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Roy McCarthy 00:01

That was the law. And now looking at today, now looking at today, it's incredible. Oh, my goodness. Well, thank you.

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Thank you. It's incredible. Everyone, please get a copy of the Texas triangle and read this story. It really it will move you. And, but like Roy said big Roy said we still got a ways to go.

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Roy McCarthy 00:29

We'll always have a way and there's always seems to be another fight. We are not after people's children.

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So amazing that that people think that, you know, it really boils down to two and it really gets me why everyone is upset. We're loving. That that's that's, that's really the justice of the thing. People are mad at a certain group of people, because they're loving.

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Roy McCarthy 01:01

Did you know it wasn't until the late 70s That it was legal for interracial marriages here and in the United States. And I believe even here in Texas, and you know what the reason why they kept the laws on the book against interracial marriage. The children bigots will always, always always use of the week always holds up children, just like Saddam Hussein. They will make a

shield of children. The bigots will raise them all. Oh, we've got to protect the children. You know, we got to protect the children from interracial marriage. How it's going to? It's going to be terrible for the children of theirs and arranged marriages. Oh, that is just awful.



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It's incredible. Well, I guess in a minute, we'll we'll get Jimmy back on here. He's talking in the back. And you are.



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I'm here. I'm here. I'm here. You want to go to a piece of music? Yeah, let's do that. Okay,



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let's break because for this was very this is very intense. Big Roy. Thank you. Thank you.



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Thanks for being here.



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Yeah, thank you big boy. I saw in the in the gay press that there's got to be big do at Rich's tomorrow with a a guy from out of town called Marcus, who does dance music and I just happen to have a CD of his. And this is what you'll hear when you go to riches tomorrow to help celebrate the end of Pride Month. And you're hearing it all on after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station



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Nice, nice. Nice. That's music from Marcus, who will be at riches tomorrow night. That's from his album closer to you the title track that you're listening to after hours quit radio with that attitude. I'm Jimmy and Jim Cerini and Ken Cloner here. And we're going to talk about a bunch of things for this last half hour. But let me get these two things in. We've had phone calls from let's folks saying that the pride band called a representative from the pride band and said that they had won the Ruby slipper award. All right, and that nice. Yes, yes, our good old pride band. And someone else called to let us know that Tuesday night at 9pm. On channel eight. They're going to be showing after Stonewall. It's a wonderful documentary and i It's the first time that I know of that channel eight sermon, something that openly gay before midnight. And so I think that's pretty cool to Tuesday. 9pm channel eight.



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Watch that.

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Yeah. So what are you guys up to?

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Well, let's talk a little bit more about IML. Okay, Kendra, you were just up there. I unfortunately did not was not able to attend.

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Oh, yeah, you poor thing. You were in Norway.

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Everyone's anymore. If Denmark. Everyone thinks oh man, you had such a good time in Copenhagen. I we were working six days a week up there. My job. The days we had off. It was raining. It was a Saturday that we had off because Sunday we were back at work. Yeah, it was raining. You know? It's like this is incredible. And I do have to say one thing everyone's complaining about gas is being so expensive. Ah. Ran out here. We had rented cars up there and first off in Denmark you pay by Kroners and a kroner. About eight times \$1 A Kroners \$2. Plus their gas is sold by leaders, which is about a quart. So it's Kroners per liter. And let me tell you that sucker is spinning better. I mean, the bill came to like almost 500 Kroners you go, Oh my God, because you're thinking dollars, it still was very expensive. Yes. \$60 to fill a tank of gas in a little car, too. So

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that's why everybody has little cars, or they ride their bikes, or they ride their bikes. Yeah, you know, a lot of bike riding going on there. But as history

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is good to be back here and so happy that I made it back for Pride Week.

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Did you at least get to see the Little Mermaid statue didn't go out



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there. Again, because we're walking at that time and it was raining. did go by Tivoli Gardens. Yeah, we were familiar with Yeah, that was nice. I've been there. Yeah. And how



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was the Danish? The Danish were great. They



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were great danes Oh, don't even



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please keep the FCC I'll tell you what, it's a little things that he was talking about the differences of being over there versus speed. Yeah, okay. Yes, he is this this was too funny. He kept talking about all the differences when I would call him on the phone. And he said I'm gonna bring you something back and show you something. So when I got home from Chicago, he said go up and look on the bed. That is a sample of toilet tissue from Denmark. And you know you're doing a lot of construction around here in the studio. I swear to God you could you could say in plaster with and it would get chapped lips a whole new meaning. Blue but yeah. No, but that one of visual



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Yeah, but it's a different way of life. People have different values and different products and, and do things differently. And that's part of what's fun about traveling.



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It makes you appreciate home boy does it. Yeah. Back to IML though. This was IML is international Mr. Leather good contest. We've



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been saying IML and everybody's going there. What the hell is that? What is



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it it all revolves around the international Mr. Leather contest. But there's more to it than that. It is a gathering six hotels. I believe I told you this last one on the on the phone sold out for this. There were they estimated 4000 Leatherman converged on Chicago. And that results in the

third largest convention that that city has that is incredible. And I think every one of them was in the lobby of the Congress. Probably every type you can imagine there were daddies, there were boys there were bears. There were furry. There were circuity people with little gem bodies running around wearing next to nothing. There were demos going on in this big ornate hotel lobby. And by demos, they were demoing flogging paddling just about anything. Wow. Plus a big vendor fair to Oh, yeah. The vendor fair is incredible. It took up three ballrooms, three huge ballrooms, and booth after booth after booth of videos, publications, clothing, toys. And let me tell you, I saw some interesting ones. And thank god 2106 has been repealed on thinking about order. But there were machines like you've never I don't know, what does that do? I had the the 10 G Unit C electric. Yeah. You know, yes. Unfortunately, a friend that I was up there with he kept saying, Why don't you let them do this? And I said, Randall, I have an irregular heartbeat. I don't want to risk dying. What are you going to do if I dropped dead up here? What are you going to say to Jim when you call him on the phone? And he said, Oh my God, I've killed Kenny. Your pastor



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That's funny. That's funny. I came right out that



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that is the new Mr. Gulf Coast drummer too, by the way, Randall Kinnear from Oklahoma. This is the last year that I'm ill was at the Congress. Next year. It's going to be at the Palmer House Hilton. It's bigger, bigger, better, longer and uncut.



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But yeah, I think it sounds like Chicago is the perfect place because it's like in the middle It is not like the East Coast that traveled to the west coast for this. Yeah, it's



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a good location. Yeah,



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the weather is very unpredictable up there. And I think most everyone is aware of that. Last year I competed in international Mr. lebryk contest. And I took jackets, I took everything and this year I said, that's a few pounds of the bone cow that I do not need to pack. So I left it here. Yeah, guess what, guess what? In the 50s and rainy and windy and nippy. Anyway,



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that's a bitter cold. They're bitter cold. Yeah. How did you like being a spectator this year as

opposed to contestant?



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Well, I know that that was one of the nice things too, because when when you are a contestant, it's a job you have somewhere that you have to be in a timetable that you have to do it on. If you're late, you're disqualified. If you don't do it exactly like you're supposed to, you can really be out of the picture. I was very fortunate, I feel to have placed in the finals last year. But How's it different? I looked at Randall again. We were running buddies through most of the weekend. And I said, you know, this is great. I get to go in the front door this year. I'm not hurrying through the back. I'm not in a hot dressing room. I'm sitting out here and it's comfortable. This is good. So it's a big difference. The sweat is gone. The stress is well, most of this one. Yeah. The stress is most of the stress. But you know what, you know where I'm going with this. It's really a lot more comfortable and a lot of fun. Yeah. And I was very glad to be there for the last year, the Congress, and I'm looking forward to seeing how well this works at the Palmer House Hilton. After that it's going to the Hyatt on Printer's Row, which is even larger. Wow.



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But they have 4000 people. I mean, you gotta have there's



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no hotel that will handle it. Yeah. Unfortunately, they do not move that contest around like they do em. So which is international ms letter for the women. This year. That's in Toronto, I believe. Yeah, that's



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correct as frantically looking up a date, that's going to be fat coming up July 21. Through the 23rd in Toronto, Canada. Ah,



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the year after that. It's here in Texas in Dallas. No kidding. Exactly. So it's gonna be fun to see a different place and a different venue for this. The contest itself, from what I understand is still socked in at the Congress Theater, which is a magnificent building. I'm really into old architecture in this home, this was a performing theater that was built in the 20s. I can literally imagine three storeys of dressing rooms behind the stage. That's how tall that stage is. Wow. big dome ceiling with all the plaster work. And I really hope they get in there and do some work and restore that and don't let it decay. It's almost



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like how old movie theaters used to be. Oh, a long time ago.

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It's huge. It's huge. It's amazing. The lobby of this, this theater is so big, you could probably put like six of Edward cinemas theaters in it. That's

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incredible. I also know that there are pictures out posted on the leather journals website. And our listeners can pull that up at WWW dot the leather journal one word, no, no periods or anything. The leather journal.com

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No, that's easy. And

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if any of those photos happen to look a little bit like me, and they're compromising I didn't do it. I didn't do it. Or if I did I don't remember. Yeah,

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there we go. Good answer. That's

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good. Well, let's let's we're playing like a little volleyball game here tonight.

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Well, okay, go ahead. No, go ahead. I was just gonna say something about because I know you two are are companions. Yeah. partners, partners. And it's, uh, I know that I've been with mine for a long time. And I'm thinking here, I don't know that he would be too thrilled with me going off to Chicago if he couldn't be there.

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How do you work this out? That didn't really bother me. I really wish I could have been there.



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It didn't bother me there. And besides, he went to Denmark.



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Yeah, true. That's true. We didn't take



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toilet paper.



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Well, I had to fly it was much better for me.



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And right there is another example of what's so great about being gay because we can define our own relationships.



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We We just celebrated 15 years together in April, and to have a relationship endure that all the ups and downs, have to have some trust. And you have to be able to love each other unconditionally. And you have to realize that, that we're all human beings, but there is a great big difference between love, and lust. And as long as you can differentiate that, and you know the difference, you're going to be okay. That's what it's all about. Love. You're



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right. You're right. That's That's exactly it. So we can get married if we want, but I don't know that I'd want to I like my relationship the way it is. It's different from anybody else's relationship that I know of. Yeah,



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exactly. We're all different. Yeah. Put people in stereotype. Yeah, it doesn't work.



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That's when you get into a real dangerous area is when you start trying to structure everything alike. It just doesn't work because we're all individual people.

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You're right. Oh, that was good. Okay, so where are you going next, Jim?

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Well, I was thinking about we had a funny parade story. Oh, good.

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Maybe call it like,

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it was really good. I mean, it's just, ya know, we're talking about this a lot. But it was such a good parade. The way it worked out, I got to thinking today. how hot it was, you know, during the day. I'm so glad they moved it tonight.

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Oh, yeah. I almost didn't make it on some of those drones.

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Today, you know, being a godly hot. It was it was so nice to hey, it's cool tonight. Yeah. There was one spot. Yeah, we were kind of crowding in on the street. And that's what I think was good this year. The crowd was very up.

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Oh, weren't they? Oh, yes. Absolutely. Yes, yes. And they

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had a we had kind of pushed into a block, you know, a couple lanes on each side. And the HPD came by with the horses. And unfortunately, horses did what they do best is legal reminder cards. And there was a a group of lesbians in front of us, and they got a whiff of that. Horse. leavings. Yes.



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And they were doing funny things with publications.



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They're pasting it all over. I mean, like building a little bridge.



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Which, by the way, is right in front of the store. And I thought, Oh, this is gonna be nice to come into tomorrow, because they're not gonna get this up. It was what was your favorite float?



Bobby 17:38

Oh, that's gross. I'm trying to think there



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were a lot of good words.



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Excellent. Sure.



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Since so many there were and that that's great. And like, like you talked about earlier, the corporations Yeah. that were involved in that and Chase Bank like the Chase Bank One.



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Oh, yeah. With the moving hand, the like, teller line over there are Oh, no. Gallery Furniture. I if I remember correctly, they had two entries in that



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I saw the one with the football helmet. Yeah, I kept one at the end, I kept



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screaming at both of them throw me a solid wood entertainment center.



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And then I thought, I thought no, like, out of that RV, one will fly and I will be flat right on top of the horse leaving. It was it was an excellent grade. I enjoyed every entry. And as I was telling you earlier, I've been involved in the parade writing in it for four years. And it was incredible to stand there and be able to watch it and be a part of that. The emotional high that you get from that. You just can't describe it.



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You really can't. And like somebody said before, if those of you out there who think that you can't be seen at this parade, or you're afraid to go next year, you'll go and I can guarantee you the year after that you're going to be begging fee. And I think that'd be great, right? That's right, because that's what what happened to me. Did you have a favorite float? Yeah, I only got to see about a quarter of the parade because I was number 47. With the gay and lesbian community center, since the switchboard has just moved in, I represented the switchboard. And I had to leave at the very end of the parade. I had to leave to walk home, which is over on Westmoreland to get stuff to get here. So I had to leave at 11 and by that it was like the mid 80s in number Okay, so I missed the very front and the very end.



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And if I'm not mistaken, Shawn Carter was on two different floats. Yes. Yeah. Either he Change clothes and jumped on another one or they have clarity was



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Bobby 20:05

kind of deja vu. That was kind of deja vu all over again. I was like, haven't we? I know that



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going around a little.



Bobby 20:18

And what was funny was I was also waiting to see Jimmy twice at that point because I expected me. I was expecting to see you with the

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archive and Museum, the archive.

Bobby 20:29  
And then, and I'm like, wait a minute. No,

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I couldn't do that. Because it'd be kind of cutting it way too close trying to get here to the studio. I wanted

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to ask you a question in the archives Sure. Is that scheduled to open on a regular basis, I know you had your grand opening as a private event, as

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as of right now. We're gonna we're looking for volunteers so that we can have it open on the weekends, you know, like noon to five or something like that. And as it stands right now, if anybody wants to go, just give them a call. And, you know, we can set up an appointment.

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And I'm sure you're very everyone should be aware that an effort like that cannot exist without donation, you bet there is a lot of exhibits involved. Because when you amass all this information under one roof, a lot of things are irreplaceable and invaluable. So there's expense with protecting that. And that anybody that would like to donate, I'm sure you'd be happy to tell them.

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We've got so far about 42 boxes of stuff. Wow,

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I'm talking about money too.

... talking about money, too.



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And money too well, what we're doing with we sell yearly memberships. That's part of it. And we're working on grants, see where we can get some grant money. And like I said, we opened up very small, very rustic in the front of a warehouse of the president who happens to live in the back. And it's just a temporary thing until we can get a more permanent home, hopefully, in the Montrose area, rather than downtown where it is now. 2507 Capitol Street. It's a block and a half on the other side of dazzling that's by Enron field. It's right across the freeway from Enron field. Yeah.



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Yeah. All right. Well,



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we can have to see



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here. I have to see if I can come up with a new and unusual way to raise money. There you go. There you go. See if we can take some clothes off or something. And



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yeah, that bureau that works all the time, and I always worry, you got it.



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Men are pigs. That's true. What's your plus? You're looking for volunteers. Oh, you bet if you can just spare a few hours. Yeah. During the weekend or something then always looking for people. So we've had some



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great press so far. And we're you know, we're very grateful to the entire gay press because they've they've been very, very nice and doing coverage on it. You know,



Bobby 23:12

there's one thing I have to say on the subject of leather and the parade. Yeah. I am very glad

there's one thing I have to say on the subject of leather and the parade. Yeah, I am very glad having worn this leather vest to the parade. And my Yeah, that I am very glad the weather the temperature dropped. Yes. There was like a wind blowing because what because this being used in Texas wearing leather this time of the year can be problematic. In



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the past pride parades are to two groups of people that I admired the most. The leather people for wearing leather in 95 degree weather and drag queens Yes, wearing these wigs in that kind of way. That face up that would boil my brain you know,



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the leather shorts I wore during the parade this evening are standing on their own right now even with cooler weather.



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And you've got a lot of deaths and next and you're growing growing in a area Yeah,



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we need to keep a dictionary of new words where



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we can always cross reference the words we actually



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so what can what was your favorite float?



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A lot. I don't know. I enjoyed always always South beaches coming soon float. I hope that that does come to pass. I think that's going to be an excellent club. If the if the float is any indication. It's always an eye catching float. Oh yeah, riches is always good. Oh yeah. Pacific Street is always good, but then I'm a pig And you know, I mean in skin.



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I'm with you.



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I'm all for it for me, but yeah, there were several. And you guys were talking earlier on the show about all the corporate representatives that we had credible shell Chase Wells Fargo. I think it is amazing and great that they're becoming involved in this. But as you said before, I think it's very good that we're keeping the flavor of the parade as it always has been. So it is still grassroots. It's everyone. It's all inclusive.



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What I find truly amazing is the protesters that we have talking about how we're so godless, again, and it seemed to me like there were more religious organizations represented than bars in the parade. Yeah, yes. Yeah. And huge floats. And many, many people. Yeah.



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You know, we're singing along and it was great. Which one was that? That had the singers on it and the silk granary? I don't know. If any of you need Silk greenery. I bet there's none to be had and use the gospel know that garden Ridge has been cleaned out. fairings float, always always. Oh, yes. Yes. Although I was little prejudiced. I thought theirs last year was incredible. Because I had a soft



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spot for last year. Yeah, design it.



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They had an engineer on it. Yes.



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You know what that means?



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Gotta hope that's not why they didn't use.



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It made it all the way down the street.

 **Bobby** 26:50

I'm impressed by business by those companies that get themselves involved in the parade. I mean, it takes a lot for an entire corporation to go, Hey, we support this, this part of our world. We're seeing

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that more and more though. We are. I mean,

 **Bobby** 27:10

we are. I mean, because that's sticking their neck out. Because there's a whole bunch of people out there who would rather you know, not know that we are a part of the war, you know? Yeah.

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I mean, look at Budweiser. How many years ago Do we not have Budweiser in and now you look at him, they've got everywhere he pride colors in their, their their truck, and they're just cool. Yeah, we

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look forward.

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That's right, good handouts, hit by so many koozies in the commercial radio stations. And I mean, you name it while you're

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talking about the commercial stations. In defense of Maria Todd. I love her. I'm so glad she was there. And her her breast tickles. Don't bother me at all. It's nice to see her out and proud like the rest of

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you bet.



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She was coming. I was I was I met the lesbian and gay pagans. And they had asked me to do security in front of the so the people with handicaps and wheelchair could access that area and the press people well. Right behind this was the judging booth. And Maria was commenting on the leather and it was pretty interesting. When one thing about Maria Todd, I'll say, I want her air conditioning she had naked guys with the fans. Oh, yeah. We wanted their air conditioning on our TV or wherever they were at or Well, one of them walked past walk past me and he looked like he had two potatoes.



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One. What a wonderful Pride Parade. That was and and the mayor was there. Yeah. First time is sitting mayor was in the gay pride parade. I think that is wonderful. And wow, you bet. You bet. And speaking about that. Early morning groups guys are in the house. And let me tell you, they really do a great mix of music. They do. New Music, old music, mix it together. It is so fun. And it's TJ Good grief. And Rob loved the date. Good grief is like very snack ish. Yeah. Wait till you see him. And let me tell you ladies that Mr. Rob love. Well, he's got one of those silver tongues that you know before you know what your clothes are laying on the floor and you don't know what happened and how that happened. I must have blacked out. Oh, yeah. All right. Jim, thanks for being here.



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Thanks. Just want to say real quick. Yes, a lot of the leather information is contained in the publication, the leather journal that's available at your local leather shops good. And they have an interesting article in there that I think you should read. It's one of their editorials. Okay.



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We'll do it. See you next month.



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Looking forward to good, thanks. Thanks.



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You've been listening to after hours queer radio with attitude right here on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station, coming up his early morning grooves and in the background you're hearing. John Gilbert, leave it with this year's anthem. It's called pride. You've heard it many times here. And you're going to hear just the very end of it now. See you next week.