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90.1 FM KPFT Houston live coverage of the gay and lesbian Pride Parade 1991. standing by with us live at the corner of Westheimer and Commonwealth we have Bruce Reeves and Deborah Bell KPFT programmers and our parade commentary for the day Bruce Deborah.



Deborah Bell 00:24

Well, the Northern Lights alternative passed by their lovely white outfits. They had hats and parasols, and they did a little dance performance.



Bruce Reeves 00:33

EJC Jay Z aids mastery workshop also passed by we just had rainbow de kaun go



Deborah Bell 00:39

by he's he's the Little Mermaid today. A wonderful



Bruce Reeves 00:43

green LeMay mermaid costume. Yeah, he's being pushed by a banana. Yeah, no, it's



Deborah Bell 00:48

quite. Cindy Friedman's just made it from the front of the parade. Down here with us. Hi,



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I just came up the parade. And marching with the AIDS Foundation, Houston, which will be up here in a minute, I just wanted to share with the listeners that there's some parts of Westheimer, where people are like eight, nine and 10 rows deep all the way down the street.



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Any estimates of crowd size maybe we could talk to some of the Houston police officers that are on the scene and they're in find out what their estimates are the crowd



Deborah Bell 01:17

right here next to us. But I would say if this block alone is in the indication, there has to be at least 10,000 people out today. Very hellish.



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It'd be interesting to hear tonight. And Deborah too, because like channel 11 is down here filming and to see what the while the other media say was the number of participants out here today?



Deborah Bell 01:37

Yes, we have probably what is going to be one of the most well received entries because I and it's almost hard to even mention, talk about this without tears flow into my eyes because it's the names project. And Bruce, you've worked a lot with the next project. Yes, I



Bruce Reeves 01:52

have Deborah. It's a really wonderful organization. And of course, the quilt is growing and growing continuously. And they're hoping in April, I believe, from 1992 to be able to display the entire quilt in Washington and I would guess it would cover the entire Washington mile from the Capitol covered. So



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one thing we wish would not grow.



Deborah Bell 02:13

Yes. But it is such a wonderful Memorial. It's it it is sometimes it's one of the things that this community has done that has brought together people to help people grade their losses. And it

community has done that has brought together people to help people grieve their losses. And it was certainly an organization worthy of our support. And it also has created art a unique art form. And we

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Bruce Reeves 02:38

have a float right now with Pete Martinez is always sitting behind his sewing machine

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Deborah Bell 02:43

Michigan, he was on a float with his his sewing machine and a quilt

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Bruce Reeves 02:47

wrapped around Washington Monument. And they're shaking

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Deborah Bell 02:51

out sequins and glitter. And of course the crowd is very much

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Bruce Reeves 02:57

on journey and

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Deborah Bell 02:59

and they have people small quilt panel that they've made that says take pride.



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The first of the parade is now passing in front of the KPFT studios on Lovett Boulevard. So it's definitely working its way home to Mothers Bar on

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Deborah Bell 03:16

love. And on this float it says back to DC and 92. So Houston, of course, recently did display the southwestern region portion of the quilt. And during Pride Week this year, they've given folks a chance to make panels for their loved ones. And like I say it's certainly part of our community that I'm extremely proud of and that I have quite a few friends remembered in that quilt. And you know, it means a lot to me and I have obviously two other people. David Varela, who is one of the volunteers there, I see him shaking those sequins out.

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Bruce Reeves 03:59

Of course, the parade is just one of the many events that happened during Pride Week. And of course, it's the culmination and will after the parade tonight ends with star 990 in the quick copy parking lot, but

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Deborah Bell 04:09

I just realized that's a replica of supposed to be a replica of the Washington Monument. That's what that's all about there. They're making a statement about going back to Washington for the quilt display.

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Well, there's an aerial sign flying overhead that says Jr salutes AIDS Foundation Houston walk, that's a fundraising walk for

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Bruce Reeves 04:30

yes. We now have a truck representing the lesbians over age 50 or low.

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Deborah Bell 04:37

Call them Johanna and Arden and Ruth and Dan and several other wonderful women all over the age of 50 are waving to us. They have on their purple shirts. They're in a little black pickup truck and they're waving. It's a very exciting organization that we have in our community. I think they've been going on for about three or four years now.

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Bruce Reeves 05:05

Aids Foundation, Houston is coming up. They've got a big banner. They've got a big several flags and from all walks of life, benefiting AIDS Foundation Houston on November 3 1991. So I guess that's the AIDS Walk. Yeah, that's right.

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Deborah Bell 05:25

Yes. And they, of course have banners that show some of the services that are provided by the AIDS Foundation, Houston, such as speakers, education intake. If you're an HIV positive person, and you want to get some assistance and find out what community resources are available to you, maybe you need a buddy AIDS Foundation Houston supplies that one of the things that will change, yes, the hospital team, there are folks that actually go out and visit with other folks who are in the hospital, and are there for them to help them get back home and maybe take Bart luxr, who is an outstanding member of the community, and who does the safe sex

workshops, of course, he's also gorgeous to look at. I know that's right. Yeah. And all these folks who are waiving stung soup, which provides food for those people who are HIV positive or with AIDS and who need some assistance in making sure they have proper nutrition, very important aspect. People here AIDS Foundation, and they may not realize what all is involved, call them up. You can call them up and I wish I probably we do have the number here who knows let's



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make it a little six, two,



Deborah Bell 06:40

or 6212278. Call the AIDS Foundation Houston and volunteer because that's a place that they really need you. And next. This is moving so the Higgs on fire and refer to our notes to tell you



Bruce Reeves 06:59

this is frightening. Yes.



Deborah Bell 07:02

How do we describe this as it's hollow we'll



Bruce Reeves 07:06

have wonderful wigs on wonderful.



Deborah Bell 07:11

These are men with wigs on their head and then they have poles with wigs on the poles. And then they have a vehicle that has a large face with some kind of Hera tire. wigs on fire. We enjoy wearing wigs. They say last year we raised \$2,865 for the assistance fund. We have raised donations for stone soup and for the last four years and will again this year we they have banners and their message wigs on fire is coming October 19. And it's called Mare



Bruce Reeves 07:47

ohm wig Street. Yes, be there.



Deborah Bell 07:53

Whatever blows your hair back, and this group certainly is one that can do it. wigs on fire. Yeah,

that's a fundraising event. They usually I understand have a party around Halloween time. And they have I think their patron saint is St. Eva

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Bruce Reeves 08:11

results using the wick burning system. Yes,

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Deborah Bell 08:15

yes, you can. And now this is the Montrose Counseling Center and Robeson Barbara Becker Betula Angela pass already. Some of the other fine folks that work over there are marching. Hi, Anita. Five to

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Bruce Reeves 08:31

90037 is their phone number. And they're all marching in bed short

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Deborah Bell 08:38

number of services of counseling and mental health for the gay and lesbian community. They fit your one on one counseling, they also have support groups. They deal with HIV issues. They have a women's program, a women's network on men's network that meet every week. And they also have one of the finest alcohol programs that they actually get funding from the state of Texas to conduct because that is a very important thing. And I think they're going to about their 15th year now. They started the same time the first gay and lesbian Pride Parade existed. The town meeting, one that we talked about. The Counseling Center was one of the organizations that came from that event. To go back to her and go back to Mary Helena. Oh, Cindy says let's go back to Mary Helen because we have a little bit of a gap here but make it quick. Well, it's moving. We'll



09:33

go to some music here on 90.1 FM KPFT Houston, you're listening to live coverage of 1991 Gay Lesbian Pride Parade



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we're gonna go back out to 1991 Gay Lesbian pride parade with Bruce Deborah and Cindy.

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Bruce Reeves 09:56

Hi, Mary Helen we had sober and free came by a few minutes ago. They made all over town and, of course, they said they didn't die. They didn't move to California they just got sober and

they had a party on the wagon float which was really nice had a lot of people in their parade unit

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Deborah Bell 10:12

and then ride productions. Gina Bolin and woman productions who helped with benefits for such as omega house AIDS Foundation, and others there. They're just here to help as much as they can and to give the gay community the best they can onstage and off says look, we love you keep on keeping on from right and woman productions. And the whip is not coming down and stuff up top that's coming down because of the throttle nature for the low star Symphonic

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Bruce Reeves 10:42

Band.

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Deborah Bell 10:44

And here's a here's a music they've got a color guard featuring the Texas flag, the United States flag, the pink triangle flag, the International rainbow flag. You can hear the music this this ban is really something they actually went to Baltimore this year. I think they went up to the Gay Games and Canada. They've been really busy. And they they put on a fun show last night it's dark night 91. If you play an instrument, maybe you haven't done it since high school, but you kind of miss it. There's a place for you in the Lone Star Symphonic Band, and they meet throughout the year, they rehearse on Monday nights from 730 to 10. And they want instrumentalists and a willingness to contribute to the community. They do concerts, benefits parades, and they are a social outlet for gay and lesbian musicians. In September, they will be the host of the lesbian and gay Bands of America conference and a mass concert as a word them theater. So that's something right now. They're 25 members strong and they do welcome more folks. And if I can, I'm going to find a phone number here. 5220181

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Bruce Reeves 12:01

Their next group is a group of people from dignity, Houston dignity. So a little bit about that Britain gay and lesbian Catholics and their friends. And it's like they've got about 10 or 15 people out here and T shirts scaffolder and a hat and George Wetzels and Mike Hopkins are wonderful people out there waving back at us so it's there's organizations in town for everyone have every religious and or no religious game

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Deborah Bell 12:28

as people have been felt disenfranchised for whatever religious area they were brought up in. And these are some folks that said we have a right to practice what we believe in religiously, and there is a place to do that dignity, Houston, all of these places are all the organizations that we refer to, you can find out more about through calling the gay and lesbian switchboard and I think fear entry will be coming up fairly soon. But when we give that number out, you might

want to remember it because if you want to know about what's going on in the community, or what organizations are available, they are certainly the folks that can tell you another group that is the religious nature is the Metropolitan Community Church of the resurrection. And Bruce, I know that they're a fairly large, large congregation. They are in the process of trying to raise money for a new building and the church house, I think that's where the band rehearses, and I know they have many other events.

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Bruce Reeves 13:35

They have services on Sundays at 10:45am and 1715 pm and Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm. They're located at 9019 Decatur Street, and they have 36 different ministries.

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Deborah Bell 13:51

Yes, they're right they've been having a revival during Pride Week. And they they do they say God loves all of us and that's the Reverend Carolyn Mobley wonderful, wonderful member of our community. The Reverend John Gill is also on in this is in the convertible with a there was a walking contingent now there's a convertible and now there's the float. And on the float is featured a beautiful stained glass window,

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Bruce Reeves 14:22

an arch and a pipe organ. And I think that maybe some

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Deborah Bell 14:25

members of the choir, you know, we used to say that it's kind of a code in the gay lesbian community. We see somebody and we'd say, Oh, I think you're a member of the choir. We didn't mean the MCC jaquar We met a member of the gay lesbian community. They're waving it says Phil, God's music Keeping with the theme, fill the music for this parade and they have other members of the congregation marching behind with their striking up a humble.

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Bruce Reeves 14:54

That's right. They've got all kinds of signs feel the music I have a couples club, and several others and

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Deborah Bell 15:04

the walking members are carrying musical notes, as are their fines or musical notes.




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I just wanted to add that, you know, there's so many religious groups are marching in the parade today, and the major religions in America are all sort of facing the issue of homosexuality in their national meetings this summer. And it's a, it's great to see the diversity out here and through and

 Deborah Bell 15:28


this is great, because there's a woman who uses a wheelchair and she's in the back of a pickup truck. And it says empowerment for living. And that's another issue that I'm afraid we haven't dealt with, as well as we should in our community, the differently abled, and here they are, there is like, yes. And Michelle, who was the person riding in that truck has actually had a court case to get Metro, the Metro lift to me, you know, sometimes it takes someone making an effort like that to make some differences. So we're very proud. And they also say, fight racism. I can't read all that. Well, that's

 Bruce Reeves 16:09


another great that's not marching in the parade today, but it's also very active in in Houston is American gay atheist, and they've been in many of our parades before. So, again, no matter what your beliefs, you know, whether you believe in God or not, there's a group in town somewhere that fits your needs. Yeah, and there

 Deborah Bell 16:26

are a number of churches that do apply to the gay and lesbian community and I know that in the voice every week they feature that

 Bruce Reeves 16:36


we've got lots of foreign flights going by in front of us here. What is this? I guess this maybe is the Montrose mining company. They usually do have a flag group. Perhaps it's

 Deborah Bell 16:46

they have several nations represented I can recognize Canada and Great Britain flags. I think that's the Swedish flag. Mexico, Cindy says you more internationally recognized Japan

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can't see anymore.

 Deborah Bell 17:06

That reminds us, again, that we are indeed everywhere we are in the international community.
And that

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Bruce Reeves 17:13

now it looks like we've got the rice scan lesbian

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Deborah Bell 17:17

galer gay and lesbian serve rice. Rice University. Yes. Nice article that was in the press this week, several articles dealing with gay and lesbian Pride Week and the young man, one that's active and galer was featured among others. And he talked about his experience of His coming out to his parents and his parents saying, well, we're not going to pay for college anymore for you. And he says, okay, and he says, I'm not gonna live a lie. I'm gonna live my life as an openly gay person and he's gone. He's still at Rice and he's still going to college. He's just having to work a little harder comes

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Bruce Reeves 17:54

the Montrose mining with their cherry. Yes, man with hard hats and international flag playing loud music, American and Texas flags and

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Deborah Bell 18:06

of course the Montrose mining. drinking establishments in town. Their their little construction equipment here is very loud. Very nice. Guys are dancing and it kind of matchmakers in which people these outfits I don't know why. Yeah, they're bopping right along and coming up right behind the monitors activity is power one day RV. You know, I used to data DJ back in my straight days straight when RBE was supported the hip underground station, of course their entry here's a huge radio and it's very loud. You probably can't hear a KPFT for the sizes and loudness of this thing is where most often Of course, they are not playing KPMG I think. So, ignore those people. But it's nice to note that there are other folks besides KPFT supporting and we have Dolly. What is Dolly?

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Bruce Reeves 19:19

I don't know but Simon Says baby I'm burnin rallies writing in a white carriage she's wearing a white with a

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Deborah Bell 19:28

black lace sleeves I started to impersonate Miss Dolly Parton since 1971. Every chance I can. She plans to attend the she attended baalei last night and have only the same musical notes



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that she raises funds.



Deborah Bell 19:48

Cover baby I'm burning along with the musical notes there will be features of person figures of person.



Bruce Reeves 19:53

Now we have the gay and lesbian switchboard in our very on



Deborah Bell 19:56

Jimmy Carter Jimmy did an excellent taping earlier about some of the experiences of people in the Houston area during 1969. During the stalwart Stonewall time, K Harper is marching there's puppy puppies wavy across the way. The Gay and Lesbian switchboard does provide services to the gay and lesbian community and I indeed have a line for those people who are hearing impaired. They're celebrating their 10th anniversary later this year. volunteer training is offered several times, please call 5293211 about how to volunteer for the switchboard they need you



Bruce Reeves 20:38

and the unifying anything going on in the community. Yes.



Deborah Bell 20:41

And the unit is a walking group of switchboard volunteers. His message is we're here when you need us. And if you do need them and or want to know about any of these other community organizations, please call 5293211 and



Bruce Reeves 20:59

we've got another coming up. Rose is kind



Deborah Bell 21:02


of craning his neck now down the way this sometimes moves so good and keep up with everything. We do have a very ominous black clouds moving in over us with just cooling things off wonderfully but we just hope it doesn't pull us off too much by getting us wet.

B Bruce Reeves 21:19
The Garden Party is held every year. It's a must attend visit. Yes.

D Deborah Bell 21:27
Yes, yes, we have a right to be held at the multisurface center. They first started in 1974 This is an incredible blue unicorn certainly a fantasy flood it has many butterflies, Judy's unicorn and lovely people dressed and you know, that is really great. At least people have wings, they have leather know how to do fine. They have hearts. Who's

B Bruce Reeves 21:54
the man on the back with that with?

D Deborah Bell 21:56
Oh, well, he's got a stick. So lovely fantasy creation, and the garden already diverting a lot of things and they have raised over \$26,000 In the last three years. Titania Queen of the fairies and Oberon king of the fairies are led into the garden by mythical dragon guided by a large butterfly fly Fairy and the garden the royalty are serenaded by the fairies, you will see a mermaid a centaur Bakos a Trolls and other musical fairies. And you can see any garden party member for information we've got.

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Jimmy Clark is marching with the Houston nonviolent action. They're just fine. One of the groups I was talking about earlier, Bruce and and Deborah that support freedom and human rights. They're not necessarily in the middle of the gay community, but they support us anyway.

D Deborah Bell 22:53
Yes. And well. Of course, certainly some members that are gay and lesbian that are a part of that group, because we are an angry, gentle people. That's the whole in your songs,

B Bruce Reeves 23:03
Houston peace now.

D Deborah Bell 23:04

They have I think, for several years now been part of this parade with their walking group. And Casey Davis is an organizer in the Houston peace network and part of our community. And they do a lot of this is a local peace and justice effort. And

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Bruce Reeves 23:24

right now it looks like we've got your Osage is driving down here where they've got a BMW convertible carrying the driver, the passenger and Mr. Sage.

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Deborah Bell 23:37

Chanda, your Osage provides

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Bruce Reeves 23:40

a wonderful pair of shorts. Yes. It's all pink

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Deborah Bell 23:43

shorts, and he's getting lots of attention. Yes, very nice. And we're waiting for the next float to come along. I think if our order is correct, that this will be in fact an invasion by guests. Bruce, drag queens.

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Bruce Reeves 24:04

Drag queens from outer space is currently playing the Khumba theater they're playing every Friday and Saturday evening. The other night right? Through the 21st of June. It's a very wonderful production. It has three men dealing with problems of being gay and being drag queens so we're



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waiting for that. Next one.

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Deborah Bell 24:28

They are here they are. Now this is Dream cat's dream cats is another production company that provides programs of interest to the gay and lesbian community has a number of people that are gay or lesbian who are performers or production assistants in that and if I can, if I can find the right order here of entries, I can perhaps tell you more. They have interesting hats on with stars and moons and things like

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Bruce Reeves 24:58

things are backing up So let's go back to you for a few minutes. Mary Helen and we'll be back shortly.



25:03

Okay, we were. We're joined at KPFT studios here at the very end of the parade route by Sharon pa there Mary



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Helen I shared



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just came off the parade room all sweaty. And Sharon is a member of Kp FTS board, and a man of volunteer around the station and intrepid Walker today, I just wanted to share



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something that I saw out on the route I was the water woman for the Montrose span, otherwise known as one source of symphonic band now. And one of the greatest sites to see was Andy Mills who used to conduct the Montrose fan was standing out in front of mirrors, just you know, doing twists and turns and jumps and hoops, and it was a big reunion because I don't think he's been here in a while and it was just fabulous to see him.



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Well, it's good to see you and thanks for stopping by. to visit with us this afternoon. You're listening to 1991 Gay Lesbian Pride Parade here on 90.1 KPFT Houston. The revolution is just a t shirt away right waiting for the Great Leap Forward. That's Billy Bragg on 90.1 FM. You're listening to Kpf TS continuing live coverage of 1991 Gay Lesbian Pride Parade. We're gonna go back out to the parade site with Bruce Reeves and Deborah Bell.

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Deborah Bell 26:28

Well, the Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus just passed by us and riding in the convertible was our very own State Representative Glen Maxey, the first openly gay candidate that was elected this year in the special elected he serves the Austin Travis County area. And it's great to have him here with us today Pat Gandy who serves on the board of the G RPC, and

they their float was a huge piano that says on key GL PC, and of course you can call the gay and lesbian Political Caucus at 6506020. Find out more information. Nope, that's not the right number. I'm sorry. I don't see this find the right number behind them

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Bruce Reeves 27:14

was the Houston Coalition to Stop US intervention and the AIDS equity League. Then they had a wonderful sign that said we won't dance to other people's music.

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Deborah Bell 27:26

Yeah, and it's kind of hard to tell you what all was involved with that group. But it certainly is a community group that has done so much is probably one of the better nouns organization. The Bacchus float is going by, that's a local establishment of mostly catering to lesbians in our community. They moved recently. So there's a new location. They're right behind Charlie's over a rock crest just off Westheimer. Here, Sharon Stone and her a lambda program. They're now over at Stafford Meadows. And they have a special inhospital program that helps people in the gay and lesbian community with drug and alcohol addiction and HIV issues. They were featured on after hours last night. And coming up. Oh gosh, this is getting such a response. A nice Parker. Nice is running for city council this year for district C and that, of course is the district that the Montrose is included in and she's got some red roses, over a dozen red roses, she's waving enthusiastically to the crowd and the crowd is definitely waving enthusiastically back. Nice is a former president of the gay lesbian Political Caucus, and is an outstanding candidate for our community or for the entire community at the city of Houston. And she had a wonderful arc article in the Houston press this week. So I hope you have a chance to pick that up. She's also on the cover along with Joel Martinez. And yes, she's being met with very much enthusiastic response by the crowd, the winds whipping up a little bit and we're having a hard time her mix

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Bruce Reeves 29:08

floats the Montrose clinic or the Thomas Odette Memorial clinic as it's being called. Now. Of course they have specialized in the treatment of sexually transmitted diseases and services in education relating to HIV and AIDS.

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Deborah Bell 29:22

There's a t shirt there this is I'm not gay, but my boyfriend is. Of course I'm wearing nobody knows I'm a lesbian. My shirt today,

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Bruce Reeves 29:31

they're hoping to move into new facilities this year, if you would like to reach them or for their services you can call 85285531.

D Deborah Bell 29:40

And one of the things about the Montrose clinic is they they do anonymous testing, anonymous confidential testing, there is a difference between the two and they do both. Something that is both confidential and anonymous and that's very important for you to be aware of and it's very important But if you haven't taken that step to check it out and you think you may be an at risk person to go get tested there is it's very low cost and you in fact they will even do it free if that's your situation. But by going and getting the proper counseling and the proper information, you can take steps to take care of yourself. And of course I'm

B Bruce Reeves 30:23

biased now as Miss Houston I need a one shoe. She's wearing a lovely leopard dress with a quick print

D Deborah Bell 30:32

leopard nine leopards died and his outfit

B Bruce Reeves 30:36

from this monstrous organizations goal is to recognize employees of Houston's bars for their continuous support of the community.

D Deborah Bell 30:43

And of course one of the longtime establishments, the BRB the Brazos River bottom if you want to see some really fine CW dancing they

B Bruce Reeves 30:54

know how to do it over BRB as a server bottom

D Deborah Bell 30:57

and they've got cacti and a Longhorn steer not alive one but they've got a good life. Boys right there on that floor located

B Bruce Reeves 31:08

at 2400 Brazza okay, this must be

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Deborah Bell 31:11

the Miss Gay Houston this Montrose entry coming up now these are some really lovely gowns and incredible Tiara Jackson zamanda Jackson and really beautiful sequined and colorful but she's wearing many

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Bruce Reeves 31:37

many sequins waving from her tiara

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Deborah Bell 31:42

and that's really nice. Some of the crowd you know they are just they've got their pets with them that you know there are several dogs here today on leashes Thank goodness. And people are have brought out their coolers and their umbrellas so that they could enjoy they might need those umbrellas for rain and not for sun or

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Bruce Reeves 32:06

not. It's the weather's holding so far. It's really nice out here. It's cooled down considerably since the sun went back and has this stepfathers maybe I think maybe so Okay, fathers and fathers first.

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Deborah Bell 32:19

Here's a dad with a little girl I would say she's about four years old sitting on his head waving to the camera. Guess the, the that in fact, that's clay that has that little girl. Nice. Actually. He was telling me at the parents conference that he was helping to raise a four year old niece and I know that's a fun age for kids. And the gay and lesbian parents coalition international held their conference in Houston last week and Lynn Wagner perform. And it's great to know that there are people that can come together as parents and support one another. They also had a youth conference so that the children of gay and lesbian parents

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Bruce Reeves 33:00

and there's a past co chair of Lesbian Gay Pride Week riding on that photo. Yes, can.

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Deborah Bell 33:08

They're waving to the crowd. They're there in the back of a pickup truck. And a number of gay people, fathers there are gay fathers and lesbian mothers. And there are people who have chosen to parent maybe they aren't biological parents, but they either have taken in foster children or relatives are had artificial insemination or adopted because they do care about

children. And the oh gosh, the reason everybody's going crazy right now is naturally the Mary's entry. And at the front of it is a poster of Jim Fannie farmer who passed away this year and was a very well respected fixture in the community. Mary's is the longest established gay bar at one location in the city of Houston. And we're right here next to it. So of course, all the folks that are up on the roof of Mary's are going nuts. And the yes, there's lots of shout outs they have a color guard with the rainbow flag and the it's called the National Bar of Texas. Yes. And

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Bruce Reeves 34:22

they can there's no other bar like it anywhere in the state. Yes.

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Deborah Bell 34:25

And that is probably a very good thing and is home to a number of people in our community and it's certainly one of the better established you can go almost anywhere in the world or

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Bruce Reeves 34:36

is naturally got really involved with the AIDS crisis probably before anyone else in Houston did. They've been very involved in making panels for the names project Quill,

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Deborah Bell 34:46

I think the first names project channels here and there. In Houston were made on Mary's patio, there's

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Bruce Reeves 34:51

a panel for us. They're carrying in the parade today that will undoubtedly be in that grill next semester. are near and yes, many wonderful Mary's flags and all colors, shapes and sizes.

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Deborah Bell 35:05

And I think that's Bruce, Bruce fella. And some other folks that patronized and are part of the Mary's culture are here today celebrating the life of a man who meant a lot to them and to our community. And they do tisket a tasket every year tisket a tasket is an Easter time fundraiser for people bring canned goods and other items to put things in skip for stone soup for the AIDS Foundation.

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Bruce Reeves 35:36

And now we've got the ripcord coming by us.



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Oh well.

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Bruce Reeves 35:40

One of your major leather bars here and

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Deborah Bell 35:42

leather Banner as a matter of fact, and these guys have on the report T shirts and they have various leather chaps and short shorts and hats and of course

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Bruce Reeves 35:52

they do fundraisers throughout the year kazoo band aids and stone soup and children with AIDS fundraisers and they have an anniversary party. They won the parade last year for one of the trophies for the parade last year. So it's nice to see them out again today.

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Deborah Bell 36:10

And they've been around quite a while to the record has been an establishment in our community

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Bruce Reeves 36:16

from they also have a color guard and many different flags from different states. In fact, just

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Deborah Bell 36:23

I think they have one for every state in the United States. And I can see Arkansas, I can say Alabama and Alaska. So obviously they're in alphabetical order. So we should see. I bet when the Texas flag passes by people will start going really crazy.

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Bruce Reeves 36:40

That's right out in front of this. Oh, well, of

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Deborah Bell 36:42

course he has to lead alphabetical Texas of course has to be in the front It's a wonder they

course he has to read alphabetical. Texas, of course has to be in the front. It's a wonder they didn't put it in front of the United States flag. But it is a lovely sight to see. And of course the rainbow flag is there among them. And it every state in the United States is represented with its very own flag. And so you have a very

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Bruce Reeves 37:07

colorful and very wonderful exhibit. And this is a this

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Deborah Bell 37:11

good size group. And these are folks that patronize over at the report or on staff there. And they everyone is wearing a report t shirt and most of them have some sort of leather or at least then I'm on. Most of them have some leather hats caps. And yes, we're going through to West Cox and now so obviously, the states are passing this Biden Mexico.

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Bruce Reeves 37:40

Here comes our wonderful noise a pink triangle on this next round. It's we've got a group here this is the venture in

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Deborah Bell 37:48

venture in features among other things. Art Productions in our

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Bruce Reeves 37:55

community says they opened in August 1977. But the location has been gay since the early 60s. And there's national leather association of Houston is riding on the float with some motorcycles and the Texas riders and the Lancers in motorcycle club which passed earlier. So venture and sponsors several groups it's nice to have businesses that really cooperate in such a wonderful way to help make this parade a success.

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Deborah Bell 38:24

I actually exchanged a now feminist button with a member of the Texas Water so I'm learning a few women that have a Texas water. Oh god they're cranking out music adventure on an epic adventure and they say yes there they're hopping in a bop and because we're

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Bruce Reeves 38:45

running up on the end of her coverage here but hopefully we're running up on the end of the parade too. We've got the silver Sabres here from Dallas all the way from Dallas. I've got some very colorful flags that are strangely shaped but they look like a real colorful group and they

very colonial flags that are strangely shaped but they look like a real colonial group and they also

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Deborah Bell 39:01

are good that raises money for the community. And they have a unique false flag that I guess is the flag of their organization. There is going to be national leather leather conference they the national leather man did sponsor a Pride Week event this year and a better them than me out there wearing that leather. They do two major events for fundraisers for the community and educating the community about leather and the s&m community Houston as a hosting a leather title holders and some other events during this year. And let me see if I can find a way to get in touch with these folks didn't call over the switchboard. I imagine they can tell you if you're interested in the leather Association And yes, there's lots of shout out the flag bearers are his silver

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Bruce Reeves 40:06

snipers are performing. You're in front of us there Yes, during their flags back and forth and I believe I see the first drops of rain falling so

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Deborah Bell 40:13

called a drill.

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Bruce Reeves 40:15

So I guess this is going to be the first Pride Parade in Houston with the significance of getting a little wet.

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Deborah Bell 40:20

Yes, we've never had it rain on our parade before and we really weren't looking for it to happen today. But those clouds do look rather threatening, but probably the cloud the crowd will enjoy it because it'll cool things off as long as it doesn't come too much too torrential of a storm. And some of those umbrellas that were brought for Sun are starting to go up over the crown and silver Sabres are still doing their presentation to the reviewing Stan. They have silver, white and black and red as their colors. And there are several Wallis. I see one woman I'm not sure.

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Bruce Reeves 40:57

There's probably a couple of women. It's so hard to tell.

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Deborah Bell 41:02

Well, not necessarily, but they are since they're mostly dressed alike. It's a little bit and I know coming up behind them is going to be the Montrose singers. And the Montrose singers did sing yesterday over at Star night. And they do several concerts throughout the years. And if you are a man and you like to sing and we'd like to get involved in a community chorus that is a great group to do it with. They did their 50s rendition last night and they're 22 members strong right now. And they don't just sing classical music and they want you to enjoy this Pride Week parade with they've got some doowop music from the fabulous 50s They say so.

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Bruce Reeves 41:46

We have another singing club in Houston which has performed this week during Pride Week and they're getting ready to bring the National Women's Choral Festival to Houston this fall and Mary Helen remember of the heart song? Yeah, you want to mention that? I guess Mary Helen one coffee?



42:03

No, I'm here. We're standing by we are nearing the end of the coverage. That's true. We'll talk to us for just a minute about Hearthstone. I hope our time

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Deborah Bell 42:11

matches the end of the parade but if it doesn't, we really want to thank you for listening today of the special broadcast of Houston take pride 91 Gay and Lesbian Pride Week parade 10 days of events in the community sponsored by various organizations. Thank you to Shawn and Mary Helen and Cindy and Dwayne has been our engineer today. Jimmy and Ray for that wonderful broadcast that they put together Judy for Tony my drink sorry, yes, Judy, for being here as a supporter. It is just a it's been a joint effort. And if I've looked at him well, I'm really sorry of course to Jack for for being part of walls and spine and for working so hard in the community.

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Bruce Reeves 42:57

The staff of gay and lesbian Pride Week 1991 Because without their help and their assistance and none of this event what

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Deborah Bell 43:04


what usually happens is as the parade ends, the people smile and after it to follow it to the festival fight and raise usually down there making sure that that happening the man in this case is off the sidewalks into the


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Bruce Reeves 43:20


National Weather Association. We still have seen them


 Deborah Bell 43:24
going by and so


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people sweating profusely yeah, as


 Deborah Bell 43:31
you can see the sweat actually, it's not a pretty sight but James


 Bruce Reeves 43:38
let me get Houston co chair and Jim Barnard also a co writer and Ruth Mark

 Deborah Bell 43:46
riff marks who is obviously not a man moves National Weather association 9091 ratio vis golf
coat. Mr. Gulf Coast drummer is waving to us and these guys are really done up in the leather

 Bruce Reeves 44:01
and done up. Well.

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They really

 Bruce Reeves 44:03
are Mr. Larry arabo Mr. Gulf Coast drummer 1990 In

 Deborah Bell 44:07
ginger Bryant in the San Antonio leather.

 Bruce Reeves 44:11



Bruce Reeves 44:11

So see folks come from the Montrose singers they've got



Deborah Bell 44:14

Okay, they've got very colorful banners proclaiming that they are the Montrose singers. As we said they're 22 member song and we can hear some of that doowop



Bruce Reeves 44:24

That's right. Sounds good.



Deborah Bell 44:30

They're singing Good night, sweetheart. Good night.



44:34

And it truly is. Good night for KPFT's 1991 coverage of the gay and lesbian Pride Parade. We thank you for joining us. Deborah Bell and Bruce Reeves. Cindy Friedman have been our commentators on the street we want to thank Jimmy Carper and pokey Anderson, Mary Helen Edmondo Resendez and Sean Keenan Gilson produced this special cover Dwayne Bronson was our technical director. For the parade side coverage. We want to thank everyone involved. Well, I want to thank you most of all, you the listener, you the KPFT subscriber who's helped bring this broadcast to you. You're the one that did it. We are not commercially sponsored. The only way we can do alternative coverage of events in the community is with your help. We thank you for subscribing, and supporting KPFT 90.1 Happy gay lesbian Pride Day. This is KPFT 90.1 FM Pacifica radio in Houston.