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Yes, we're broadcasting live from the pride parade. Let's go out there and see if Bruce and the rest of the gang are out there and ready to say something.



Bruce Reeves 00:13

Hi, Jim. Whoa



Deborah Bell 00:20

marching on. We have about folks about 10 deep right here at the corner of Westheimer in Yocum next to Mary's, the National Bar of Texas. And people have been enjoying the rally that set up here. We have community organizations with booths. And there's rainbow flags flying and lots of color and lots of folks and the parade is stepping off at the corner of Woodhead and Westheimer. Right now even as we speak, and there's still time for folks to get down here and enjoy this. We have a lovely day there isn't. He's right now thank goodness and no rain inside. The only thing is it's very, very hot, very odd.



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Some of these people wandering



Deborah Bell 01:07

around make it all the hotter. And we have this is a special broadcast brought to you by The Lesbian and Gay programmers of KPM to KPFT, which includes me, Deborah Bell from Wildenstein



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bros. And Kay Harper from



Deborah Bell 01:23

after our and we also have word of ground from breakthrough standing here. Just just checking things out. We have the prime cruising spot, I think, Bruce,



Bruce Reeves 01:32

I think so it's, this is just a lot of people out, we assume three, so we assume the break started,



Deborah Bell 01:40

someone's not making the street and



Bruce Reeves 01:43

the 15 minutes. We're gonna play some more music and see where things go. But this next one we're going to play is the Gay History route. And it's something that we picked up off of this way out several years ago, and we've lost who did it. But it's a wonderful story about the Stonewall revolution and how things are going there.



Deborah Bell 02:06

Yeah, what this day is really all about celebration. And remember, it's but I think it's kind of become its own thing, Pride Week. And this is about what the 12 year that we've had a parade in Houston. So this is our day, if you're lesbian or gay, or a friend or an ally, family member, this is a day to celebrate, you know, 40,000 Lesbians and Gays marched in London yesterday, oh demonstration. And so it's become an international event. So we're



Bruce Reeves 02:35

back to your gym.



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Now the nation has swung to the right and more and more people have seen the light muggings and a lot more fights.



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Instead of right. Boots are being polished. Top hitters clean their horns



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now we're gonna go back out to Bruce and the rest of the gang and see what they're up to. Well.



Bruce Reeves 03:13

I'm not sure whether it's part of the blade or not,



Deborah Bell 03:16

but just be sensitive in our little neighborhood.



Bruce Reeves 03:20

First of all, the foster neighborhood is definitely real festival out here this afternoon. There's a lot of people on the streets. It's very hot. The parade hasn't gotten down to Marys yet, but we think it's probably getting real close. Just judging by the way people are looking back up.



Deborah Bell 03:37

Yeah, I think that's probably some of the leaves in it. Say we have the USA flag, the Texas flag and of course the international rainbow flag the flag of the queer nation. And this is a special 90.1 FM KPFT presentation in celebration of Lesbian Gay Pride Week 1992. Our theme this year is pride equals power. And we believe that to be so true. And from the motorcycle. Oh gosh. And so it's gonna get pretty wild here because people are gonna start yelling and cheering and clapping and stomping and all kinds of queer geek stuff. And yes, we have a police unit. Proceeding slowly down Westheimer and we have a banner to yes and we have some of those guys in blue on horseback down there. And it's quiet so far. Yeah, we have the Mounted Unit. I think that's the the Texas gay rodeo folks.



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Yes, they're authentic rodeo horses.



Deborah Bell 04:44

It says right here that there they are in fact riding authentic rodeo horses. The this is the colors and official parade banner carried by the that's a mountain color guard biggest mountain. Oh

and official parade banner carried by the that's a mountain color guard biggest mountain. On now At a guard, but even before

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Bruce Reeves 05:03

that we've got the Lancers Motorcycle Club is actually leading off the parade.

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Deborah Bell 05:09

People with big flags on their motorcycles, and the official banner, which says pride equals power. It I guess because I'm listening through the earphones, I'm like, I'm not hearing all the noise from the street and I don't even hear the motorcycles. Now, now, now the people are starting to get excited. They're clapping. There's even some bikes on bikes out there. So it's not just guys on the motorcycles theory, colorful opening banner, the theme,

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Bruce Reeves 05:44

Lancers Motorcycle Club is sponsored by the venture and was formed in 1977. And they have rides on the third Sunday of every month and meetings on the second Wednesday. For more information on them, you can contact the venture.

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Deborah Bell 05:58

And please remember that there's still time to get down here and enjoy the parade and enjoy the rally that's going to be following. We'll be here all the way till about 830 tonight. So it's just if you don't know where Westheimer and Montrose is, then it's about time you found out and it's quite a day. It's really lovely. We even have some photographers down there. And of course there's the traditional party on the roof St. Mary's. I wanted to ask the



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guys in the blue uniforms are part of the

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Deborah Bell 06:33

unofficial official way. Okay, because they're not listed in my little book. I tell you those on those rodeo horses to some cow bags. That's right. This must be the Lone Star symphonic band coming up they gave a lovely concert last night their riches. Yes. A new version of Peter in the wolf read by jazz pause that's got to be heard. Oh, wow.

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Bruce Reeves 07:04

Hopefully they'll stop and go for us. We'll see what tomorrow afternoon.



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Gonna have baton twirlers to



Bruce Reeves 07:11

the band practices every Monday night and they're always looking for new people that would be interested in performing with them. So if you think that's something you'd enjoy doing, contact him because I'm sure they'd be glad to have you there. Also looking forward to the masked man concert. It's going to be taking place with a march on Washington and here's the best shirt that



Deborah Bell 07:33

the March on Washington Yeah, but right now we have one of the grand marshals coming up.



Bruce Reeves 07:39

Called barman, dressed



Deborah Bell 07:41

in leather and sing to the crowd. Sherry of course has been active a long time and community organizations and was involved in the creation of thinking Houston we spoke



Bruce Reeves 07:51

with her about what she thought about five week and Gemma think you've got that short clip for us buying Kiva



Deborah Bell 07:59

that don't have an extra colorful shirt today is for us just flying by waving to the crowd or honorary



Bruce Reeves 08:09

grand marshals, the switchboard of Houston and



Deborah Bell 08:12

D Deborah Bell 08:13

they have some of their officers riding in the convertible and waving to the crowd. And then lots of people walking behind you know, this is going so fast. I don't think we're going to be able to say very much about the organization as they come through. Gay and Lesbian switchboard is one of the first groups that anyone gets in contact with when you're trying to find out about the rest of the community.

B Bruce Reeves 08:36

And right behind them. We've got the Metropolitan church, Community Church of the resurrection. They've got a couple of banners with their name and lots of people marching with them and and then we've got

D Deborah Bell 08:52

their Glee Club as part of the program last night at Rich's and I have to say they have some other folks in a convertible, they're waving and having streamers. And it's I can't tell what this truck is. Is this still part of that unit on they have a couple of trucks so yeah, oh, there's so many people that attend MCC are that they have to come in trucks to the Lesbian Gay Pride rally. And of course, that is for Christians, whether they be lesbian, gay or whatever. They're welcomed at that congregation over at 1919. Decatur. And they have lots of other programs that go on there.

B Bruce Reeves 09:32

This is still part of them. They've got lots of flags, evidently.

D Deborah Bell 09:36

They have international flags,

B Bruce Reeves 09:38

no flags, maybe all the nations that are represented by MCC churches so not sure exactly what we've got a lot of wonderful international flags, lots of happy fun loving people talking them

D Deborah Bell 09:52

up very colorful. Yeah.

B Bruce Reeves 09:55

It's hot out here.

- D** Deborah Bell 09:57
There's men and women and children and They're waving and yeah, moving along. Somebody's got their little choice at Toto. I think he's got toto there. This Dorsey now goes missing.
- B** Bruce Reeves 10:10
And then we've got our first float coming up. It looks like fiethsing got a few come,
- D** Deborah Bell 10:15
oh gosh, I wish I weren't a beach. They're playing volleyball.
- B** Bruce Reeves 10:20
This is sponsored by Charles Armstrong investments with Robin Jr's barn girl in Santa Fe barberio. And the man says,
- D** Deborah Bell 10:28
Yeah, they've been windsurfing right there, they've got a wave. And of course, they're having a party after the parade over on Pacific street. So yeah, they've got palm trees and some nice looking tan guys.
- B** Bruce Reeves 10:43
And their message to the to the crowd is the family of clubs that are under Pacific always a great place to party, with friends, both old and new, because of a vendor specifically there.
- D** Deborah Bell 10:53
And we have a bit of a gap here. So this is a good time to remind folks that they are listening to a special pride equals power 1992 Lesbian Gay Pride Week presentation of KPFT radio
- B** Bruce Reeves 11:05
KPFA has a program to come to you on a weekly basis. The after hours program is brought to you every Saturday night from midnight



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on Friday morning.

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Bruce Reeves 11:25

Now we got a Jeep that's a horse riding on a car. That's why I'm not sure. I think the next four it's supposed to be this week in Texas.

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Deborah Bell 11:44

I mean, there's a Clydesdale obviously is what that's supposed to be. And it's followed by a big Budweiser red truck. So I was one of that's one of the bars I say, then this, of course is not alive for us. We should warn people that that is a no or tells us. And so yeah, there's some guys driving the truck near probably happy because they're in the air conditioned cab of that truck. And I'm sure they've got all that but ice down ready for people to party later on. They're taking it over to the Civic Street. And then coming up right behind that we have another car. And who are these folks waving to us? This is the man Louis say follow us to Washington DC and 93 for the March on Washington. That's what that's about. That's best. That's not really Gina Davis and Susan Sarandon. But they're Yeah, they're all packed for their trip, though, man. And the March on Washington, of course takes place April 25 1993. And we have information here and the meetings in Houston are taking place the fourth Wednesday of the month, over at the gRPC office 900 Lovett Boulevard starting at 6:30pm. So we'd love for you to join us and get involved in the March on Washington. Houston area now is heavily involved in what they're calling operation fight back in response to Operation Rescue, and the things that are going on around the GOP convention in Houston.

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Bruce Reeves 13:33

And this next quote is Israel smile we can just barely see it from the studio, but it's a hand and

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Deborah Bell 13:40

this is the Rainbow Alliance of the death and their hand is in. We love you or I love you actually but we love them and they love us and that is a great group that offers an alternative for folks that are hearing impaired or who are friends of that community. And you're not a cab

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Bruce Reeves 14:01

cab is being honored by Midtown association for for providing to security vehicles, but drove a neighbor to Montrose and united cab wants to thank the lesbian and gay community for their ongoing support.

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Deborah Bell 14:15

Do you have their phone number there? No, I can't remember that that's a good group to call in case



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D Deborah Bell 14:25

So call that number when you need a cab in this community and now we have some lovely folks there I mean they're really lovely and they're on this float Miss lazy J



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maybe benefit to help people with



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nice, rational can go for



D Deborah Bell 14:56

the crowd resilient things ask about these things. These ladies who are dressed to kill For I tell you I say and she's got a fan you she's way she's she's keeping cool with that fan there and love love they're wearing some lovely frogs and there's Jersey



B Bruce Reeves 15:22

my behind them we've got just DJs maybe with their float thing



D Deborah Bell 15:30

I think this is a skill and for some reason it reminded me of the Libra symbol for Michael Jackson he's obviously a Michael Jackson look like got the glove on the gloved hand is waving to us and to enter more lovely frogs and I think that must be Miss justice bear with the sword



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rainbows coming behind cleaning up all the

B Bruce Reeves 16:11
rainbows should be out there somewhere

D Deborah Bell 16:14
is Rainbow the clown is one of the favorite features of Lesbian Gay Pride Week parade and I don't see him last year he was a mermaid in the grocery cart. And we just may not be able to see him race is very tall he can stand up and maybe get a glimpse of what that presentation is about because we cannot see it from my position here next to Mary's at yo calm.

B Bruce Reeves 16:38
But I'm sure when he shows up we'll see. We'll probably see

D Deborah Bell 16:41
him in the paper tomorrow. Bruce for some reason they always are taking rainbows picture and there is another gap in the parade. But I'm hearing something so Oh, I say they're coming right now in front of the tower theater. And there's lots of balloons red white and blue. This must be the cowbell we had earlier

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about why we made a driveway

D Deborah Bell 17:29
that's the impact had that ready to go

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again with the environment and I think the thing was like is self esteem. Be proud of who you are. Be glad you're who you are and show everybody else that you're proud and glad to be who you are

B Bruce Reeves 17:55
it was for him to be my grand marshal this year.

B Brian Keever 18:02



Bruce Reeves 18:02

Goodness It's so hard to describe because I've always been doing the work and been helping out organizing and doing things like that for the community as opposed to just sitting there and just being being the person in the car. For me it's going to be quite a rush and I'm very honored.



Bruce Reeves 18:26

And going by right now in front of us is the give with pride the flowers Jersey Jays with the Mr. Houston all America Mr. TTR candidate 93 It's the modern day modern gay Gay, gay Tradewinds



Deborah Bell 18:40

trail must be cows. Those folks who have cows



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clean up out of the house



Deborah Bell 18:54

and he's actually cleaning up after somebody something because it's what is he dressed as this year? That's what I want to know really.



Bruce Reeves 19:00

We just had a very major United States flag being tethered down the street by some of the people from majors to



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our house now people



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Bruce



Deborah Bell 19:19

and it looks like some people are sporting some water guns and trying to keep you all are there some clowns the Bruins pushing brooms? I say there's there's a number of clowns including a

juggler and we're passing things out to the crowd, probably condoms and interacting with a group here. It remains very fastidious people listen very short trial and I would think that was a younger clown like there. Although I didn't actually see Mr. Rainbow, I didn't see Rambo either. I don't know macho rainbows. We will Oh yeah. And like I said he will probably be featured in the papers more because that's usually what happens. And there's folks here waving rainbow flags and blends. They're trying to keep cool the best way they can because it's a very hot day I think about 9698 degrees.

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Bruce Reeves 20:28

Let's go back to the studio and close the door a little more music pay by numbers by romanovski and Phillips from there I thought you'd be taller album.



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And now we're back out to the parade.

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Bruce Reeves 20:44

Romanowski and Phillips. From there I thought you'd be taller album and paint by numbers the story of Frances farmer in her life. We figured out what the holdup on the parade is. It seems we found rainbow the clown. He's coming down the street on stilts. And he's got his lovely blonde cowgirl we're going and pink polka dotted dress. It's a site that you'd have to experience too.



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Rainbow Yeah,

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Deborah Bell 21:16

I think I think it's pretty miserable when I say the people, especially the guys that are walking in high heels, but this gives a whole new dimension to that idea when you're on stilts. And here's a brigade of folks behind him and I don't know if that's part of him. His group or another unit. Yes. Rainbow really is lovely with his I don't know five foot across blonde yarn wig and his his cowboy hat. And Oh, somebody's helping them off the stilts. I think I say they're giving them a ride now Rambo's riding, so he's got a firefighter helping him.

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Bruce Reeves 21:54

Obviously, he slowed down the parade too long. So they've they're pushing him down the street now.

D Deborah Bell 21:59
I think that's what is that he's on something. Crazy,

B Bruce Reeves 22:04
it's probably frightening.

D Deborah Bell 22:05
Well, now we have laminators

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looks like gladiator looks

B Bruce Reeves 22:10
like gladiators to me. We should be the

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power group.

B Bruce Reeves 22:18
I think this may be the Trojan power. The pie and a lot of bright, alive live.

D Deborah Bell 22:26
And this is what the AIDS equity league sponsoring this on our show. It could be it could be our Trojan, of course, is a very popular brand name for a condom. And that's part of what we believe in during Pride week especially Yes, that is the equity. Because yeah, we see Jean Harrington and that definitely equals eighth equity. And

B Bruce Reeves 22:51
their goal was to educate those who are making decisions about our lives and make them sensitive to the needs of the gay at risk community. And in this fashion, they hope to help HIV service providers and others involved in the AIDS field establish priorities for allocation of care

and treatment. And then right behind them, we've got the Houston gay and lesbian political Congressman Rich's we're just all at the border

- D** Deborah Bell 23:15
here, which I've never seen so many rainbow flags at one time britches
- B** Bruce Reeves 23:19
was back toward the front. They've got lots of rainbow flags with their contingent, including
- D** Deborah Bell 23:28
the biggest one you ever saw on the planet Earth. And of course, the idea is for folks along the route, toss coins into that flag so that they can raise money for various projects.
- B** Bruce Reeves 23:41
Riches is one of the big entertainment spots in downtown Houston. And their message to the community is to show your pride and give everything that helps whether it's \$1 from your pocket or an hour of time. In this year riches is going to be raising money to help several organizations with your help. Thank you Houston. And that is a big flag with some rainbow umbrellas as well. It's a very large contingent, a very colorful one.
- D** Deborah Bell 24:09
Biggest WAGs bigger than you Bruce
- B** Bruce Reeves 24:13
would say it's probably 15 or 20 feet wide and probably 30 feet long.
- D** Deborah Bell 24:19
It's taken about 2020 queers to hold it probably at least that many. I hope we can take that to the March on Washington with us that would be great. Good getting in the spirit and throwing the coins in. They've learned that that's what that means for those points in there to raise money for the worthy causes.
- B** Bruce Reeves 24:41
In the Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus is coming up now and they're asking everyone

to discover the pride and the power of voting. Because black voting is our voice in the political and social system. PhD LPC screens and endorses political candidates for political office. They do voter registration Driving firm banking as well as block walking and polling place electioneering

D Deborah Bell 25:05

and State Representative Deborah Dannenberg is waving to us from the gRPC flow. She is up for reelection this year represents the area that the Montrose is in. And it says discover the pride of vote, the blocked vote any that's what they represent is the ballot box

B Bruce Reeves 25:27

and right behind the ballot boxes, been res who's running for Congress right now he's in a court fight at the moment when he contested battle between themselves in June green for the Democratic nominee for Houston representative in the fall.

D Deborah Bell 25:44

And of course, both those candidates have been endorsed by the gay and lesbian Political Caucus, as being folks who have a voting record in support of our community

B Bruce Reeves 25:55

in New York are listening to a special broadcast of the gay and lesbian Pride Week parade here on KPFT 90.1 FM Houston, let's take a short musical break. We're gonna listen to rise up with the nylons from their Rockefeller album. Okay, we've had several people go by or musical work. We have the coaches Jack Valinski and Carol Crocker by of course, Jack's one of the CO producers of the Walden stone show ways to us madly Yes, because the crowds just going crazy. Right now we've got the crow,

D Deborah Bell 26:31

obviously the most popular float so far today, the names project quilt,

B Bruce Reeves 26:38

to Pete Martinez and Michael Bond journey, who are two of the key people in that organization. among a group of international flags representing the nations of all of the people that are made up in the quilt quilt will be returning to Washington this October in its entirety, that's October 9 10th, and 1211. So be sure and try to make plans to attend that. After an earlier we also had the Royal Sovereign and imperial court of the single star and, and well as their group from

Houston and San Antonio and they do several benefits throughout the year. We had January's went by and they're convertible with Mr. and Miss gentry and we'd like to congratulate them and and then we've got the Parents and Friends of Lesbians and gays.

D Deborah Bell 27:33

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays is meets to support family members and parents who are just finding out about their gay and lesbian children. They have a hotline phones to support callers and they send information to people who call they say our kids are fine just the way they are and they intend to keep families together. They made the first Sunday of the month at 2pm. The second Sunday when it's a holiday and that's Parents and Friends of Lesbians and gays. They made over intercare hospitals 700 Fannin is a really great group. They have a national convention coming up in Seattle in September. And I'm thoroughly impressed with the with their presence in the community.

B Bruce Reeves 28:20

Okay, and not sure what we've got here.

D Deborah Bell 28:24

Looks like there might be a lifeguard still very good

B Bruce Reeves 28:27

looking man and what you say good looking man. That's right. A lifeguard stand in the beach.

D Deborah Bell 28:35

And they're gyrating and jumping about with their beach ball. Having some fun in the sun is what that's about. But that is this the one sponsored by the Union Jack.

B Bruce Reeves 28:49

Probably be a good guest. This is probably Union Jack. Then there are Rachel are locally with sportswear the Tandy menhirs

D Deborah Bell 28:56

Yes, in fact, there are people actually modeling the sportswear that can be obtained over at the Union Jack and you know, they they were very supportive this year in selling gay and lesbian Pride Week T shirts.

B Bruce Reeves 29:11
Okay, and the Montrose mining company.

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Okay, they're coming with their traditional front end loader. I always thought that was like a bulldozer or something on featuring a few of the many men of the mind. The mining company is one of Houston's most popular men's bars for over 14 years. And they say they're still the best sound in town.

B Bruce Reeves 29:34
And that's not exactly what they said, but it's pretty close. Yeah,

D Deborah Bell 29:37
these look like working man. They got on hard hats, and some of them have on leather and yeah, and yeah, they're they're proudly displaying the flags of this country, this state and the queer nation, the rainbow flag and they're waving to the crowd and honking the horn on the front loader. They're having a good time. Sure. It doesn't matter how hot it is during this parade. It's so much fun seeing all the folks out and all the colorful attire lots of hot pink or fuchsia some say lots of purple. And yeah, the crowds very excited because the front end loader is actually lifting up into the air with the men in the basket. And that is generating a lot of response from the crowd.

B Bruce Reeves 30:32
Oh, it is hot out here today and it never

D Deborah Bell 30:34
it certainly is. We of course have a great viewing spot over here next to Mary's and

B Bruce Reeves 30:43
there's a party going on on the roof of Mary's I can see right now up there I think.

D Deborah Bell 30:47
Yeah, actually right. Hill and a nice Parker are doing television coverage for access cable Houston. And that's going to be shown I think at 10pm tonight, either 9pm or 10pm on access

cable. And of course KPFT are they only focus 9pm Okay, 9pm on access cable, and KPFT are is the only media that's giving live coverage and

B Bruce Reeves 31:15

going by right now is the flood group from dignity Houston, with their, you know, a little chill and cranberry balloons and they're a group of gay and lesbian Catholics and their friends and they'd like to tell everybody that dignity equals pride equals power. Lesbian, lesbian and gay Catholic is not an oxymoron.

D Deborah Bell 31:36

Okay, and following behind them is the peace network. And that is a group of people that actively worked for peace in all aspects of life. And they were not in our official program, but I recognize some of the folks in that unit.

B Bruce Reeves 31:51

And they're not there. A lot of the people in that group are not gay either. They're straight friends,

D Deborah Bell 31:57

they Houston nonviolent alternative folks, which I think a few KPFT people are associated with and some folks over at the Unitarian Church. Well now following up behind down, I believe are the folks from Inklings, and they do have a truck with which has a the city of Houston skyline and features the freedom rings, and it says freedom, Marines,

B Bruce Reeves 32:23

or as Inklings is located at 1846. Richmond, I would recommend that you stopped by when you have a chance, following behind them as the garden party and you know, I got my invitation from the garden party yesterday and it came in this gold wrapped tissue and you pull it out and it's the scroll from ancient Egypt because of course, your theme is queens of the Nile and garden party will be coming up the last Sunday in July and it'll be riches. And what is that party?

D Deborah Bell 32:54

Bruce? What does that mean?

B Bruce Reeves 32:56

It's a major it's one of the probably the major drag events in town. It's a it's a fundraiser, it's a fundraiser.

D Deborah Bell 33:04

And actually there are some claims of denials or flow following which is an incredible float with a pyramid and palm trees and queens

B Bruce Reeves 33:17

Garden Party is just really an opportunity for everybody to kind of let their hair down and dress up so

D Deborah Bell 33:25

yes, there's feathers and glitter galore on that float. And yes, they're

B Bruce Reeves 33:32

waiting to be Egyptian masks can

D Deborah Bell 33:34

they're waving it is clear patch rock. There's

B Bruce Reeves 33:37

one thing about the thing though, is it's probably one of the more intelligent things Garden Parties for the city.

D Deborah Bell 33:46

Yet there's plenty

B Bruce Reeves 33:47

out here today. It's we usually have cast skies and threats of rain but it's just a beautiful day today with beautiful blue skies and I would dare say the temperature is pushing on dirt and the humidity must be close to that. Yes,

D Deborah Bell 34:00
all we have is heat today, which is bright. We have some very enthusiastic people coming up now.

B Bruce Reeves 34:07
So looks like the paper from Juliet's place would be

D Deborah Bell 34:12
and they're having a good time. They held many events for the community often raising money for battered and abused children and women and for the our brothers and sisters with AIDS. It's a women from all walks of life are coming out of the closet and showing pride in power and they go over Juliet's place where Nancy Ford performs on Thursday nights and they have open mic for other folks who are interested in in breaking into showbiz, so to speak, and

B Bruce Reeves 34:41
following behind them a little bit of a distance I guess but carrying their banner a friend is the National Weather association of Houston and they've been having a large convention in town this week. I think it started on Thursday. They've had several functions during Pride Week. I think Jack has talked about attending those And it's been a real kind of crazy week. But their mission is to dispel the stereotypes of the leather s&m and fetish communities and to promote the concept of safe, sane and consensual sex. And they're the largest chapter in the country with over 40 members.

D Deborah Bell 35:20
I think about half of the events of Lesbian Gay Pride Week for sponsored by the National leather Association. They were having all kinds of events. And I really always kind of wonder at these folks that can make it through this parade dressed in leather. And there's quite a few here, quite a large group of walking contingency.

B Bruce Reeves 35:44
Very large, it's they're still coming just as far as the eye can see.

D Deborah Bell 35:48
And of course, they have their own flag that has a variety of colors in it and a red heart in the corner. As far as the eye can see and leather, my goodness,

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Bruce Reeves 36:01

and one of the things that they had hoped to do, which I didn't see the horse, I guess as possible. It was out there.

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Deborah Bell 36:06

Here's Mr. Leather. I

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Bruce Reeves 36:08

think they hope to have a riderless horse to honor those who have gone before in the fight for health and rights. Okay, this

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Deborah Bell 36:14

is Mr. ripcord room. And my gosh, you know, you're not gonna believe what's coming up next. So we've got several more people from, from the leather community that are dressed are with their banners, representing what what, what office they hold, there, there's the Mistresses and masters of leather and there's Mr. Drummer, and he is a gulf coast drummer and Viva who's mistress of whether she works over at Julian's place. It was featured in the Houston press this week.

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Bruce Reeves 36:52

And then there's the Pacific street coming up the

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Deborah Bell 36:57

you know what a nice marker said she said that Viva was so hot that she could melt her thought.

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Bruce Reeves 37:03

But the Pacific street trolley holding the dancers and customers and their last quoting the last Gay Pride Week event at loading dock to immediately following the parade at Pacific Street.

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Deborah Bell 37:17

Does on their banner where real man something dance, still dance, real milldale dance and yeah, they're having a good time on that trolley. That's an idea for a parade, I tell you. And I think somebody's showing their booths there on that trolley. No wonder this crowd saw a fire. So I don't know. And got some more people walking along here. So you know,

B Bruce Reeves 37:50

this is the National Association, the leather the leather Association Austin chapter with Mr. And Mrs. Mr. And Mrs. Texas leather five. Got some very different rainbow flags with the pink triangle in a tail border. Very, very unique and falling right behind them is the Miller genuine draft track. And of course, Miller and Budweiser are the primary sponsors of Houston and the Lesbian Gay Pride Week this year. And we would like to thank them for their donation. Because without that money that it would be very

D Deborah Bell 38:27

hard to do all of them it

B Bruce Reeves 38:28

really is.

D Deborah Bell 38:30

We've got to realize that we have to get permits, and we have to rent stages and, and get equipment out and and it does take money and work and effort to make Lesbian Gay Pride Week possible and to make this parade possible. And it's a committee that forms every year bills, we'll have a wrap up to this year in July and then in September form the brand new committee for 1993. So if you want to be part of the Lesbian Gay community and get involved, that's a good place to do it because it brings the whole community together whatever organization you're involved in, whether you're conservative, or whether you're a member of the queer nation, or whatever your story is, there's an opportunity to be involved during Pride Week. Now it looks like we have every one of the 50 steps

B Bruce Reeves 39:19

as far as this is the ripcord and their flag contingent and they've got the 50 state flags as well as the American flag, the pride flag flag to the leather flag, the history to the flag, and any other flag they could come up with. Joining us on the stage right now we've got Jack valinski, another programmer and one of the co chairs from Hardwick Jack, would you like to say a word? Just half the game Friday. Happy Friday.

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Get back here. Happy Lesbian Gay Pride Week.

B Bruce Reeves 39:48

Okay. the rip cord connection is getting a large response from the crowd as they stop and saluted Mary's and California. It's just a lot of people up on On the roof at Mary's, it's gotta be awfully warm up there this time of day. I know it's awfully warm sitting down here in the shade.

D Deborah Bell 40:06

I think one thing is neat about this is that Houston has a lot of folks who are not native Houstonians, but do come from all 50 of the different states. And and so it's kind of nice to see a bit of home and that when they see this in the parade, that's right. There's some women out there, okay. I just don't

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think of women in the report very often.

B Bruce Reeves 40:29

But there's some out there. So that's great. Just goes to show that some of our bars made every bar different needs.

D Deborah Bell 40:36

Yeah, I didn't realize how many of the states had dark blue flags. And for some reason, I happen to think the Lone Star is the best. Also back then Mexico's flag. There, they're a bit different. And

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I don't know what those flags are.

B Bruce Reeves 40:54

Well, I think that's the silver cybers. Maybe find a word for it in Dallas. They're diverted to raising funds for the lesbian and gay community through performance, utilizing sabres, rifles and flags, they rehearse one to three times a week, and perform approximately once a month. And they're very excited about being in Houston. They've been in the Dallas bread for three years, and they're excited that Houston is their first step in their journey to expand statewide Well,

D Deborah Bell 41:21

luckily, they can be in both because Dallas does not have its parade at the same time we do timber, and their flags are black and silver and red, and they will be performing here on stage

timber, and their flags are black and silver and red and they will be performing here on stage after the parade.

B Bruce Reeves 41:37

Okay, and then we've got we've got a golden heart coming up, I guess maybe this is the gospel community Gospel Church. Maybe. It's like we've got a key part and Bruce, Deborah, yes, Jim, this

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is jim back into command central here. Why don't we take a short musical break before the top of the hour and all that nifty business? Okay, we'll

B Bruce Reeves 42:06

be back in just a few shorts.

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The donors began with a routine police raid on a homosexual bar, the Stonewall on Christopher Street in the heart of the West Village.

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I'm here to say some good things about Texas. I'm proud to be here. I know that I could not have heard Harvey Milk's challenge to me and not something in my life. This stage prepared me to hear the word of freedom that are spoken to us here tonight because it is time that all of us love this state that gave us life and has nurtured us and taught us our values to stand up and fight for freedom that justice and human reason backs away from the forces of now mindedness and bigotry that too often dominating politics in the state of Texas

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no no. That's okay.

B Bruce Reeves 44:58

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Okay, and we've had several groups go bio in their musical interlude. We've got Montrose Counseling Center, which provides education and individual and group counseling. And their theme of their float was power yourself. We'd like to remind you, you are listening to a cooperative production of all of the game lesbian shows here on KPFT 90.1 FM in Houston. We had the association of nurses in AIDS care and the energy people have just gone by and I believe this is the people from the game lesbian Hispanics you need those who had their bodily last night very successful with the exception of a minor bomb threat at the beginning of the production which the building that wasn't a real was just a it was just a threat.

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Deborah Bell 45:45

And they had a I guess a P, A Kenyatta,

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Bruce Reeves 45:50

a bull's head in their heart all empowered with pride as the organization Behala for is observing 500 years of Hispanic heritage from 1492 to 1992 in this country, so we'd like to congratulate them on a very successful bodily and a very successful Pride Parade entry today.

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Deborah Bell 46:10

And you if you are a gay and lesbian, Latino or Latino, that's a great organization for you to be involved with. And that's Marian Coleman and she's writing waving to us

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Bruce Reeves 46:21

Marion's with a Log Cabin Republicans and log cabins committed to working for gay and human rights within the Republican Party. Your main thrust has been to contact and acquaint ourselves with Republican candidates and elect precinct chairs. And their message is simply that we give a damn and we're doing something about it. They're proud to be part of the game lesbian community in Houston, and appreciate the friendly reception. They've been given by other groups including the Pride Week committee. Yeah, and

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Deborah Bell 46:48

I just saw Larry binaries. Larry is being honored this year as the founder of Lesbian Gay Pride Week in Houston.