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and the world that Kate discovers that the night would bar is somewhat reflective of that. And I think that it's important that our fiction continues to reflect the sheer diversity of us that were an incredible, marvelous coalition of color and dimension. And it's important that we hold that coalition together. It's a great thing to be a part of, it's a great time to be in. And I'm very glad, as Barbara GREER SAYS, there's the publisher at NIOD press. It's, I'm glad that we've lived to see this day Barbara and me, I don't want to, I'm talking like I'm 90 years old. But growing up in the 50s and 60s, what's happening today just seemed really quite inconceivable back in those days to walk into a bookstore, like in claims last night. I mean, what an inconceivable experience that was an email talk about, you know, seeing a roomful of beautiful women, you know, follow women from the community. And to know that, you know, we found each other and it's wonderful, it's beautiful, it's just it's an incredible hat it you know, we've got a lot of problems but it's a it's a very exhilarating time to be, you know, gay or lesbian person today.



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You've been listening to an interview with internationally popular lesbian author, Katherine Forrest on KPFT 90.1 FM. She was in Houston for a book signing at Inklings bookshop. And she was interviewed by pokey Anderson. That was on June 14, you can hear break through on Fridays 9am to noon on 90.1 FM. We're going to pretty soon and not too long from now go down to Westheimer Avenue and get a live update for the gay pride parade which is coming your way at 530. We're going to have a quick preview and update in just a few minutes. But first, we're going to hear some music. And this is a song that you will be definitely familiar with the title of it. In the still of the night. It's sung by Aaron Neville, the Neville Brothers. It comes from an album that is a tribute to Cole Porter, to benefit AIDS research and relief. It's a very great album with with lots of different artists like David Byrne, k.d. Lang, Tom Waits, Annie Lennox, just a real variety. You know, Cole Porter was born about 100 years ago, in Mid America, he was a student at Yale University and began writing songs determined to be a professional composer. At that time, American music was dominated by the musical theater. Records barely existed. They were of poor fidelity and movies were silent movies, composers strove for Broadway success and earn royalties from the sale of sheet music. In an era where

parlor pianos were as popular as television stereos today. By the late 20s, Porter emerged as one of the most important voices of a new American generation, celebrating the sophisticated pleasures of the modern age. Yet when the roaring 20s came to an end, America was faced with the hardship of the Great Depression, and political turmoil, which led to World War Two. Porter's personal life was complicated by having to hide his homosexuality to work professionally and later, from an accident that left him crippled and in great pain for the latter half of his life. In spite of these public and private hardships, Porter's music continued to uplift the public spirits without ever pandering to the lowest common denominator. Cole Porter's song in the still of the night. When ASCII and Phillips on 90.1, FM KPFT, Houston, it's about 13 minutes after five o'clock at 90.1 FM. And right now, we're gonna see what we can find out about what's going on. at Houston's very own gay and lesbian pride celebration, the gay pride parade gay and lesbian Pride Parade is getting ready to start and we're just about 15 minutes down Westheimer Avenue Kpf tees own Bruce Reeves, Deborah Bell, they're on hand live down new Mary's corner of Commonwealth and Westheimer to let us know what's going on B and D. Hi, Mel

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Bruce Reeves 04:40

and don't call us B and D. Okay.

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Okay, Bruce,

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Deborah Bell 04:46

it's okay. There's several 100 People already gathered here near where we're in the parking lot of the famous Mary's naturally and last night at Star night Not a one. They did. indicated that show to Jim farmer who was the proprietor of Mary's who had died recently. And so this broadcast goes out to him and all the other folks from our community that we've lost during this past year. The theme of the parade this year is take pride. And there are several people sporting the official t shirt. That's right, take pride, very colorful, and we're hoping to bring you some of the sights, sounds, excitements and color of what this parade is all about. About taking pride the theme of the parade itself is filled with music. So we're also going to get to hear more music today. We have we're on the reviewing stand, we have several people who are going to be judging the floats the various entries in the parade. We've got people in every kind of costume you can imagine already. And this is not even the parade yet. This is just the spectators. We've We've got your people who are into cowboy hats. We have people in their tank tops, we have roller skaters, we have muscle man, we have let people in leather. Most people are kind of dressing for the weather. They've got their drinks and coolers and they've got umbrellas and they're prepared to take care of themselves in this hot Houston sun.

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Bruce Reeves 06:19

We've got a lot of people down here but there's still lots of good places to come. See the parade firm. So if you're listening to us and you haven't decided whether you want to come on out or not it's not that hot out here. Come on out and find you a good spot. There's still plenty

out or not, it's not that not out here. Come on out and find you a good spot. There's still plenty of time for the break. Get started.



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Sounds good. We're gonna be checking back with you for updates. From time to time we've got an interview coming up with Cindy Freeman, she's going to talk with Houston attorney Clyde Williams, Claude Williams is with the Bar Association for human rights. And there are a recently formed organization of attorneys that well are going to do exactly what the name says that's pretty self explanatory the Bar Association for human rights.



Cindy Friedman 07:05

The Bar Association for Human Rights was formed in April 1991. For the purposes of providing a forum for lawyers to exchange ideas, and information of mutual concern. The organization is open to all lawyers, especially those who have often felt excluded by mainstream Bar Association's the Bar Association for human rights of Greater Houston is a newly formed organization in our community, and dedicated to becoming a positive force in not only the lives of the members of the legal community, but in the lives of the community as a whole. This is Cindy Friedman on KPFT. And my guest is Clyde Williams, a member of this new bar association for human rights. And welcome, Clyde.



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Thank you very much. And



Cindy Friedman 07:47

this sounds like a great and exciting group. There are many, many gay attorneys in Houston.



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I believe that there are and I think that there are a lot of attorneys with a lot of energy, a lot of positive energy. And I think they're wanting a place to put it. And the Bar Association. While it's a traditional Bar Association, in that it's really for attorneys, to help them network about their problems, and to help them with their continuing legal education. So they can better serve their clients. It's still I think, going to benefit the community.



Cindy Friedman 08:27

I know that the State Bar requires attorneys to have certain number of hours of continuing legal education. I also noticed in a special panel that the Bar Association sponsored last week on issues concerning alternative relationships, that an attorney could receive the CLE credit for that. And I'm curious how you arrange that to be sponsored or accredited?



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Well, any Bar Association, or any group of lawyers, I think technically could get together and have their, their continuing legal education certified through the State Bar Association in Austin, and that's what we did. The thing that was different and unique about this particular continuing legal education program was we made it available to the entire community. And we presented something that we thought would be of help to the community, mainly a program that dealt with things like when couples are getting together and when couples are splitting apart and things that come up like what happens to the children, etc. Those kinds of things. And we also dealt with some transgender problems. Like for example, when maybe a couple originally, is male and in the mail, and they're married, and then one of the partners decides that they want to change their sexual identity. And they go forward. To the extent they even have the operation. Are they still married? Issues? Right, those kinds of things really fascinating. And how are they recognized legally? And exactly? Some people tell them that they are not married. Well, the opinion of our panel was that they're still they're still married. Exactly. So what what we really hope to do, I think the, the spin off hope, if you're, you know, we put it that way, is that by being active, and doing the same kinds of things that other human rights type bar associations are doing around the country, that we can educate our legislators and have some changes that will help people who have alternative lifestyles, like we're co parents will be recognized in a situation where you have two individuals who conceive of a child and there's artificial insemination or whatever the circumstances of the birth are, when you know, after 10 years or so both people have raised, nurtured, supportive the child, and then there's a dissolution of the relationship. Well, we don't want to wait for the law to lag far behind those social problems.



Cindy Friedman 11:36

Are there other bar associations for human rights across the country in other cities or states?



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You bet you the bay, the Bay Area Bar Association has written us the think one in New York, one in Ohio, recently, I heard that one of the Bar Association's was being recognized within the within their state bar. And as a matter of fact, here in Houston, we are going to ask that a human rights section, be set up with the Houston Bar Association.



Cindy Friedman 12:17

It's really a step forward, because there are issues that affect the gay community that require them to need legal services and legal attention that perhaps a mainstream legal community is not used to addressing domestic partnerships being a big one, you betcha.



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We have a big educating job to do. And while there's a lot of discrimination toward people with

alternative lifestyles, I think once people really understand that these are loving, caring relationships, and I think then they have some frame of reference to be more supportive of the needs of the gay, lesbian transgender community.

 Cindy Friedman 13:04

And not everyone's legal needs are so well, you know, I'm just I'm just reminded of shows like Geraldo and Donahue where gays and lesbians go on and they have flamboyant issues to to discuss and to be on television. And for the average citizen who's living an alternative lifestyle. Their needs are perhaps not so flamboyant, but very important. And

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you're right. It's very perceptive, because they're, they're just, they're so traditional, you know, how is this child going to be taken care of in the best way? Considering the child's need, considering the CO parents needs? And things that are real basic, not flamboyant, as you

 Cindy Friedman 13:49

can in Texas? Can two individuals of the same sex be recognized in the domestic partnership?

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No, there's no statutory recognition of that, in fact, there save on the family. The family Kodak actually forbids marriage between two persons of the same sex. So they will not issue the under state will not issue a marriage license. So that sense no, absolutely not.

 Cindy Friedman 14:22

And we've heard stories the most well known one, of course, is about Sharon Kowalski, a woman who was who became terribly debilitated and the conflict between her lover and Sharon's parents. Are their powers of attorney that gay individuals can have written that will well sort of give those the the right the power of attorney to their partner.

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Yes. And that was one of the things that we of course, highly recommend is that partners come in, they make out their wheels, when they're in Good hail, and have powers of attorney which strictly which, you know, are used when people are sick or disabled to the extent they cannot function for themselves. You have your health care power of attorney, when, you know you want your partner to be able to make decisions about your health care, and you or you can have financial powers of attorney to conduct financial business, sell property, do things like

that, that's very important. And I would certainly recommend that, that partners do those things to protect their own property, and in the interest that their partner has acquired in their building their community together.

 Cindy Friedman 15:48

And so that leads to the point that if and if a partner of two partners have these powers of attorney created and wills written in all and then the partnership dissolves, is it difficult to have these powers of attorney nullified or is it like a divorce, legal divorce in that sense? Or is it easy to just again, go into an attorney's office and have it,

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they would, they would need to go back into an attorney's office and have a new power of attorney drafted or revoke that old power of attorney. And their wheels, of course, and it's not that difficult to do is not that difficult to do. It's not the in that instance, it's not like, you know, going through a divorce, in the sense of, you know, having to go into court, get a court date and do everything through the court procedure, you know, it can be done independent, independently,

 Cindy Friedman 16:46

I would guess that a very small part of the community is is doing this is taking the time to, to have legal protection of their property and estate, by their partner.

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I think that's I think it is a small portion. But I think it's growing. And that people are, are becoming much more aware that this is, you know, if it's a relationship that you're going to be involved in, you're going to be making commitments, then you want to kind of do all the things that are going to, you know, to help protect your interest,

 Cindy Friedman 17:22

something you touched on earlier, and this new bar association for human rights in Houston is apparently going to help the attorneys in Houston, stay abreast of almost record breaking issues each each year. Because we see conflicts in the mainstream media, for example, a couple in California, a lesbian couple, who, who broke up their partnership. And the partner who was not the natural mother of a child, but had been part of the caretaking and nurturing of the child wanted at least visitation. And the natural mother was denying her that and I don't know how that that whole issue was resolved?

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I think it was I'm not sure. But I think I recall it being resolved against the CO parent. That was not the natural mother. And the reason many of these decisions is that, that there is just no law, you know, in our statutes to support co parenting, in fact, golly, we need this. And very important,

 Cindy Friedman 18:30

many lesbian couples choose to for one of them to be impregnated through artificial insemination. So that that still there is always one natural mother, one biological mother. And yet, I guess there is no law that addresses the co parenting.

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No, there isn't. We need it. That's That's what I think the we definitely need somebody to present that and introduce it to the legislature.

 Cindy Friedman 18:59

Is it still difficult for for gay people, gay men and lesbians to adopt children in Texas?

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I think that it is, but I'm not that's not an area that I'm aware of. My understanding is that it is

 Cindy Friedman 19:14

yeah. So perhaps this is another issue that that exists. I think it's very exciting just as a citizen to know that attorneys are willing to gay attorneys to come together and not only address the needs in the in their legal community, but to stay real current with issues that are that are important to the gay community.

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Well, I would say overall, like the the attorneys that are in the association, I think most of them are involved in their own specialties or general practice. And that the issue the law, that the body of law that pertains to gay or transgender issues has really not been something that they've zeroed in on it Now, as members of this of the Human Rights Bar Association, we will be focusing on those laws, because we do want to keep abreast. So I think in turn all the lawyers will be, you know, focusing in more on that. And I think that I think it's exciting to the membership, they leave, you know, they seem really excited and enthused.

 Cindy Friedman 20:24

How many members are there now, in this baby organization as it is at the moment? Do you know, just just a rough estimate? Yeah. caught your



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eye should? Laura, you're here should have been prepared for that one. I think that it is probably about 25 actual members, a paid do members since April.



Cindy Friedman 20:50

So it's, it's growing and growing? Um, do you? Here's another another question to just really, really throw you off. What would you estimate just as an individual person, how many gay attorneys there are in houston and harris county? I mean, I feel like personally, I know, just dozens. And so I feel like it probably multiple multiplied multi fold. Beyond that. It's just a, the question just leads to,



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it seems like to me that the attorneys are pretty visible in the community. And I'm not sure what that



Cindy Friedman 21:35

says. And there are quite a few attorneys. Some of them I know personally, who are employed by some of the the big law firms who are not out at their jobs. And my question is, I'm wondering if they would be able to be involved in the Bar Association for human rights and still be able to keep the facade at their firms? In other words, they're not going to wear a big, you know, big A on their chest



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or some guy? Well, we hope the answer to that is yes, because some of our membership, do not want to be openly identified as gay if they even even if they are gay. And so we hope they can participate, whether they're in the closet or out of the closet are thinking about going in or coming out either way. We want them to feel comfortable, but be able to combine their efforts to help do what we're trying to accomplish. I know that we do have the vice president Chris bacon is with Vinson Elkins, and he is out. And that's just real refreshing to see someone being able to, to work to hit their own sexual identity, identity not challenged or negated in any kind of way. And working with him has just really been a positive experience. And that's great. I'm very happy to see that. At least one law firm, large law firm has has done this and is supporting him and his efforts in this organization.



Cindy Friedman 23:22

This is Cindy Friedman. You're listening to KDET Pacific radio and Houston 90.1 FM and my

This is Cindy Freedman. You're listening to KPFT Pacific radio and Houston 90.1 FM and my guest is Clyde Williams and attorney in Houston, who's a member of the newly formed Bar Association for human rights of Greater Houston. And this being Gay Pride Week, and all the special gay pride events occurring this weekend, Clyde, it just seems a wonderful step in a in a great direction for a bar association for human rights to be formed in Houston. And perhaps the next step is for all these individual Bar Associations for human rights that you mentioned earlier, to come together perhaps with some national forum and really create a strong voice.



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They do that last year there was a program in Atlanta. I'm not at think that there will be one somewhere this year. I'm not the we don't know where at this point in time. And we intend to have a CLE program in August in New Orleans and invite some of these bar associations to it to put our heads together. That's great. Just what you're talking about.



Cindy Friedman 24:33

That's great.



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Speaking of Cindy Friedman, Cindy Friedman speaking there with Claude Williams, we're gonna go straight to Cindy Friedman, or actually we're going to go directly to Cindy freedmen she's out at she's gonna be starting 90 Point ones coverage of gay and lesbian Pride Parade. And Cindy we've got Cindy on the line with us right now. Oh, what's the scene



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began it has begun Mary Helen. I'm standing next to a very loud Budweiser truck. But I'm at the corner of Dunlavy and Westheimer. This is where the parade originates. And it has officially begun. The honorary marshals and those first cars and floats are making their way down Westheimer. Towards the reviewing stand, where Bruce and Deborah are standing by, I had an opportunity to wander through the folks preparing for the parade today and all the various floats, and people are so excited to be out here. And hopefully the listeners can get what it feels like to be down here on Westheimer today, and it's not too late, you know, to dip on down. And you know, Mary Helen, you the floats are being presented by companies and businesses that are associated with the gay community. And there are church groups and individual groups. And I met some folks who are marching the parade today who are not even members of the gay and lesbian community, but they support and honor diversity and freedom and human rights. The Houston piece network and even the coalition to stop us intervention in the Middle East will be marching in the parade. And surprise me very much. Needless to say, there's an awful lot of joy out here, even though you know, everyone's in their colors, whatever colors. And it's also interesting, the rich cultural diversity of Houston. There's quite a few folks who live in the area, a lot of the newly arrived, a members of our Hispanic community are

having a great time observing us out here today. And our children are reveling in the fun. I'm really glad to see a lot of kids out here. And kids of all ages, shall I say that including the little bitty ones. Crying out to be a beautiful day for the parade today.



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It's starting a little bit later than usual. So hopefully, we'll be able to take advantage of the fact that the weather will be cooling down somewhat



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deliberately last last year, it was incredibly hot and parade was much earlier in the afternoon and well adjusted this year because that's what people asked for, you know, let us enjoy the parade and not pass out in



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the middle of Westheimer. I guess it helps the marchers as well.



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Oh, yeah. And you know, the brightness of the colors and the creativity that goes into any kind of parade. Yeah, one of the great things about Houston really is we're kind of a festival town. We have the International Festival and we have freedom festivals, and we always have parades and festivals that honored the various cultural areas of our town. You know, our cultural backgrounds and heritage isn't the Gay Pride Parade and Festival just one more and the rich, melting pot of Houston. And so it's it's so much fun to be out here for all kinds of people to support this important part of Houston community where you can hear them barking in the background, a parade of rainbow flags, passing by the economic theme is our pride makes us dance to the same music and I think the theme of the parade this year, Mary Helen is here the music.



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Well, we're certainly doing that today. We invite you to join Cindy. Join Bruce and Deborah or if you can't stay tuned to us here on KPFT 90.1 FM, we'll be with you with continuing live updates, music and interviews all surrounding 1990 ones gay and lesbian Pride Day and parade. We'll be with you till seven o'clock if you're tuning in for the regularly scheduled programming. So need already Pakistan or the Arabic hour. They will be back with you next week. So celebrate with us this week. 9091 Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade Houston's own heart song singing an old Union song step by step, but very applicable to today's proceedings. This you're listening to 90.1 FM coverage today of Houston's Lesbian Gay Pride parade. We're gonna go live to Bruce Reeves and Deborah Bell who are standing by out next to Mary's Lounge on Westheimer Avenue. Deborah Bruce, Bruce, Deborah.

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Deborah Bell 29:28

Hi, Mary. Thank you. Well, the excitement is building. There's what was formerly a few 100 People has now swelled to over 1000 I would say of the queer nation within the block that we can see. We I'm excited I'm having a little goosebumps because while ago the Houston mounted police were dancing their horses down the street. I don't know why I think the worst is where they have gay spirit. I think

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Bruce Reeves 29:57

everyone's in the gay and lesbian spirit world. Today, it's just it's really great out here. There's lots of people and lots of T shirts, I'm having a lot of fun just reading chest on people

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Deborah Bell 30:07

looking at people's reading them,

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Bruce Reeves 30:10

people are staring up the street now. So I'm not sure whether that means it's actually coming or whether we're still just looking for

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coming your way, we got an update from Cindy Freedman. She's at the very beginning of the parade. And she said it has begun Yes,

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Deborah Bell 30:23

I have a feeling that's going to get very noisy around us, because people are going to start cheering and we're going to try to tell you about each entry each float. Some of the organizations that are involved, I'd like to say that this broadcast is a special broadcast brought to you by the gay and lesbian programmers most of the gay and lesbian programmers at KPFT. And we're very glad that KPFT does do this every year. This is the second year I've been involved in it. Bruce and I both have been co chair of pride wiggly shared the the first year that the word lesbian was actually used in the title. And that's something that we're really proud of, because we have become a more inclusive community. And some things are happening. We've We've kind of we've been dealing with the AIDS crisis for over 10 years. And we're still we're going to be dealing with that as all of our society is. But we're also beginning to make strides in some other areas. And that's so important. As I've been listening to some of the things today, the people that are involved in recovery programs, the Bar Association, some of the culture in history of our community is so rich, and it is so diverse. And we thank you for joining us today. We're really happy to be taking pride and we hope you take pride. As Cindy said, not everyone here is a member of the gay and lesbian community, but they are people that support civil

rights for all of us. And they're making their stand today. There is still time to get down here. Westheimer is closed off but you can come down one of the side streets starts at Woodhead and Westheimer goes down Westheimer into the intersection of Montrose where it makes a quick right turn and come on nights in the star night 91 festival actually,

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Bruce Reeves 32:15

I think this year it's going on past Montrose, it's it's it's going down about four or five blocks on the other side of town.

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Deborah Bell 32:22

But most of the people that are watching being summoned to KPFT will will be going on down to spectators will be going on down to the festival. And if you haven't had a chance to come to the parade, maybe you can just go ahead and listen to us now. But come on over to the festival later. It's an exciting thing to be a part of, because it's really visible in in the most outstanding way a community that has every right to be taking pride in itself and is doing so today and some of the most spectacular of ways.

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Bruce Reeves 32:57

And there's nothing really like the excitement if you've never been to a big parade or a big festival where there's just gay and lesbian people everywhere you look. There's nothing like the excitement that that that brings. No the first time for me I was I went to Los Angeles to a pride parade one year and with 300,000 people screaming and hollering all around and it was just wonderful. But even the two or three blocks of Montrose and Westheimer right here in this area will give you that same feeling. It's there's nothing comparable to it. And I just can't express how proud it makes me just say all these people out here today,

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Deborah Bell 33:31

it seems like there's a few more spectators than in the last three or four years. I have a sense that maybe more people are coming out and being able to take part I'm hearing some yelling must be asked to come in. We are having some of the mounted police who are here today. And they're they're going down the street. We've had people on skates and on bicycles that were going up and down the way. And yes, I think you're getting ready as people will be approaching the curb and coming around in front of the tower theater. And then right here we're next to Mary's naturally. And we'll be telling you more about well, the parade I think always starts off with the color guard.


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Bruce Reeves 34:16


I think it does. Yeah. And usually that's

 Deborah Bell 34:19

very flag of every state in the United States and of course that international rainbow flag which is flying on several of the lampposts along Westheimer. That of course is the official flag internationally for the gay and lesbian community. We are on the reviewing stand with an outstanding panel of community leaders including Councilmember George Prineas and Googler Jane Cherry. They're all here to review the floats who knew the entries and those will be announced later at the festival. We have a number of members here of the Houston gay and lesbian deaf community hearing impaired people and they are several interpreters around. And there are people, they have an interpreter over at the festival for the activities there. So it's nice to know that more effort is being made to outreach to

 Bruce Reeves 35:14


newcomers the patrol car. Right behind

 Deborah Bell 35:17

the red and whites are flashing. I'm seeing some fluttering of flags very edge of them. So, and you're starting to hear the screams and whistles, because the excitement is just tremendous. It's definitely in the air. What I like to think of as our gay spirit. And folks are, you know, craning their necks trying to see yes, you're hearing the first notes of the band. And they're, uh, yeah, the motorcycles there's they're making circles. I don't think that's a police officer doing that to you, Bruce. Now these are definitely some of the Lancer a motorcycle club, Color Guard, beginning their demonstration of some of their motorcycle proud.

 Bruce Reeves 36:07

That's right now Lancers is a motorcycle club that was originally started in New Orleans in 1977 and has since moved to Houston only to venture in and they helped to promote the respectability of recreational and competitive motorcycling in the state of Texas and where possible throughout the United States and

 Deborah Bell 36:24

they're roaring up and down and turning circles and putting on quite a display. God, yes.

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Well, we'll be Deborah and Bruce will be checking back with you for an update in just a few minutes. We're gonna go quickly to some music, and we'll be back with more of Houston's 1991 lesbian gay pride parades. We're back live at Houston's 9091 Gay Lesbian Pride Parade. Deborah Bruce.

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Bruce Reeves 36:57

T gra the Texas gay Rodeo Association. The flag Color Guard is passing in front of us now the Texas flag is just dipped to the American flag and the banner of the parade as well. So you're well on our way. Here comes our first car.

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Deborah Bell 37:13

Well, the first car is the co chair, Jack Valinski and Carol Clark, the 1991 co chairs I think they finally got a hold of a car. Jack's waving and he's back. Jack has just done a tremendous amount of work as he has every year for gay and lesbian Pride Week. But this year he's particularly worked hard as co chair and I don't think this community realizes just how much Jack Valinski does for the community and he has stepped in and taken charge where some other people have not been able to meet some of their duties. We have the parade co chairs coming up. Jazz and

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Bruce Reeves 37:55

Sterling. Yes. And the other name on that side. I can't read it.

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Deborah Bell 37:59

They've got records in their hands, which their fan named James look Q and jazz pass. I love that name. And of course their brain music parade. They're the ones that have put this whole event today together. This is the culmination of a whole 10 days of activities that have made up Pride Week 1991. Our next convertible is Secretary Brad bellows, Brad villas and the public relations Bob Alden. Leader raising fundraising chair swing Raven, and him dimmer. And I believe Brian Keefer also worked on fundraising for gay and lesbian Pride Week and so they're they're coming in, they're convertibles. And like I said they have record albums that they're fanning themselves with as part of the fill the music theme of this particular parade.



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So they don't have any Unix fanning them with Paul.

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Deborah Bell 38:59

A few of those around but I haven't seen haven't seen one yet. Yes, yes, here. Here comes Brian.

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Bruce Reeves 39:06

Treasurer Jim Glenroy. And of course marketing buying Keever and Bobby Miller. Okay.

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Deborah Bell 39:13

And they're in red Luberon. I know Brian Ustica trout, and coming up are the grand marshals of the 1991 parade. Linda Morales, Jack Jackson and Jean Harrington. These are all people who have been very involved in the community in past years, and are being honored today for things that they have done. First of all, is Jack Jackson, who said at a very early age that he learned that he is his brother's keeper since I had an older brother who was retarded an epileptic this has stood me in good stead to think beyond myself and my needs. Jack has worked with many groups in the community including citizens for human equality, Houston, gay lesbian Political Caucus, the gay and lesbian switchboard and the Montrose counseling Center. He says I count my blessings to walk with equanimity with all groups and organizations to try to fill whatever needs arise. If I cannot do it physically, I will do it mom monetarily, to the best of my ability. My simple credo is everyone needs love, always a hug and sometimes a bowl of soup. I have all three in abundance. And Linda Morales wearing our chart trues take pride for the lead plaintiff and the famous 21 Zero sickness I love to call her mo yo Mo. She's waving back. Linda's led his challenge to overturn section 21 06. The homosexual conduct law of the Texas Penal Code says mirallas political activism must be a state of mind all the time when one lives in a world of discrimination that day racism sexism and homophobia and my work will be completed. She was born in Uvalde, Texas and is a media specialist by profession. She has been involved in a number of organizations including Texas now was a founder of Amiga, and is currently serving as president of game with not gay and lesbian is the Mexican American Democrats of Houston. Jane Harrington is also a grand marshal this year who was born in New York City and was educated at the University of California at Berkeley Columbia University and Yale Law School. After serving in the Peace Corps, he worked with the United Farmworkers in the American Civil Rights Movement. Jane was a trustee of the Texas Human Rights Foundation at the time of the federal challenge of 21 06. He was appointed to the legislative Task Force on AIDS and was instrumental in their policy recommendations for funding and non discrimination. Jean organized the AIDS equity League and worked hard on improving the legal condition of people with AIDS.

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Bruce Reeves 41:50

And now coming up we've got the honorary grand marshals first we've got lady victoria lost. She was born in a small town in Northwest Arkansas in 1949. He says he learned at a very early age that he enjoyed playing dress up in his grandmother's old Victorian cats in his mother's Friday process. And he's got a beautiful red one on the day and a lovely black bola coming up right behind him is Katie Cowell. Katie is currently the Harris County Treasurer and has been active in Democratic Party politics for many years. She's involved with the AIDS trouble fund, it says is an advisory committee. Great to have everyone out with us. Yes.

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Deborah Bell 42:28

Very enthusiastic crowd here. Two corporate sponsors are Budweiser and Miller beer companies and they have their units. The miller unit is a looks like a huge six pack. Going right down Westheimer. And there it is. There's a Budweiser entry isn't cheap, and it's called a cold patrol because that's what's on a lot of people's minds today is keeping cool. We do have a bit of a breeze. We have a dark cloud behind us but I think it's just going to be there to cool things off. I don't think we have to worry about it getting us let



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go and may call you off a little more than you



Bruce Reeves 43:05

were when undercover



Deborah Bell 43:07

rain really did make the evening nice for the star night 91 festival and Teresa Monet and Nancy for where they're putting on an incredible show the Montrose singers performed heart song, and there's community foods organizations there. It's really a neat thing that we do in our community. And that goes on tonight again,



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it's a fire truck with Budweiser. Wow, a



Bruce Reeves 43:34

fire truck was your fire department.



Deborah Bell 43:37

I say that's what that's all a bad thing. This is a tricky one. I think this is actually Rich's entry this year. I have a sneaky suspicion. There are a number of people mounted on this. Your new updated version. It's the old very old I would say about 1940s model car truck. And there's some really lovely human beings on this trip. They're handing out posters. And so some of the people from the crowd are going up there's some lovely feathers and some Oh girl Bird did you get that? Oh my and one impersonation. I just realized that this is a person doing a Janis Joplin impersonation




Bruce Reeves 44:26


attracts polar bear. We're not gonna have any shortage at the festival. There is a Bud Light Truck and it's done anything John, and here comes a whole mob of riches, riches, international flags, yes. Rainbow flying





Deborah Bell 44:40


boat flags, there are record albums. They're going to be pumping up some music riches is a disco that is a mixed clientele but does some really great shows and has some great dance space. And they say our pride makes us all dance to this thing. Music. And they plug features a large record album, and then streaming behind it. Or I would say blues about, I don't know, 12 to 15 feet long of different colors of the rainbow spectrum. And they have several people dancing along with it. Yes, it is. It's


 **Bruce Reeves** 45:20
very lovely and rainbow umbrellas


 **Deborah Bell** 45:23
actually handing out record albums. So that's a popular thing. Why

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don't you get a few for KPFT goes over here,

 **Deborah Bell** 45:31
we're set back a little bit

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are most of the floats you're seeing? Are they professional floats or this is

 **Deborah Bell** 45:36
like a very professionally done number. But also some of the plugs that are done just by organizations and folks that don't normally do floats are just as professional because that's kind of the spirit. Next is the United cab and trade United cab says thank you for your Patronus and their phone number is 6990000. And they enter every year in the gay lesbian Pride Parade. And next time you maybe have had a little bit too much at one of your local bars you'll want to call a cab company and you might remember that united cab is one of that supports the community 699

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Even gay and lesbian people take care of That's right.

 **Bruce Reeves** 46:18



Deborah Bell 46:19

And it's important that we do so sometimes. Coming up next.



Bruce Reeves 46:26

It's like Charlie's restaurant. It's a wonderful coffee house here in downtown Montreal. Stay away from the coffee.



Deborah Bell 46:33

Yes, the impact they have on a truck replicated some of the booths from Charlie's, which has become a local watering. Oh, well. Formerly the boobie rock bed down on it went from the movie rock to a community coffee house and bar. And a lot



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of us do miss the movie, right? Yes, I'm



Deborah Bell 46:57

sure you do very well. And it's open 24 hours. And if you ever, you know there's several people from our community waving to us we know. It's like sometimes if I want to get a hold of Ray, I know I can go over to Charlie's



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his office. Yes, yes, Ray Hills off



Deborah Bell 47:13

Charlie's but it is great. And they are a community establishment and they do support the patronage of folks from our community. Deborah



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And Bruce, we're gonna be right back with you in a minute. We're gonna go for some station identification. And we'll be back for a review and a further update in just a minute there moving along.