rides and different activities throughout the year and they also meet on the third Sunday of each month. Now what is this coming up is Greg Washington and Deborah Dannenberg honorary Grand Marshal. Greg doesn't seem to be in the limo. It's a long white stretch limo, but Deb looking good as usual.



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Greg had a busy week, one of the few people who stood up and voted against the flag amendment.



Jack Valinski 13:39

Thank you so much for doing that work. That issue is over for this year, but it's not gonna be over. It's you better bet we're gonna have to be continuing that first amendment fight



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in Denver. Denver represents 137 here, which is the

 Jack Valinski 13:53

state representative. Yes. And they've been real busy up in Austin, and certainly a friend to this community very much so and next we have the garden party

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nonprofit corporation and they are very festive.

 Jack Valinski 14:07

They're turning now to face us with their banner 15 years active in the city of Houston. Garden Party is described the guard Well it's kind of a fiesta God kind of the Hispanic influence south of the border. They have ponchos, they have ruffles, they have a sombrero with flowers. And we have several carriages coming up behind them for a strong character just with people also dress in the Hispanic attire very loving, very color painted velvet that's dropped late and they're waving to us. They're very festive and the garden party raises money for the community each year. It's a male drag event. are done app on shares garden

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party is on July 29 at Richards and tickets

 Jack Valinski 14:54

to Mario Laci band playing It is a long contingents. It is very large, five carriages 12345 there were that many carriages in town and we well, you know, that's become more popular in the Montrose area. These carriage rides around Montrose Boulevard. And this is Alamo carriage service that comes out you go for a ride with your sweetie of an evening. So that's very nice. And they're very looking very lovely. And they're waving to it. They've got fans. That's a smart idea of bringing those fans. Anyone that hasn't come down yet to the parade area needs to remember to bring probably a sun hat Sunglasses to some lotion to protect their skin. And

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because Houston is hot, we're sizzling

 Jack Valinski 15:51

we're so hot.



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It took a lot of thought to come up with that slogan for us to die.



Jack Valinski 15:56

Now that's a bright Well, probably this is one of the most touching entries in the parade. It is the Houston names project, also one of the committees under the Montrose activity center and they're



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bringing the code back to the southwest area part of the world back to Houston before Columbus Day,



Jack Valinski 16:14

a number of the banners are hanging at the multi service center right now as part of starlight Nani. And this is several names from the Houston area on the banner. That's the beginning of this delegation with the state of Texas made out of the state flag and the shape of Texas with a star for Houston is and Dino I know Dino he's one of the people there at the beginning. They're actively they're going to workshop at 14 unfair of you knew that crooked building, 1410 1410 Fairview and if you want to go over there and help make a panel it's every



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Saturday and Sunday from one to 4pm and they were doing that yesterday at the Metropolitan multi Service Center. I'm sure they're gonna do that again and there.



Jack Valinski 16:59

They also have a float with the world grow made wonder and they have people with sewing machines. There's Pete Martinez with his sewing machine. Even as we speak, he's making banners keep the love alive aids Memorial Quilt that is absolutely beautiful cover I will free of AIDS



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I'm sure this is gonna be one of them that are going to have a highly for a price this afternoon



Jack Valinski 17:28

how much we hope that is true. As we look to the future that is certainly what we're looking to

the future about now. We'll look out of this group so far in free. Here they



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are in this very large contingent



Jack Valinski 17:48

people that are involved in any 12 step recovery meeting they take place 24 hours a day around Houston their stuff to find alcoholics and drug addicts staying sober. They are staying sober and staying free. They're lesbian and gay alcoholics and drug addicts who stay sober one day at a time.



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This is a group that doesn't seek publicity and people to come to them if they feel they need the help. And



Jack Valinski 18:13

you can find that out through the gay and lesbian switchboard you can find out where there are community meetings over at lambda Center is one laser Lani just off of West clay and you don't their their slogan is you don't have to be loaded to have fun. And that's very obvious from looking at them today because they're having a blast.



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Yes. And it's so nice. Just people walking balloons. Umbrella is very colorful, very different. All different walks of life, just like our community is made



Jack Valinski 18:38

up and they're carrying some streamers that are all different colored, bright, shiny, glittery ones. The next entry is the basset hound in tree, no, it's not a basset hound entry, but it does have Basset Hounds on



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it. And it also it's mobile.



Jack Valinski 18:54

It's from the bookshop. And how do you describe this as a printing press was

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impressed with stuff coming off the printing press, very wide. Basically, they're talking about freedom of press. And if anybody reads Montrose voice, you can see their ads, but they're really not ads are more or less advertisements about freedom. And well,

 Jack Valinski 19:18

it's when you read the Montrose voice. Not only is the logo and advertisement for a logo, but there are Larry Lingle writes wonderful commentary about issues in the community. And there's different issues coming off that press and it also says look to the future. We want that look, looking to the future to be a freedom of press feature.

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They're located at 1424 C Westheimer. At Windsor, just down the street, just down the street, right. They're heading that way.

 Jack Valinski 19:48

And now we have a large walking delegation from the AIDS Foundation of Houston Board of Trustees. There's John Paul barnish to level some of the people that we know they're waiting They're carrying banners. They have H banner. And they have the AIDS Foundation hospital team people that go and visit folks when they're not feeling very good in the hospital. They have a hotline a lifeline speakers, intake buddies, fundraising phone buddies at the group. How long has this foundation been active now over

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seven years, six years or closures walking down.

 Jack Valinski 20:30

Ahead on that so psyched to see

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your guest on Wildenstein this in July

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Jack Valinski 20:34

talking about safer sex and when I told Bart that with that umbrella hat on he was guaranteed safer sex because nobody would approach him while he was wearing sort of an open smoking hat and stone suit of course a very important service of the AIDS Foundation for PW A's and the patrol people that help take care of well no no petrels, not with AIDS Foundation group. I thought they were going to be coming up this this is done super still with the truck. It's we can't do without and there are community barrels over at the Kroger's on Montrose. You can buy items and place them in that barrel and stone soup does take donations throughout the year. And then you can contact them through the AIDS Foundation number. Rock productions present Jena Malone and Veronica Lake and somebody else I can't quite read that banner just to serve the gay community in every way. They're proud to be a part of the Gay Pride Nani and are happy to support all benefits.



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The Gay Lesbian Political Caucus, Dennis Spencer, and Harry Livesey now come down with a banner and their float is look to the future and when you look to the future, you're looking at yourself

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Jack Valinski 21:50

because yes, it's a reflective Mira surface it says get involved. And that means you and that's exactly what's the simple but thoughtful flow. And of course, they're the ones that have those umbrella hats available over at Starlight Nani. So they're both got their umbrella hats,



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among other things that they're selling. It's really bizarre

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Jack Valinski 22:09

stuff some fun stuff because we need to have fun and but getting involved it's really what it's all about. And the gay and lesbian Political Caucus has known that and been doing that for many



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years the first and third Wednesday at 7:30pm. And of course where else but the Metropolitan multi Service Center at 1475 West gray.

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Jack Valinski 22:28

They have November general election and an annual anniversary dinner. The Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus has one of the most thorough and successful candidate screening procedures

Political caucus has one of the most thorough and successful candidate screening procedures in Harris County

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is tough. It is a very tough screening process. The silver

 Jack Valinski 22:43

mylar Miller mirror in which parade watchers see themselves reflected are looking to the future.

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We are covering the Lesbian Gay Pride Week parade here in Houston. As Pacifica just finished their coverage of the International AIDS Conference out of San Francisco and talking a little bit about Pride week they're back here to Houston the Montrose singer. Their Premier Performance is always started June 2 1980. So they're

 Jack Valinski 23:12

they've been around nine years 10 years at

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the tower theater and we know how many things the tower theater when there's turning

 Jack Valinski 23:19

to face the reviewing stand this is their 10th year and they say Vancouver or bust on their side because they are intended to go to the Gay Games and represent Houston as part of Team Houston. They're going to sing

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 Jack Valinski 24:10

group of singers representing good Montrose and Houston Community

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Montrose singers live here on KPFT Houston, and

J Jack Valinski 24:19

they're gonna be in Vancouver, Canada's representing Houston and the Gay Games. They also have a Christmas concert. You know,

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it's not over today. There are many things happening after the parade today. Not only today but as time goes on in

J Jack Valinski 24:32

the community. Now, what do you mean by that?

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That means we got the good games of Vancouver. We got the cure AIDS now protested March happening next week.

J Jack Valinski 24:42

Next week. Well, along with the economic summit several events surrounding data of interest to our community tows the other economic summit and the wave Women Against Violence Everywhere. So now is the time to come on over to star night Nami and find out what group to get involved listen you can be part of All those things

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from cuties

J Jack Valinski 25:06

to the gay nannies 608 West time cocktail club and disco dancing show bar to entertain and serve and they say Be yourself

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very colorful floating green around the edges gold

 Jack Valinski 25:26

and that the gay and lesbian nominees I hope and they have several people are tired and beautiful costumes and a lot of balloons that say cuties on them which I have a feeling they're going to release into the atmosphere.

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I thought it was maybe now I think they're

 Jack Valinski 25:43

working. Yeah, they can get the bag open but that those are the descending off so be looking for them. The Montrose Counseling Center. Angela PESA ready with the women's program? I think several of the counselors that work there are marching in the parade

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shirts, and they're just around the corner from us here and downtown Montrose,

 Jack Valinski 26:09

they've been going on what 12 years now about started by Dale Scott a mental health services for the gay and lesbian community specialties in alcohol and drug counseling HR HIV and AIDS counseling a women's feminists counseling and sexual abuse survivors program. There's a women's weekend coming up in October and also a living with AIDS in Houston a conference taking place is a safe place to come for mental health services and also private and group therapies are available there. We have a big float coming down this is a hot hot float. This is from Rich's gonna get loud jack with a happy smiling face on top of looking to the future

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little mock up of the satellite dish on the top of

 Jack Valinski 27:23

some party book there from riches. Now we have the gay and lesbian Hispanic Union House and you went to the bar late last night last night and the largest indoor ballroom bus convertible has

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the downtown filled it was packed. The officers

 Jack Valinski 27:39

are rotting in the first flight and then Mr. and Miss second convertible. And their theme this year is carnival and Mentos definitely

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is it was an absolutely wonderful event last night dancing going on at two in the morning.

 Jack Valinski 27:56

And they've been around over 21 years so that they were in existence before there really got to be an activist community happening in Houston time that kind of Wednesdays of each month at 7:30pm equity center. And what is that number 880 GHL You

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it's your dress to give you center

 Jack Valinski 28:17

3217 Fat N All right. We know we're

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on your brain too. Yeah, it is.

 Jack Valinski 28:23

So very nice. They have some Peacock Feathers and some glittery things.

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And blue really represents the diversity of this community. Yes, really,

 Jack Valinski 28:34

the gain has Hispanic lesbian unidos and they do



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welcome him involved in this conversation very strongly.



Jack Valinski 28:41

And they also have a wonderful New Year's bilag. We have the Houston nonviolent action, supporting lesbian and gay rights. Now this is a non gay group that is supportive of this community and also supportive of the world community and they have been in the parade for a number of years representing the the importance of standing together and alliance and coalition. They also have people representing the Houston peacenik work and the other economic summit tows the voice of the people for a change a beautiful banner. I sounds like this type of people. Yes, I think so. I think I'll recognize a few faces from those that group saw Linda Lowe and a few other people there. Houston peace network.



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It's real nice to see them here representing in the gay lesbian Pride Parade.



Jack Valinski 29:35

Because you know, peace is not just the absence of war. You know, when you think about what a peaceful world would originally be like, and be about it would be safety for all people and what was the what's been going on our community. We are more and more aware of that that need for personal safety and peace.



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And now we have this kitties Texas.



Jack Valinski 29:58

This is the dance hall, isn't it? It's not the Pacific stream. Yes, you wouldn't notice that Jack lovely Palomino horse at the beginning. We have to Houston another committee under the Montrose activity center carrying a banner. They're on their way to Vancouver. They're just gonna march right from here to



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the Metropolitan multiservice and they're going straight to Vancouver. They have

 Jack Valinski 30:25

the Texas flag and the Canadian Maple Leaf flag they're they're carrying at the front of their delegation. They have a convertible and that convertible are two people that I know of at least Connie Moore and Felix Garcia which I believe are the co chairs of Team Houston this and they've been doing a lot of events, raising money buying uniforms getting people to enter events during and the guy games and they can be contacted at I Know the second part of the numbers team the first 520520 T am interested in the Gay Games or want to take part in the team Houston that's the people to call to contact to do that.

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Well now our audience will get to listen to somebody else besides us.

 Jack Valinski 31:09

Well the Lone Star symphonic band also on their way to the Gay Games as part of Tim Houston and they're gonna be playing music so we might as well let you listen. Have some cheerleader and I tell you he's wearing a kilt and if you've ever wondered what they were under kilt that doesn't look like much I guess that's just bowed. Popular for a person in this and now we have our celebrities performing at Star night Nani tonight. She performed last night she'll be with us again tonight to be part of the performance with Thelma Houston.

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She's visiting the province here she's from San Francisco.

 Jack Valinski 32:47

And she's got her son hat on when she's writing a nice little spider and

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it's a very nice afternoon here. It's not too hot. It's you know, typical Houston summer. The sun is not shining. I

 Jack Valinski 32:58

think it's even better than usual. I'm Anderson last little breeze right now. So as you're all comfortable out here and we have coming up that they have found dignity center

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3217 fan and it is the gay Catholic organization.

 Jack Valinski 33:12

They've been going on in Houston for 17 years. They have math 7:30pm On Saturdays followed by a social they do have dues. That's at 3217 Phantom, some familiar faces in that group. They're also active in different things in the community.

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And many organizations meet at their center there on Fanon

 Jack Valinski 33:35

pants for You. They've got balloons, bouncing balloons, that they're all popping there.

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You know, it shows that you don't have to spend a lot of money to do a creative type of entry and the parade

 Jack Valinski 33:48

and such fun. I think people really feel like that they're doing something is now we have the Tom J Thomas lounge show cast. This is a black gay bar in Houston, lift out white limos and they have a number of their performers riding on the limos. Choco red presents the prettiest boys in town at the Jay Thomas lounge 1224 leeward and Caroline.

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Oh, open Tuesdays through Sundays 5pm to 2am. There's a second row coming up.

 Jack Valinski 34:20

Show from the looks of it because these are some great costumes here.

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I guess maybe we need to do fashions on Wildenstein.



 Jack Valinski 34:32

Maybe we'll find a guest person to do that because I don't think you are the ones to make the valiant statements. And now here's one of the most important groups in the community because they serve all the other groups and this is the gay and lesbian switchboard Houston who had their picture from last year on the front in the post today,

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and the magic number is five to 930 to 11.

 Jack Valinski 34:54

Five to 930 to 11. They've got that number right here. They have information in counseling and referrals, they had their own walking delegation. Some of the people were wearing big Sun hats. Some of them were carrying umbrellas. They adopt their telephone, truck, a little car that has a digital dial that looks like a telephone looks like a telephone, you can just get up and make that call if you need to know where something is on a number of another organization. If you're having some issues around coming out, or if you need a referral for one of the gay lesbian therapist, our services that are available in the city of Houston, five to 930 to 11 is the number of

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our staff from 4pm to midnight daily, although I would have today maybe an exception.

 Jack Valinski 35:46

I'm sure they probably have, you know, they do have a training coming up in August. And that's a real good way to get involved in the community. First of all, you can learn a lot about the community by being there being a volunteer, you know what's going on what's happening, and it's something you just take a few hours

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a week to do. Five to 930 to 11 The game has been switchboard of Houston.

 Jack Valinski 36:09

Well, this is one of the favorite entries every year. the rip cord delegation This is our country to rip cord is what is known as the leather bar. And of course these guys are decked out.

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Definitely. And what they do is they carry flags from every state of the union. So

 Jack Valinski 36:26

there's at least 50 people there. Of course, we're starting off with the United States flag and the Texas flag. State of Texas, of course, we're going to be in front they've got regalia on their leather regalia, which I always kind of feel sorry for. There's a they look good. They look. They look hot, but not just in the sense of that the temperatures hot. The rainbow flag, the city of Houston flag.

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Yes, the one with the train on it. The Plow never makes any sense to me.

 Jack Valinski 36:55

Why does that have a train our power on it? We don't know. But it's the city of Houston and they have the silver snipers and marching drill team from Dallas. They have the man of Houston explosion of color the flags of the nation and coming up behind him so

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and walking it takes a while to get 50 flags in front of this podium here. They're at

 Jack Valinski 37:20

715 Fairview they're open Monday through Saturday 7am To 2pm to 7am to 2pm I think it means I am yeah, and then on Sundays from after noon to 2am. And their theme for their float is looking to the future but making it happen now.

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A drill team coming down.

 Jack Valinski 37:52

They do they have

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most men are hot.

 Jack Valinski 37:56

Yeah, they have red blaze black suits or red belts, red shoe laces and they are carrying Macchafied which I wish they had done something else tutorial around not approving of guns but

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getting a nice round of applause here

 Jack Valinski 38:18

in this group. This is not a male only delegation.

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That's the ripcord probably one of the better known bars here in the game lesbian community have used

 Jack Valinski 38:33

in their float looking to the future but making it happened today they have to look like a team of astronauts taking off from the state of Texas from the rip cord and I have read the space shuttle right there behind them. They're waving to us they've got instead of NASA symbols they have gay and lesbian symbols pink triangles and the ones that got disco music What a fun idea these guys are in right instead of black like on their black boots.

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taking a little break here during the day the flag contingent is actually doing Oh in front of the podium here.

 Jack Valinski 39:19

They're doing what they call this a presenting. Presenting the flags. You can hear the music in the background. Some of these people are dancing to this disco music even in this heat back and just like they're doing maneuvers very sharp and those Red Berets with black uniforms. you'd like to be the drill sergeant for that group Jack I

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don't know if

 Jack Valinski 40:17
I can see you that way.

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doing quite a show here in front of the official judging standard 99

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We are trying to do the best color coverage we can although this is a little bit difficult to describe the formations that they're doing.

 Jack Valinski 41:07
They're doing maneuvers and try to show stepping off Moving on down with Tom are the flake the floats about the pull up in front of us and they've got that disco music playing in the background looking to the future but making it happen today. I think that's a very important slogan. And they're ready to take off into space. Astronaut uniform, the staff they must have had fun putting those outfits together. Yes, absolutely. They have the ripcord around the back. Next we have we deliver videos

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over at 1109 Hyde Park. They've been in business since 1984 are open 11 to 10pm.

 Jack Valinski 42:06
And they have a star Matt Gunther who is one of the performers in the videos are imagined and he's a good looking guy. He's blowing kisses to the people to the audience. And we deliver videos deliver videos are 1109 Hi Park and they're open from 10 Min from 11am to 10pm. They support the stone soup Food Pantry they specialize in videos for our community. Very active in the community. Video Star of the nobbies met Gunther salutes Houston Lesbian Gay Pride Nani. Now if

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you were listening to any of the coverage from San Francisco, you have heard a lot about act. They're here

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showing some of their posters or silence equal death and also the AIDS gay good Reagan's picture on there with red eyes.



Jack Valinski 43:02

The government has blood on its hands one aches death every half hour, something we're trying to put a stop to in this community. They say act up, fight back.



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The AIDS coalition to unleash power meet at the Metropolitan multi service center 1475 West grade, the first and third Thursday of each month.



Jack Valinski 43:27

And we have goodness Montrose from the prizes river bottom.



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Yes, one of the most colorful cars in the community, the leopard inside card convertible, red on the outside.



Jack Valinski 43:39

Leopard print seats and Miss Montrose like I always try to explain to people if it's ms than it's a female if it's miss, it's a guy



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and that happens of course at the browser's river bottoms 2400 rises



Jack Valinski 43:55

and we have looked to the future with your boots on this must be a country.



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This is the BRB.



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 Jack Valinski 44:16

They've got a haystack a statue of a horse and the cacti and some Cabalists and cow dikes Mr. Shawn Yarborough and this ranch Teresa Smith are riding a convertible behind the Florida

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presents river bottom has been in business for 13 years. It is a Western bar as we call it down here Western gay bar. They are home of the Texas gay Rodeo Association Montrose cloggers community involvement in all those organizations.

 Jack Valinski 44:47

And then we have the imperial court of the single star.

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And of course as the theme is looking

 Jack Valinski 44:57

to the future, the founder and reigning monarchs all decked out in their lovely outfits with their tiaras shining in the sunlight. The College of monarchs

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that is the Imperial Court of a single star.

 Jack Valinski 45:21

They must have been one of our Oh, okay, here it is. They have a lot of things going on. It's there. I wish there was a phone number about this group called a switchboard. You can find out more about the people from Corpus Christi Fort Worth and Dallas and not just the Houston group. Here's the pet patrol,

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patrol if you're listening to Katy

 Jack Valinski 45:41

Chapala hound dogs riding in the back of that truck, the patch of patrol and we will also have a leeb here. Troy Williams. the founder of the pet patrol. she's got a little dog playing with a

bright fluorescent tennis balls people are who are caring people, pet people. This, they go in and they help PW A's who might be in the hospital for a time or not be able to take care of their pets, or they even find homes for pets when someone's not able to take care of their pet anymore. match people up who need a pet.

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There's a wonderful story about them this morning on KTR. If you caught that pet patrol Tory Williams. Next is the Metropolitan Community Church of the resurrection. With the

 Jack Valinski 46:27

leadership of Reverend elder John Gill is working today and looking to the future so that all people no matter whether you're a lesbian, straight, gay, black, white, Hispanic, oriental, or whatever, we can all work together. And they say they believe that God doesn't care because He loves us all. He she or she as some of us might they believe we are looking for a city where in the future.

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This is a very large contention. They all have their own T shirts, looking to the future with sort of triangles that go around in a circle, I guess.

 Jack Valinski 47:01

And this is our thought is a lot of people think of MCC er as a gay church, but it's a place at church more specifically for gay people are welcome. And they are come out every year for the parade, very proudly represented. They usually have their own T shirts, they have a beautiful float coming up. And they often sing a hymn maybe maybe the float comes down we'll hear the music from a song.

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They are located at 1990 Decatur up in the near heights just outside of downtown Washington. And they are looking for a new place though they're trying to build a new church here in Montrose.

 Jack Valinski 47:41

So over 320 members and France recently celebrated the 15th anniversary

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and I think half of them are here today at the brain.

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Jack Valinski 47:54

Singing I saw a chat about Jesus loving us and if you are a person who has a belief system that encompasses a Christian belief system, the best place for you to go



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to check out your comms their float quote that says no to the future it is a long and it must be space sitting here today because another one having

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Jack Valinski 48:19

the space shuttle again here's that said this float has blue and bright pink they have too many just cast on this float Jesus they had the softball team the MCC are angels coming up in a truck here. And you know what they do every year is they encourage their members who are not open who are not openly out to come down and sometimes disguise and at least be part of the delegation. So a lot of folks are wearing sunglasses and hats are in some way in disguise but they're here today and that says something



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that has to be the largest contingent in the parade today, at least so far good size

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Jack Valinski 49:27

group of people. And now we have the lesbian and gay rights lobby. Texas with our lobbyists Glenn Maxine is here today. Sharon Stone who's on the board and Pat Gandy lesbian gay rights lobby of Texas. They're in a nice convertible, waving with the rainbow flag was holding up that rainbow flag and doing the International Sign Language I love you symbol.



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And we hope to be talking about Maxey lately later as we go up from the Metropolitan wall disarrayed the

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Jack Valinski 50:00

next car contains burgundy roots who is the show director for Mama's money? We're right next door to Mama's money's the day they allowed us to set up out here. Next to Mom was money and infinite records, the Lesbian Gay community of the University of Houston. So that's the

lesbian and gay student association. They have act up people and they they have a paper.

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That's our future. If you read that article today, in the post, they talk about the future, interviewing some of the people from the game lesbian community at the university

 Jack Valinski 50:43

definitely have some activists coming out of that group. They're already active in the community. They're not waiting to graduate from college. They're doing it now, as they look to the teacher.

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Therefore, groups that are open students, faculty, staff, and alumni at the University of Houston has over 60 members. They work to provide an alternative space where lesbian and gay members of the university community can express themselves socially and politically as well as educating other members of the university community about lesbian and gay rights in AIDS. And if you'd like more information on that you can call 529 3211, which is a game that's been switched August

 Jack Valinski 51:20

10 through 12th. There is a lesbian gay youth conference coming up that will be sponsored at the University of Houston. Oh boy, oh, my gosh.

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And this is EJ

 Jack Valinski 51:34

and Rheinberger. Clown. Often MCs the show's over there

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is a little bit bigger than usual.

 Jack Valinski 51:41

Space gaze on the moon. And if that's GHz E on the moon 2106 ad that says we don't have to

wait to 2106 ad for 2106 to be overturned.



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EJ is a bar with a patio and they are more or less like a neighborhood bar, I guess you would describe them. And they're involved in different community events.



Jack Valinski 52:10

Big League marching along they have on their hard hats with the pink triangle. So I guess that means they're hard workers.



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Jeanne Harrington, along with Carmen Pollack, who used to be a board member here at Pacifica, Houston



Jack Valinski 52:22

educational foundation with a 15 person board to ensure equitable involvement of the gay community at risk group in local aids districts in making working with local county, state and national public and private entities to inside to make sure our voices are heard.



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And love these groups. You can find out more information about them if you go up to stern ak 90 tonight because many of them have booths there.



Jack Valinski 52:48

And it says their delegation is 12 of the hottest human beings alive, charming the city and gay consciousness.



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Studio 13 which is just down around the curve Westheimer is a black gay bar



Jack Valinski 53:04

which of course welcomes all people but does particularly involve itself with the black gay community. They have several of Mr. Studio 13 who is also Mr. Gay Texas, Miss sweetheart, tastes doors five lightkeeper and Mr. Stud studio. So we got some nice looking people on these

castles doors live Lightkeeper and Mr. Star studio. So we got some nice looking people on these cars. Christy Coleman, who is studio 13 Manager Oh my gosh, we have arrived at the future with this float. This is the Acadian bakers.



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This is a beautiful they have



Jack Valinski 53:44

such a creation they have space, their space. people dressed up they have silver helmets. Very large helmets are they're releasing some balloons some gold and silver balloons. Cloud passes in front of the reviewing Stan. They have a space age cake design. Very fancy, very impressive. intrigue and this year then the balloons are going up



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very silvery.



Jack Valinski 54:17

That's one thing you could say for sure. And here she is herself in this film. Performer tonight at Star night Nani waving to us out of the black of the top top of a black limo Oh, it's the man of the mining company. They're looking to the future as they come up on their bulldozer. They have their construction outfits on you like hey check definitely they're on their construction, artless look at a hard hat. And they once again have the United States flag the Texas Lonestar banner and the International rainbow flag. Got the gay and lesbian community and they're playing some of that. Some of that views that some of that means that the men of the Montrose mind look to the future 1990. Montrose mountain country companies at 805 Pacific street they celebrated their 20th anniversary this will open seven days a week 1pm to 2am they believe in creating a safe fun environment for the men of Texas to meet with friends to parties



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they are one of the bars of the Pacific triangle this is not to say Islam now why did we know that?



Jack Valinski 56:12

We didn't know that but we know that now. And after the parade, they invite you to party with them number one salsa muscles on that now this next group are the people with the Northern Lights alternative.



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The AIDS mastery workshop, teaching people to not



Jack Valinski 56:56

say Stephen Bradley they're handing out flyers as they moved down the street so people can attend the AIDS mastery workshop, which when people have attended them and told me about them, they got a lot out of doing so it's for people who have a to work with people with AIDS so that you have a better understanding a better way of coping. And they're teaching people a rowdy group, I must say them got their banner, other streamers shaking them around. They're teaching people to live fully and alive and well with AIDS. They offer workshops every month to spread the mastery to other cities as well as Houston. And the mastery is for all people affected by AIDS. They can be reached at 4646971 That's 4646971



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you're listening to KPFT Houston Pacifica foundation radio station 90.1 FM



Jack Valinski 58:01

well, it says Dolly Parton and a white limousine and it definitely is Dolly Dolly. I mean there was a lot of blond hair and there's a lot whenever you call whatever your word of preference, but when you talk to when you say Dolly Parton you're not just talking to double L Zarya. It says Limousin Li Mo Zen. There's some bells like



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I do. Yeah.



Jack Valinski 58:29

I think that's one of our local performers. As Dolly Parton we we could say you thought it was really dark valley barn isn't it used to



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be used an outdoor group is a group that has gotten very much active in the last last few months.



Jack Valinski 58:53

They've been around since 1984 They have various monthly activities that include they have

they've been around since 1987. They have various monthly activities that include they have, they have a tent here that is filled with balloons, which they're about to release, but they do everything from hiking and biking to camping and swimming and you know all that kind of outdoor stuff.



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A lot of stuff happens outside the loop outside the



Jack Valinski 59:15

loop. Maybe So Jack, they do have membership dues, it's for lesbians and gay men. They they have an expanding mailing list. The group started when they're one person and ran around and asked for other people who were interested in



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rocking boat and skiing. And he's doing a pretty good impression.



Jack Valinski 59:37

canoeing, water key skiing hiking tubing, we want to let people see that the gay community includes a diverse range of individuals that we have identities beyond the stereotypes perpetuated so often in our society as a group. We also stress the importance of responsibility to our planet and environment how important that is mr. Club body center Frank Mara Dola.



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Club body centers at 2205 fan and open



Jack Valinski 1:00:07

here's management of the club body center also waving to us from a lovely convertible they're open 24 hours and they have a six month membership requirement and workout paths. They give funds to charity and have different fundraising that's a nice entry they have some of the patio furniture from over a Bacchus on that float with many colorful balloons and alive singer you just heard. So they're looking at the future over Abaqus and they're



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a Texas band and we're proud. And Nevada who



Jack Valinski 1:00:45

was saying last night is with that group. Here's the Texas gay Rodeo Association. They're gonna get a big reaction



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Yeah,