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Hello, hello. So we are is this working?

R Ray Hill 00:05

It's working, I can tell by the needle dancing

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and where we at.

R Ray Hill 00:08

We are at the Lanier school which is 150 year old institution fixing to march down the street in an 11 year old institution, Houston gay and lesbian Pride Week parade.

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And of course, we're talking to none other than Ray Hill. And Ray. I know there's been a lot of controversy this year. But we said it a couple of weeks ago on the show the parades for the people, and the people will be here today. It's a beautiful day in that

R Ray Hill 00:31

it's absolutely wonderful day, I wish that all of our friends could march with this. The rules may prevent someone from marching with us, but they can certainly be there. And they can hang around the television cameras from the general media if they follow my suggestions

around the television cameras from the general media if they follow my suggestions,



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you said something about the rules, all the controversy is that really going to keep people out of the parade the thing



Ray Hill 00:49

I added, this is the year of the most restrictive rules that I can recall. And the object is to keep people that are considered undesirable in some other people's minds or by some other people's standards out of the parade. Number one, I hope it doesn't work. Number two, it's not going to work as far as a non gay people are concerned because the media is going to zero in on what they want to whether it's in the parade or standing and watching it.



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It's just about three o'clock and we're getting set up in the parade doesn't start for a couple hours. What have you felt so far today?



Ray Hill 01:26

I feel great. It's a wonderful day. There's the caucuses, parade floats, I'll be getting round there right around around the corner,



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he's giving directions to the driver for the for the gRPC flown and



Ray Hill 01:39

the dlpfc Float is getting ready for the parade and the Fun Fest to follow. We're not gonna have any beer this year at the Fun Fest. Number one, we were denied access to the monies that usually pay that from Pride Week. And number two, we've got the chance of a deluge by then so we just four went the bankruptcy, bankrupting the caucus, in order to have keep from having beer that we couldn't sell. What's happening at the Fun Fest? Well, the Fun Fest Of course, we're gonna have a stage and politicians and loud noises and horns in the background of the whole nine yards because we do that every year. The Fun Fest is the kind of the community fair where various organizations and groups expose their wares to to the community as a general in general. And I think that's going to work very well.



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And there's a fee this year for the funfairs

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Ray Hill 02:37

there always has been just 20 bucks.

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No, no, no, no, I mean to get in in there.

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Ray Hill 02:41

There's no fee there. We're going to ask for donations, just like the roadblocks on the march on Austin and the March on Washington. But anybody that doesn't want to give one can get in anyway. I mean, we're not the people to keep people out.

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That's it. Thanks very enjoy the day

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and you

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Hi, baby, and that was a nice kiss.

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Thank you. Thanks Great Day. Happy Happy Gay Bride Day. How are you? I'm wonderful.

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It quit raining look at it. It's gorgeous outside Jimmy and I are standing in front of Lanier Middle School right look at this. Hi guys. Yay. Are you ready for the parade? Yeah. Are you really? What's your friend wearing? What is this game has been switchboard. Can you describe what you what you look like for the people on their radio listening audience.

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I have switchboard t shirt cut up. Looks really cute with festive. And I have a butterfly tattooed on my chest. I have a lambda symbol on my cheek and also have a rainbow with a pink triangle. And a pink triangle on my forehead.

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What's your name? My name is Aaron fontina Aaron is this the first time you've marched in the parade? This

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is my second year marching my third parade.

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Is it going to rain? Oh, I hope not. So you're looking forward to it.

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I'm looking forward to the parade. Of course not the rain.

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Okay, have a good day, right or not? I'm still gonna be here. I'm wandering around on the parking lot. And you see who I see standing.

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Here, baby, say a few words.

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This isn't this isn't television. I don't do television because you have to look and smile and comb your hair and brush your teeth on TV. But you don't have to do that on a radio. Are you?

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My name is Sylvia Ayers like we don't know who you are. I couldn't disappoint my fans. I wanted to come at the very beginning of it. Is this your first parade? Oh no. I've been parading since 83.



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What do you see happening today with all the controversy that's been going on this year.



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Like it gets going to be a wonderful delight for prey like it's been in the past.



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So is it going to rain on us? I sure hope



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not. If it rains we're still be out there walking getting wet.



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Who's that over there?



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Oh, that's Leslie Perez. That's



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my daughter. Would Lesley tell us about ACTA?



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Oh, I think they'll be glad to tell you about active I'm pretty sure Lesley would tell was all about



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acting. Well,



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that's acting up. Those are some of Houston's finest and we want to just keep smiling. No, I'm kidding. I don't want to talk about the police. Were preparing



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for the repeal the 21 06 We're having a gigantic rally in front of the federal building on the day of mourning, which is June the 30th 1989 12:12pm. High Noon. 508 rustc by 50 Ross Excuse me,



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what day is that gonna be?



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Friday, next Friday, which is?



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And 2106, of course, is the statute that prohibits what? Sodomy in the state of Texas



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makes us all prisoners of our own souls.



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What do you feel about the parade today? Are y'all gonna act up? Are we just gonna have a parade or



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when I'm gonna be kind of normal for a change? I'm just gonna walk down the street as AIDS coalition unleash Power Act Up Houston.



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Okay, y'all have a good day. Oh, and this is my friend. I have to say something to my dear friend. I got to tell you guys a story about this woman. You can't see her because this is radio. But we go back how far?



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Oh, I guess about Wilson's 82 Back in



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Omaha, Nebraska. Yeah. Oh, my God, Nebraska. No. And one day I was in the disco Kroger store up there on Montrose parading around and bumped into you.



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Yeah. And even didn't remember who I was at first. And then I said, my buddy there



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you had on those those books look and close that that leather coat? No, no, no, no. That we don't want to do that. They went by the wayside alone



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many years ago.



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What do you think about what's happening today?



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Well, there's a lot of our brothers that are in here. And I'm marching not only with active but also with my name's project head on because I've worked very closely with the names project since 82. With with PWA since 82. And I've lost hundreds and hundreds of friends. And I'm here in memory of them. I just lost one not too terribly long ago, and I'm here for him.



Buddy Johnston 07:05

You said that a lot of our brothers that aren't here. Do you think the community as a whole show realizes that yet? Just how many people we've lost? Are they really aware of what's going on? Are we still a little bit? You know what I mean? Do we need to do we need to come a little bit further to get that realization of what's really happened to it?



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I think, sorry, I think we need to be a little bit more clear about this. The only media we have that is on the positive side is in the twit. And then in the Montrose voice, everything else is

against what's happening with our brothers and sisters with this deadly disease. And, you know, it could hit anybody, not just the gay community, it's hitting the straight community. It's hitting children, it's hitting women. And you know, there are babies right now that are dying in Park Plaza hospital from this disease. And, you know, it's got to stop and we have to become more aware, we have to become more vocal and more open about it. Because if we don't, who's going to, we're going to be the ones. And I firmly believe that we're sacred clowns in this in a sacred clowns, we can do something to, to make a difference in this world, because it's hit our community really hard, but it's also going to hit the rest of the world. And you know, there's gonna be a lot of more people die. You know, I don't want to wake up and be the only gay lesbian person alive. I've got friends that think they're gonna be the only male alive. And on that's a spooky thought. But the reality is, it could happen. So what's happening today? What's happening today? We're standing proud. 20 years ago today, Stonewall occurred in New York, and I'm very proud to be part of it. For many years. I wasn't part of actively marching in in gay pride parades. And last several years, I've been able to do that and hold my head up high and say I like who I am. I am a lesbian woman. I'm a lesbian mother. And I have a 22 year old son that knows who I am.



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I love you, baby. I love you. I will give you a proud day. Okay. Hey, Brian. Keever Have you got a minute? Brian cubrir works as a receptionist with the TW T What do you say dear Your mother where you can never leave. My mom is in Arkansas, where Sylvia is wondering about my mother. She's in a little town and Van Buren are not from



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Hot Springs, Arkansas originally.



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Really? I drink that hot springs water all the time. I hope it makes you feel good. My mom and I don't get along. We haven't gotten along in years. I bet your second mama I'm sure that Brian Have you got a second? Brian keywords with the TW T magazine. If you call the twit during the week you hear this wonderful voice saying good morning. DWT. Can I help you really? Are you carrying the banner this year?



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No, no, no. This is a very first year I have not carried the banner. That's surprising what's going on? I'm going to be running with the executive committee on the horse drawn carriages.



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You've been working with the A What is it? The I wanted to say media but that's not right with the merchandising area parade this year.



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Right? That's correct. I was a merchandising coordinator this year.



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And the T shirts this year are just beautiful. Can you describe them for the people that are listening that haven't seen I'm



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sure. They're teal, which is one of the number one colors for this year. They have the Stonewall 20 logo on there. It's being fold this year for the very first time. So I think we had the best logo we've had in about five, seven years. Now.



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How many parades This is make for you, Brian?



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Since 1982,



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which has been a while. So what do you see happening today?



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I think this is finally gonna be a wonderful day that the skies are clearing up. We're going to have a wonderful parade this year. I love you baby enjoy the day care. What did you say? I said, How are you?



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Can't walk up to me without turning the mic on? What's going on? Oh, no



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much. We're just made it down here. That's it. Talking to



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Don Sanders president of American Atheists.



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That's correct, right. Yes, absolutely. So



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what's going on today?



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Well, we're trying to get all our people together despite the weather. And we were in Austin yesterday to get a lot of our supplies and get them ready to bring them back. And we have some nice signs and posters and some really special ones. Harvey Milk, you want to give us a preview the well, we're going to have our banner, we're going to have some very nice signs that will keep in theme with the march preserving stone wall through litigation, education and activism. All three things which we are deeply and heavily involved in.



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From an atheist perspective. What do you see happening? What have you What do you see that's happened to us over the last 20 years done?



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Well, it's been amazing because basically, I have to look at it this way. homosexual people have been around for centuries and centuries and studying history gives you a clear idea. The reasons why we're why we have been oppressed and that number one oppressor has been and always has been Christianity in organized religion. And with the fact of people coming out of the closet as they did 20 years ago in New York City, and now with 1000s and 1000s of us across the country marching this day in large cities, demonstrates that we are now no longer going to stand by and be whipped little sheep. And we're going to stand here and we're going to say that we deserve the same equal treatment under the law as is guaranteed by our Constitution as all other people all other minorities, because that's what we are, and we deserve our rights. Equally. No special rights just equality.



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Sounds good. Is it going to rain on us?



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Absolutely. Not. Even if it does, buddy, even if it does, so what? Water isn't going to dissolve us. So



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parade day. Thank you. I see city councilman Vince Ryan if we can. Wait a minute, they're yelling at me. Jimmy, what did Jimmy go? Hello, Jimmy. Hello, Jim here how to be here. This is kind of fun.



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This is I've never done this before.



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It's just the idea of getting organized and wandering around and milling around. And when you're walking around in the square you bump into some of the nicest people You sure do. Lookie



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here who is that? This is Mr. Vince Ryan you they could get a few words from him or I sure hope so.



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City Councilman Vince Ryan is standing here are you how are you sir? We're recording our show for next Sunday which is really this Sunday depending on when you're listening?



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Well buddy I think it looks like it's gonna be good parade if the rain holds off. Hope it does anyway because the floats which we're just about ready to judge look like there's some outstanding examples of float tourism you're one of the official judges this year yes. Along with my critical and and we learned a couple other people



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how are you doina. sir?



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We're out here making a statement for the Bill of Rights everybody to be free who they want to beat it on this day.



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What do you see happening today?



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Well, I see happening today, people coming together and becoming joyful. I see pennants in the air blowing in the breeze, people in uniforms and hats and special flow tonight. I think underlying all this those statements that people believe in the Bill of Rights in there. This is a major statement although in good taste and an air of joyfulness and celebration, but we're here for the Bill of Rights say that, you know, listen, we're all free and we're facing some tough problems these days. We've got AIDS, we've got drugs we've got a lot of things that would force a lot of people to want to do away with our Bill of Rights and derive their individual freedoms to some have these problems. And that's not the answer this country was formed on the basis that it's a land of the free. And that's what's brilliant and beautiful about this country. And that's what I see these people. That's what we're out here doing today is celebrating our right to be free in our Bill of Rights.



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You know, a lot of people take our freedom for, for granted. But when you look what's happened in China, for example, over the last three or four weeks, it really kind of brings it home,



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when you can watch and see the student saw that activity going on over live TV. And you can feel it. In fact, in just talking to students from China, even today, you can feel that special freedom welling up in their hearts, and it just creates a vibration that's real different. It's it's real precious that we haven't reminded when Benjamin Franklin when they were drawing up what form of government we were going to have, he was leaving the hall one day and a woman stopped him and said, Mr. Franklin, Mr. Franklin, what form of government are we going to have? And he stops and turns to her and says, Well, madam, a republic, if you can keep it. And he meant it to that, that this form of government, we have to continually keep day in day out. And, you know, in the fight against crack, particularly, I see eroding our individual rights and knowing the way it needs to be but then on the other hand, our individual rights are so important and shouldn't be eroded on any front. So. So that's all be aware and be diligent that it's our Bill of Rights and our freedoms must be fought for at all times.



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It's nice to see you down here. Thanks for taking care. And we'll see. Good another good year. Thank you, Councilman Ryan, what do you see happening in District see over the next the next few months coming up? I know you, I hope got a



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lot well, for my reelection, actually. But I think district See, we're plugging along a lot of things going to happen or Westheimer. The effort now to revitalize Laura Westheimer. And Mr. Callaway, he's buying up a lot of properties. I've already met with those folks several times on what their plans are. I think with the mayor's race heating up, we're going to have a lot of interest in places like Laura Westheimer, to redevelop them and see what we can make. And I think Laura Western, for instance, I'd be a beautiful entryway, both into Montrose and into downtown Houston, revitalize it with restaurants and clubs like it was in the early 1970s. That's probably the biggest thing that's going to happen in Montrose, I think the next six months. Are those plans moving along maybe some political interest in those plans?



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have you accomplished just about everything that you set out to accomplish in the beginning? Because you've been very you know, when I saw you here in this church, not too many blocks from here, I thought then you would be our city council. And when you were elected, I told you that. And you've been very outspoken over the past few months, if you can accomplish most of what you set out to do, or is there still a lot to do?



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Well, I think I've kept most of my promises, which is one thing audit tried to do. I didn't make very many promises in the campaign. But I've tried to keep those promises. But the more I spend time and C Hall, the more I realized needs to be done. And I think that's the focus is what needs to be done, not what we may or may not have done to one of the things that I said I was going to do is get involved in AIDS problem. I certainly haven't accomplished nearly what I had hoped to accomplish that era, though we have made some forward movement in that area, we still have a long way to go the city, the state, the nation. Still we're not doing enough. And that problem and the slowness by which we move at City Hall is a very big frustration that area and all kinds of other areas. district sees a pretty big place that goes really from the Fourth Ward and Montrose all the way down to Fort Bend County. And I'm just now finally getting a couple of things done that I've been working on for 1415 months. So every day just convinces me. There's a lot more to do, rather than the things that we've done. We're glad to have you out here. Thank you. Thank you. I'm looking forward to judging here in just a couple minutes. Our entry is



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right over there. Take Take care. No, we're somewhere. I don't know where we are. What's your

right over there. Take care. No, we're somewhere. I don't know where we are. What's your number? We're number nine. I don't know if we're even. We can't do that. Let's get out of here. Before we get in trouble. Grab the judge the checks in the mail. Well, what do you think,



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boy? I just can't get over both Mike and Vance. There's Mike talking about all these personal freedoms.



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That's Mike Driscoll, right. Yes.



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And then talking about more specific issues. What's going on? In Houston, lower Westheimer area. I think those are really two good men we need to keep in government.



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I wish that you guys could see what we see now because there are city councilman there are public officials there Pride Week officials there are parade participants milling around. It's what Time is it Jimmy? It's quarter before the quarter before the parade will start and 45 minutes, right?



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Actually an hour and 15 an hour and 15



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I just want to get it over with. Oh,



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no, no, I want this to last forever. We can get that out. Yeah, like, like I was saying, this shouldn't be the end of Pride Week. This should be the beginning of life.



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So as we get ready, we should just kind of what? What should we do now?



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We need to edit that part out.



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We'll edit that part out. Look at that man with the chest. Oh,



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that's got to be the Montrose mining company. I'm all for that. That's the only time you see a big machine like that coming down the street. What is that?



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That was a man baby yet. No, no, no. I



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knew that was a man. But what? What was he driving? What was that? One of those earthmover things? It's equipment. Yeah, yeah. Yeah.



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Look at this look, while we're standing in front of low lesbians over age 50. Should we go there and talk? Well, I



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think so.



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Who should we talk to? We should walk over here. Hi there. Who are you?



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My name is Charlotte. I'm a member of loaf from Houston. Yes. Which is I've long Houston, Houstonian, loafers, galena Park, and loafers. What last bends over age 50 is a social group for our group.



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There can't be lesbians over 50 Because that means you would had been lesbians. Several years ago,



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as I wrote in a letter to my sister, I am a lifelong las bi A N I came out to her the other day, and it was very freeing experience. I'm proud.



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What would you say to people today that haven't come out yet that are over 50 or 60?



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I think each one of us has to make that decision according to our circumstances. And no, it was very rough for me in the workplace. I am now retired. And I feel that this is my life. I am free to choose and live and worship my God as I choose. I am not ashamed. I am very proud. And it's a very freeing experience.



B Bruce Reeves 22:23

We're glad to see here today who sees her these other beautiful lady. They talk to us



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members of our group. Hi, what's your



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name? Come on. It's only radio. If it was TV. I wouldn't be doing it. What's your name? We're not giving our Okay. Hang on. Say that again?



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On some people. It's still rough to reveal their names. There it is. Yes. It's a lot of pressure. But to come out of the closet as I did I feel like a weight has been lifted from my shoulders.



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Listen, I'm glad to see y'all out here. Are you dying to say something or you just smile at the message

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that we try to bring every week on our show?

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i We have been in this is we're in about 19 months? Oh, we have made contact with almost 100 women. Our first meeting there were six people and I was one of them. Through that experience, I had been alone for eight years, and a growth recovery program. And my god has rewarded me with a beautiful, healthy relationship that I met at that meeting.

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And that model is yes, that is and I'm sure you can find out what Well I work at

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the switchboard also, I think everybody knows that. And in the material that we have for people, all the different organizations I've seen low but I've I've never known anyone from low fund. Well, yes

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you did. But you didn't know. Ah. I am used to that the switchboard I am. We have a meeting once a month. At a standard place they are tree house. We get together at members homes at least once a month with a covered dish or we have a game tonight. We get together as individuals with our different interests and do different things. Some of us like to go camping some of us like to go to movies, some of us go to the theater. We just it's being able to be with people of your own kind. in a social situation. It's a safe place for all of our members. Most of 80% of them were closeted. They were isolated, afraid and they're coming out and enjoying themselves and they are living We're glad you are here. Thank you

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enjoy the day, baby. And God bless you. Thank you, dear. This is gonna be a beautiful day and Jimmy has just wandered away and we're gonna walk over here and see if he could turn on music up just a little bit that sounds like a parade.

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You want to say something about the music that's playing right now? What is this is from Sylvester, do you know who he is? He has our late great national treasure.

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There was an article about him and this week in Texas.

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Yes, absolutely. What does that mean? I don't know. I just just feel like dancing every time I hear his music. He and Pat Grolier rally we're just Jay music the beginning of game music. To me Sylvester represents the first openly gay performer and he had a lot of dancers in his lifetime. In fact, it wasn't just one time that that Harvey and his group use Sylvester to come calm angry audiences. Got Sylvester up there get everybody dancing. Get the mood up.

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Hi, Mary. Whoa. I don't think this man. Oh, I wish you could see what's got a hold of me kids. Hi, Daddy. Hi, babe it off. What are you doing? I'm out looking for something are you marching? Are you just watching?

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I'm just struggling.

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Kids. I wish this this television. I wish you could see what just walked out what? Whoa. I mean, I don't think he can march.

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That's a big daddy.

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He's one of the Lone Star nudist. Oh, I

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didn't know that. I didn't. I don't know the man. I'd like to never go bad.

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Bruce Reeves 27:04

And that while yes, yes. Life was the end anything. Okay, let's take a break. Okay. This is fun. It's like walking through your high school yearbook. Hi, darlin. How you doing? Oh, who's this verse rapes? What does it say on GD shirt? Electric City Council District G for the city of Houston for the city of Houston. That's a big job. Well, it's a big job, buddy, but somebody's got to do it. You're right. Are you ready? I'm ready. elections in November. It's a long road to hoe but we're gonna do it and we're gonna do a good job. What do you see happening today? Baby? You were the What were you last year? Last year I was co chair this organization. You can't say that. That's one of the seven dirty words wiped that out. But anyway, we, we both are real upset about Well, nevermind. Let's not get into that. We'll edit that out later, too. What do you see happening today, Bruce? Ah, I see is having a good time. But it looks like the weather is going to hold off for us. And we're just going to have a big party and show the world that we are proud of who we are. And it's great to be gay and lesbian people and out today showing our pride. What do we need to do to get to the City Hall? Oh, lots of things. But vote for me it start. Register get everybody registered to vote everyone you know to vote. You know, give us a call and or get buddy a call and he can send you in my direction and we tell you how to get get some get us some help and get us started. Sounds good. All right. I'll see you later. All right. Love you. Now. I don't know where Jimmy went. I'm just kind of like last. He's standing over there with Judy.



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We're gonna get in trouble.



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We're always in trouble. Just thank



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God. It's not television. I don't eat TV. We're honored today to be talking to Glenn Maxey, all the way from Austin. What's going on in Austin, Mr. Glenn?



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Well, we just ended probably the most exciting session for the Lesbian Gay community and the most horrifying session. Good things happened and a lot of bad things happened. I'm real pleased with the visibility of our community in the last six months, the Texas Legislature think we're in the March on Austin with lesbian gay rights Lobby Day with over 20 pieces of legislation that we filed, some which was successful and some of which we didn't get through. We made an auspicious beginning that that we've made a real strong statement that we're going to be there in the political process for a long time to come and in the legislature. Is is taking notice. We had The first vote in the legislature this session on the lesbian gay issue. It

was something that we lost, but it was exclusion of gay people from protections under the Fair Housing Act. It's not like they took me away from any protections we already had. They just said that we didn't have any. But we had 54 House members that voted with us. The last time we had a vote on a gay or lesbian issue in the Texas legislature was 1975. We had 17 people vote with us. So that's, I'm very proud of that vote. It's sort of a benchmark for our community and session to come of, of how many people support our community. And we have to continue to build on that certainly points the way to what legislators we're going to be looking at in the 1990 elections, and some statewide elected officials that we have to deal with, to let some good people in place to move forward. real pleased to be here at the Houston gay pride parade. This is a real busy time for me, I had to make it around the state and we were in razzle dazzle in Dallas last night until three in the morning and you're in Houston today and be doing things throughout the week. The community across the state, in my opinion is really coming together politically and as far as the lobby and the Texas Human Rights Foundation. And of course, we're in the courts. Now. Thr F has taken a challenge to 2106 the sodomy statute through the state courts challenging its constitutionality. And with the work the Lesbian Gay rights lobby is doing the legislature and thr F is doing in the courts. And all the people such as are here for the parade today in Houston doing the local level. I think that we can all look back over 20 years of pride since the Stonewall riots in New York City and say that, that even though we've got a long, long way to come we've come a long way.



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What can we do all of us that are not in Austin to help you as you struggle and fight forskolin? What, what can we do here at home to help other than registering to vote?



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Well, that's the first step voting. But I think more important than that is we have to take the next step. We need to know who our legislators are, know who our friends are, and know who our enemies are, and meet them so they know who we are. I think that was the clearest thing that happened this session, those legislators who talked to gay and lesbian constituents sort of flip flop back and forth on votes, you can see those who should have been voting with us they never did. It's because nobody was there to talk to them. So we've got to take that visibility, you know, take the visibility from that voting booth into that legislators office and talk about the issues of concern to us. So it's it's working in the campaign's 9090. And once those people are elected, or even now, getting the record votes for the session and talking to people who support us and thank them, talk to the people who voted against us and say that that's not good enough. Active, visible. That's that's the message from Stonewall 20 years ago and that's the message from this parade today. And that's the message from lesbian gay rights lobby active invisible. We're honored to have you here in Houston with us today. Thank you. Thanks, baby



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they're too loud for too loud for she she lost the battle of the loudness.



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Marianne toma is getting ready to make a speech. Oh, boy. Now nobody can hear let's see what she's got to say.



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Jimmy, what is it time? Oh, it's time we need to go over why five o'clock? I can't wait. Okay, wait a minute. Talk to Larry Rodriguez before we start Yeah, that's



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a good idea. Should



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we because he's What are you getting ready to do kid



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march for all right are marched in the parade.



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Do you remember the night you call us on the radio and said you didn't want anybody to know you're a gay? Sure do. How do you feel now?



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I feel now embarrassed. Why? Embarrassed for being scared of myself when I should have never been



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in the first place? And you're carrying our banner right here in the front? Sure. am damn proud of it. Okay, we're ready to roll. We



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are ready. Are we let's go let's go. We're waiting.



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I don't know what the holdup is. But they should be marching off in traffic light to turn. I don't know. This is the this is the most exciting part of the parade because at the very beginning, we're trying to decide just what the hell is going



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to go and it's not right and it's not not yet and it's not raining. And I don't care if it does. I'm gonna keep going.



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Okay, this is gonna be fun. It looks like the I can't really tell who's ahead of us.



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It's Oh, is that the the Symphonic Band?



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Yeah, the Lone Star



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Are they that dirt marching by themselves? That's right. They played last night with Dallas, but they're marching by themselves today. Oh, really? Yeah. Yeah.



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We thought it was going to be combined, man.



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No, that was for the concert last night. Oh, okay. We're going to try to, to, well, they're pretty loud. But we've got some pretty powerful speakers too. So it's gonna be,



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we're gonna be stepping off in just a second. So the 1989 Stonewall edition of the gay lesbian Pride Week for Houston is getting ready to happen. The floats are beginning to pull into place. And I do see the flags. You see those flags down there starting down with time? Yes. We've

started we started low the parade has officially started and it is what time is it? It's two after five, two minutes after five and away we go. The foots aren't all go at one time. Are there? I don't think so. No, they're not. Okay, let's walk back here and see if we can get Roger to turn that up just a little bit. But given him the signal, and he's waving Wait, wait, wait. So anyway, we'll see what happens. Guys, this is the most exciting part of the parade. And I can't explain to you just how it feels to be here tonight. Because as you look around there gay and lesbian people everywhere and everybody's so full of spirit, so full of excitement and so full of love. And I know that if you're listening to us, and if you've listened to us after our series over the years, that you've picked up some of that excitement, but I really can't tell you in words what it's like to be standing here in the street now getting ready to march



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right down the middle of Westheimer. Thank you very much.



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And I remember two years ago, I started to take this March. But two years ago, I was standing up there by Charlie's with dark glasses on afraid that someone would find out well, I can go into classes



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under the dark glasses, but I was never in the big crowd either. I was kind of on the outskirts. Yeah,



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well, the band's gonna drown us out. Maybe we should try it or



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not once we crank.



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Well, behind us. We see the low organization lesbians over age 50. It looks like the AIDS foundation down there. It's a beautiful, beautiful street full of a lot of color and a lot of life. And oh my God, I wish you were here to march with this. It's just just very, very beautiful. Looking over on Westheimer to the north of Lanier Middle School. I see lots of floats. Beautiful. Can you describe some of them? Jimmy?



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It's the first time in years that we've had floats. I see a huge birthday cake. Isn't that gorgeous?



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I see two birthday cake.



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Oh, that's right. There's another one the white one and a pink one.



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And there's some drag queens. I see a radiant over there. And you see that right? Yeah. We're officially walking art. We're going we're going let's let's let's let our folks get ahead of us. Tell us tell us what you see as you walk down the street with the after hours people Jimmy What do you How would you describe our little group and the flow in the parade?



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We've got our banners starting out front with with Larry holding one of them then we've got our after hours banner, pink and black. Then we have the rainbow flag being drawn by more lovely young boys. Behind them is the KPFT banner with five hunky gentlemen.



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Maybe we should put maybe we should put the Jeep between that and that. Do you think so? Yeah, put that put the Jeep behind now. Okay, we're back. Now, I don't know where Jimmy where he's walking down the street. What happened? We just,



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we put the cheat bar up front in the middle of our market.



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Somebody's got the number nine thing laying down there on the street. And I think if we would pick that up, we could be like number eight in the parade? I don't know. At this point, it does not matter. Not at all. I remember I remember two years ago or last year when we started marching around the corner and the banner that we had said that we work for the Houston Police. Yeah. And I saw the cop standing on the corner and that was kind of scary. Let's get ahead of our let's get ahead of our flow



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it's better out there. It's better up here. At least we can hear what's going on. We can still hear the music. I see lots of policemen



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to remember and Marion's words to straddle that yellow line.



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I can't walk on the yellow line. Can you struck baby can you strike to the music I think there's a bigger crowd down here than there was the last time do you think so? Yeah. How are you? I really wish you guys could see what's happening now because we're just now coming up to shoot. And there are people on the left look at why people on the run up on the roof Doesn't that look good? People everywhere. There's a lot more all up there waving at us. That's what's fun. I wish we had beads and rubbers to throw out. I know it. I know it. There's my friend but the Lone Star noodles can I get electrocuted for doing that? For doing work per second on this thing? Oh, I don't think so. It is kind of wet. I think we have a bigger crowd Jimmy than we had last year.



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I know we do. Well, showing that for longer.



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I can't I can't start that screaming because if we do, we'll be hoarse. By the time we get down to expect to be hoarse by the end of this parade. Oh boy, guys, this is the this is all the anticipation, all that energy, all that love is just now just now starting to grow on us. And let me change sides. Okay, because that way the recorder won't be bumping between us.



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I didn't mind it.



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I didn't know that was recorded for a minute. There goes Harvey Milk. Yes. I love hearing that. It's kind of funny looking at these police officers as they go by I want to just how many of them might remember the little gay dispatcher that worked for HPD? And KPFT? Oh, I



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bet they remember you.



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I'm sure they do, too. I think that we have a bigger crowd. From what I remember last year. Absolutely not on this



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end. There. Were just never. There's that that guy right there. I



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grew up with him. I grew up right. He grew up about two blocks down the street. From my house. Here he is standing on the street that was ever waving and yelling.



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That wonderful. Isn't that wonderful? Anyway,



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I wish I just really wish you guys could see this. Because walking down the street, walking down the street. Knowing what they had for oh,



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that's the most exciting part because you know, 1000s of gay people. and lesbian people are at that curve just a



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few blocks away. Yeah. And it's very, very excited. I only hope that the kids up front can hear and can hear our tape. Oh, I'm sure we're gonna outcrossing over a Donlevy. And who's that cute man that went in that one. I'll take either one of them.



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One of my friends were the switchboard we're



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now crossing Donlevy and heading east Westheimer and just anybody else, you know, no, not yet. Well, we will by the time we get down to the far end. It was nice seeing Ben I haven't seen him in year. Isn't that great?



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When when you could just see old friends out in the crowd like that. It's just amazing.



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And what's funny is these people are wondering what the hell are we doing go down the street, talking to ourselves.



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I'll have to encourage them. This is radios. They know this radio you so they're probably not surprised at anything you're going to do.



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Okay, we're coming up on Roundtree EJ is is just over to the left. And that used to be one of my favorite little bars when it was over on Richmond. EJ Yeah, he's



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still a really nice bar. It's a really nice neighborhood homey atmosphere. And they do volleyball games on weekends. Really fun.



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Edie and Jeff are real big supporters of the community. And since they moved down here on Route, I know it's real hard getting started for it's so nice seeing the people on the sides of the street. And waving Yeah, I really wish you guys can see it.



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It's it's something you just have never experienced before. And just It's just I've got goosebumps already. And we're not even near the occur. I



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know. It's just just walking down the street. There's Jerry mall on from the Montrose voice. Oh. You're gonna get



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it today.



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Everybody can hear yours singing in the background. Yeah.



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Stand up for your love rights. What we're doing today,



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it's what it's all about. And I know as you listen to us a lot of times, you wonder I just can't do it. I just can't make that step. It's not easy, and it's not it's not something that you do overnight. So it took me three already two years to get here. It took me 40. So it's not a thing that happens overnight. It takes a lot of a lot of when I see



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teenagers like, like, Larry, coming out. He's so far ahead of me. It says,



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that's kind of makes me jealous. Yes, absolutely.



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It makes me think why. Why did I have to waste all those years? But then then you have to think how far we've come in 20 years because the information books, radio programs, the media, it just wasn't around 20 years ago.



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You know, we say that all the time, Jimmy about how that the younger people, the younger gay

and lesbian people that are coming in, I have it so much easier. I don't know if it's really easier, but the information that's available.



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Yeah, it's not easier. But they don't have those years of wondering why they're so different. They know and it's just they get over that and it's just a matter of coming out after that.



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Well, we're now walking up past timeless taffeta and Mr. P bodies and the crowds thinned out just a little bit. Hi, ladies. How are you? Were approaching what is this? Mandel? Yes. And the potpie up here on the corner ahead. Placement everywhere we go. I know they're just looking for just looking



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they seem dumbfounded



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they're wondering what the hell is happening. I'm just trying not this horse do there's more stuff here. Yes.



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It seems that the executive committee we're in horse drawn wagons so we get to enjoy the fruits of their labor.



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Where's where's our people back there? They're still back there behind. Okay, here we go. We're crossing Mandel and Westheimer now and the light just turned green. So I guess we can do like yes, we can. Yes. That's a cute cop. Oh, we should be passing our phone number out as we go along. That could get me in trouble. Oh,



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by from home.



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I don't know we don't want to tell you about that. We do want to tell you that we're having a beautiful day. It's not raining. It's sunny. Beautiful.

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It's overcast, but it's cool. It's nice.

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A lot of good look at MIT there's one right there look at that man

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I want some I want that. I want some of that right there. All right. No, man that's what's kind of scary. That's what's scary as we get closer and closer down to the end women here to

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Oh, look at Popeye

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the pot pie is right here.

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Full people hanging over

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have a good representation today of all of you that listen and support us every day on the radio come out to march with this I'm not really sure to my guys from Bear Creek are carrying the after hours banner. They got a handful of people carrying the rainbow flag yeah that's really right in front of us and then that large contingent of men put your tongue back in your favor Okay. Capital debt capital contingent on men. They're carrying the being held up. Rogers saying something Jimmy's walking back now to to Roger and we're just wondering what's happening. It's it's one of those days and we're just strolling along down the street. And now Jimmy is running back up here and I don't have any idea what the hell's going on.

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A wonderful feeling walking down the middle of West time.



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Look on that guy's face. Whoa. He was interested in talking about what a Houston's finest. Hey, these people in this this building? Don't fall. They're hanging out the window hanging out of windows for real. Now I'm trying to get my second win. Oh, yeah.



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We're getting to the more populous area.



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The curve. Yeah. And you know what happens when we go around the curve? Goose bumps four days? It'll be great. Yeah.



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I can't wait. I remember last year. Last year was the first year I marched. Oh, really? Yeah, yeah. And all the years of being in Houston and all the years. Isn't that incredible? You know, I finally just got up the nerve last year.



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You know what it reminded me of last year. Did you see the movie Good Morning Vietnam with Robin Williams. Yes, yes, I know this thing you're gonna talk about, you know the scene where Robins real upset about doing the radio program and nobody's listening Lincoln, he gets ready to leave and on his way out and look at the little kids. And on his way, you should see this as a little girl here on the side of the road and she's smiling and waving on the way out as Robin Williams is leaving. He's walking, he's in a jeep going down the street. And they're, they're talking about how he does the Adrian Cronin shoves right. And the driver in the jeep introduces him to the soldiers in the trucks. And the soldiers of course, get very excited when they see his face. Yes,



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yes. Then they cheer him on and just get him back into the mood for the work he needs to do and that they need to hear.



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So for the first time, and Adrian's Radio Live, he actually sees the faces, the faces of people in the street and that's what we see there's raw there's there's I arrv and Ieff from I obo I obos.

the street and that's what we see there's how there's there's early and, um, now... now...
We're big supporters back during the Harvey Milk rally. You remember that? What's the dog's
name? I don't know. But that's blood. Oh, got it. Tell me what you see baby people

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every way.

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Look up here in this gorgeous I wish you guys could see what we see. I see your man man man.
It's just there. See? So I love you. Look, tell me what you see down through the All I say

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is heads people waving things screaming

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tall short black quiet. Men and women. Listen to this. Listen to this. Listen. Okay, there's my
friend up there on the roof. This is incredible, isn't it? It is it is it goosebumps we already look
we're not even down the street. Look at this. This is beautiful. Look at this. Look at this crowd.
Isn't a River Oaks theater. Those are big supporters down at the River Oaks when we were
doing the after hours and the Harvey Milk stuff. Look at this gym. It's fabulous. That's the that's
the car. I gotta go over here that was that was a friend of mine. That was let's get up ahead of
the Jeep. That was someone that was taped not too long ago. In the hospital. Now. Yeah, well,
that's what happens with Jimmy. This is kind of scary. Look at all these people. Incredible. Look
at the energy. I don't know what's gonna happen. I could just like reach out and touch
somebody's head baby. This is too much. I really wish you guys could see what's happening
now. I've never seen this many people. I have never seen this many people this far up. We're
just now going through what is known as the curb. And they are five or 10 people back they are
just about five or 10 people back. This is a very nice goddamn incredible. It is just so incredible.
I have I've almost ran out a word.

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I know I keep I know I keep repeating myself. But I said

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min min min min max or listen to some of the things that we play on the radio. We're probably
three or how many do you think three or four? People think? Yes, absolutely. Yeah, it's probably
the crowd is probably at least three or four thick. And we're just now crossing the curb. Yeah,
coming up to over lunch. Yeah, right in front of silver loss coming out to McDonald's and

Wendy's. So we still got a ways to go. This is nice because we know what what's down there ahead of us. We do we do. We're now walking. Just past Wendy's almost kind of lost my breath back then.



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There's such a huge crowd it's thinning out a little bit.



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It's thinning out just a little bit but these are people in front of McDonald's and in front of Wendy's the crowd is just oh maybe two or three there are two or three there but it's getting good I'm running out of words



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just a little bit Thank you better walk



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we're getting lost with our our boys are getting a little ahead of us.



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Here we go. Dad not be alive right now. as Jimmy is getting all wound up and we're just now walking past Wendy's and coming up on McDonald's so we're almost to Commonweal. I need a drink of water.



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I need a lot of things, but I don't care right now. I'm



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too excited. This is great. I'm very excited that little that little burst at the curve kind of took my breath away it didn't it I've never seen it. I didn't expect that many people that said no, never. So that was kind of exciting even in



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those old years when I was just on the sidelines watching the wind.



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Yeah, I really didn't expect I really didn't expect to see that many people coming around the corner. And now we're coming up on Commonweal



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we are. Oh, this red light. I guess we've stopped.



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I don't think we've stopped for the red light. I wish that we had beads and rubbers to throw at the crowd because they really responded to that last year. Yeah. But



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they look pretty excited.



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It's it's nice. Just those are my neighbors. It's nice to sing. Smiling people and smiling faces out here and Absolutely.



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Everybody's really having a good time.



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But now we're crossing Commonwealth still heading east on still heading east on Westheimer. Coming up to where we know there's going to be a big swell of people



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get to catch you feel that excitement.



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And the weather's not real hot. It's not real steaming. No. Right. But it's it's kind of a breeze blowing and it's real nice. So



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base that the amount of children you see in the crowd. It's exciting. And yes, it is excited. And they're having a great time there with their parents evidently. Just added a great time looking at the parade screaming



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tearing I need there's trials and his friend no walking along. They're sitting along, waving us on as we continue down the road. I don't know who this is. Right. We should wait. Hi. But we should go there and talk to them. Hi, ladies. Some beautiful women. Some nice looking people in the crowds getting having



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Oh, you can just barely see Mary's look, look at me just now.



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Just now coming around. My Radio Shack coming up on the Houston Sign Company. And the Radio Shack and Charlie's crowd is starting to thicken up now just a



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little more. Where



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I want to go back. This is gonna get us in trouble. This is nice thing goes today, baby. And now you can hear the applause from the crowd as we just start to come around the corner. Our brothers and sisters standing on the street. I really wish you could be here. That applauses for you as you're listening. We're just now coming around by a club around the club that will not let us dance together. I understand they're having a matinee today or



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I hope it just opens out anytime now are they gonna get a big surprise.



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And now there are just literally 1000s of people on the streets. I'm not really sure how many we

have. It's pretty awesome. And there's my little This is so nice. Don't step on the horse. Just going down. Step on it. Say it's a parade.



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I don't even see where I'm walking. I'm 10 feet off the floor.



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This is incredible in that it is I'm so I'm so jealous. It's so nice to pick up to turn the radio on every Saturday morning, Sunday morning and listen to us. But if you could just be there and feel the spirit of what's happening now. And if we look up on the roof we should be coming up to Mary's I left and we're just about right in the middle of it right incredible. Look at that Rob. Marriage is packed full of people that just people everywhere.



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Now there's a man wearing a t shirt that says boy he obviously does not need to wear it.



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We're just now crossing a yo come at West timer. And what do you think?



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I've never I've never seen so many people.



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How many people how many people think you think we are this is great and i Baby How many people do you think we are? That's my man up there cheering and yelling for you. I really wish you guys could be here. I wish you could be in the street. I wish you could just see what's happening here. Because it's beautiful. There are people everywhere. Just gay and lesbian people all over the place. I wish you could reach out and touch me I can't touch touch him. I wish you could really see what's going on. It's just, it's just too incredible. And they're probably wondering what the hell we're doing walking down the street, talking to ourselves, I'd suggest it turn the radio on and find out



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they'll find out. All right,



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we've been around for two years. We're putting out some very powerful radio, or some more of our gang over there similar after hours, people. It's just too much. The crowd is just right now at its max, I don't really believe we had quite the crowd here that we had last year, but there are 1000s of people here still. It's incredible.



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It's just beautiful. And well, it's almost over.



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Now.



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Not for me.



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We're gonna start back down that way and talk to so here we are just coming around the corner now. It's been it's been a very short walk, hasn't it? Yeah.



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We started about a minute ago.



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It took us 20 years. It took us 20 years to get here baby. Was it worth the walk?



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It's always worth the walk. Always.



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Well, here we are. And thank God now we can find something to drink. I really wish that we could. I really wish we could. I think we're gonna wrap ran over by a truck. Well, how are we finished?



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I'll never be finished. Never.



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But we're just now getting started.



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That's fever right now. Hi. Oh, she's



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pretty beautiful.



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Yes, and you should see her dance.



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So are we already finished?



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No.



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Can we get something to drink now we can get something to drink.