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appropriate profession, and how she dealt with her lesbian identity. And so all of a sudden, I'm working with an employer with a police procedural thing I did everything I could do to help myself, read everything I've learned about women in law enforcement, and made umpteen calls to LAPD to get information. And after I had the manuscript finished, I went to one of the gay organizations in the city and asked if I could if they could help me locate a gay or lesbian cop to look at the manuscript. And they did locate five on none of whom would talk to me. And what that what that indicates, of course, very, very clearly as the homophobia and the intense fear at LAPD, which I proceeded to write into the entire series, because it's there, it's existing, it's continuing. And anyway, I in the book came out and two weeks later, I got a letter from detective supervisor, Mary, at otters and in Madison, Wisconsin, who is Kate's exact equivalent, she is a homicide detective of Kate's rank, complementing the accuracy of amateur SE. And of course, I was just enormous Lee relieved. And we began a correspondence. This is back in 1984. We have become very, very close, and she has I've had additional input into the box. But Mary has been really a very prime source. i And I've gotten an awful lot, not only technical detail, but kind of the spiritual makeup and just the qualities required from someone who does the kind of work that she does. She's she's an extraordinary woman,



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probably most people would, would agree that not everyone reads your books for accuracy and police procedures. Your your erotic writing has gotten a lot of accolades from lesbians around the world. How do you do your research for that?



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That's been part of my work.





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You get volunteered?



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The really I can I can answer that. Seriously a couple of ways. I think that's one of the reasons that my love scenes work, as well as they do is the fact that it's, it's the way that I approached them as a writer, it's I'm not, I'm not the one who's making a lot in my love scenes, it's my characters who are. And by the time I get to those love scenes, I know those women so well. Curious wine, for example, when I started the central loveseat, and that book, it began as like, I don't know, like a paragraph and a half, or maybe a page and a half. I learned more than I did that I knew those two women, the more I knew about them, the more that scene lengthened out. And as far as I'm concerned, the love scenes are are just an unparalleled opportunity to characterize. I think that you can say things about women in those things that you can literally say no other way. Again, I can just curious why that's an example. Lean In that novel, comes off as someone really, really cold and remote. That's the way the rest of the women in that cabin see her. But yeah, when she is with Diana, there's a there's a tenderness in a protective nurse and the gentleness and all of those other things that come out in her in just the way she makes love with Diana. And that's true in the rest of the books. I really feel that women bring something to their lovemaking that no other combination of two, as I mean, I just said is sort of out of instinct. And I think that that, that the quality that we bring as a healing quality that we bring to each other. And I think that that's in all of my scenes, I think it's overt like an elevated series. There have been there was one woman in amateur city who helped to heal Kate and Kate has done her own healing in some of the other books. And I you know, and I would also say that I love to write them because I think women are just very, very beautiful together. And it's something that I love to celebrate in my work of simply the rightness and the beauty of our love and why we pay the price that we pay for our relationships.



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I was thinking about why gorilla things are probably different than most of the others I've read and there's a purity about them wear you know set setting aside all the daily grind and and the discrimination and the problems that lesbian face. There's this immediate The very much in the now, time quality to it, where a lot of us have a very hard time putting aside all that from our daily lives and going home and then you know, all of a sudden, everything's okay. And you make love and so that that's why for me, it's it's a very special time in your books.



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Thank you. It's, that's, that's a wonderful observation to make. And of course, I think that that's one of the one of the functions that fiction after all, you know, fiction is sort of a distillation of our lives. And certainly, our lovemaking is, I mean, that's kind of a distillation of the jury. Duty. I think that Kate Delfield, really personifies and the way that a lot of lesbian women live and continue to live in this country that they don't attend a gathering like that. I think they would be overwhelmed by it if they did, because women are, you know, when they find community. But I think most of us continue to live in small enclaves where we know a certain amount of certain number of gay people. And we sort of formed sort of overlapping circles in terms of

knowing one another. And that's changing, it's gradually changing an awful lot of, you know, our gay brothers and lesbian sisters who have been on the front lines for us over the past two decades in Stonewall, I really opened the doors for an awful lot of us and I think more and more of us are walking through those doors. And that is one thing that that is the subtext to that to murder at the knight wood bar. It's it's not only a murder mystery, but it's a it's a woman's journey to community and and another thing that I'm proud of about that novel is that is the diversity of community. It's one of the things that I'm most proud of about the gay and lesbian community because we are the only culture that I know of that incorporates all races all colors all Creed's the gay and lesbian community is ready the world as it should be. And the world that Kate discovers that the night wood 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 NIH, and for us, 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 interesting little experience that was. And in your talk about, you know, seeing a roomful of beautiful women, you know, all the 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, 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, your breakthrough 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 lots of different artists like David Byrne, k.d. Lang, Tom Waits, Annie Lennox, just a real variety, called 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 record It's 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, and 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 pull 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 called Porter song in the still of the night.



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in 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 in about 15 minutes down Westheimer Avenue APFSDS own Bruce raves Deborah Bell they're on live down new Mary's corner of Commonwealth and Westheimer to let us know what's going on BND Hi Mel and



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don't call Collins B and D.



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Okay, Bruce,



D Deborah Bell 19:36

it's okay. There's several 100 People already gathered here near we're in the parking lot of the famous Mary's naturally and last night at Star night Not a one. They dedicated that show to Jim farmer who was the proprietor of Mary's who had died recently and so this podcast goes out to him and all the other folks from our community tea that we've lost during this past year. The theme of the parade that here 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 for on the reviewing stand, we have several people who are going to be judging the float the various entries in the parade. We've got people in every kind of costume you can imagine already. And this is not in the parade yet. This is just the spectators. 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 the leather. Most people are kind of dressing for the weather, they've got their drink coolers, and they've got umbrellas, they're prepared to take care of themselves in this hot instant sun.



B Bruce Reeves 21:06

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

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 Friedman. 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.



c Cindy Friedman 21:50

The Bar Association for Human Rights was formed in April of 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 associations. 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



c Cindy Friedman 22:30

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. Well, 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.



c Cindy Friedman 23:08

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 arranged that to be sponsored or accredited?



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Well, any Bar Association, or any group of lawyers that I think technically need to 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 felt 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. By go, for example, when maybe a couple originally is male and female, 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.



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So how are they recognized legally? And



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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 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 for 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, supported 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.



C Cindy Friedman 26:11

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



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You bet you the bay, the Bay Area Bar Association, has written as the think one in New York, one to know how recently I heard that one of the Bar Association's was being recognized within the within their state bar. And now, 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,



C Cindy Friedman 26:51

This recording is often forwarded because there are issues that affect the gay community that require

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 mainstream legal community is not used to addressing domestic partnerships being a big



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one, you betcha. 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 living hearing relationships, and then they have some frame of reference to be more supportive of the needs of the gay, lesbian transgender community.



c Cindy Friedman 27:35

And not everyone's legal needs are, 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 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.



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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, concern the child's need, considering the CO parents needs, you know, things that are real basic, not flamboyant, as you



c Cindy Friedman 28:20

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



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Now, there's no statutory recognition of that, in fact, there's a one of the family the family code Act actually forbids marriage between two persons of the same sex. So the will not issue the under state will not issue a marriage license. So that says no, absolutely not.



c Cindy Friedman 28:51

And we've heard the 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 individuals can have written that will well sort of give those the write 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

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 health 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, or you can have financial powers of attorney to conduct financial business, sell property, do things like that. It'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. And so

 Cindy Friedman 30:15

that leads to the point that if and if a part is to partners have these powers of attorney created and wills written at all, and then the partnership dissolved, is it difficult to have these powers of attorney nullified or 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 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,



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and it's not that difficult to do,



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it's 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, infinitely,



 Cindy Friedman 31:09

I would guess that a very small part of the community is doing this is taking the time to, to have legal protection of their property and state 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 people are, are becoming much more aware that this is, you know, it's a relationship that you're going to be involved in, you're going to be making commitment, then you want to kind of do all the things that are going to, you know, to help protect your interest,

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Cindy Friedman 31:44

something you touched on earlier, and it's 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 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 that I think I recall it being resolved against the Koch 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,

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Cindy Friedman 32:50

many lesbian couples choose to, for one of them to be impregnated through artificial insemination. So 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.

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Cindy Friedman 33:18

It's so 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. Yeah.

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Cindy Friedman 33:33

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 their legal community, but to stay real current with issues that are that are important to the gay community. Well,



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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 have zeroed in on. 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 the, you know, focusing in more on that. And I think that I think it's exciting to the membership. They, you know, they seem really excited and enthused,



c Cindy Friedman 34:40

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 have actual members paid do the numbers since April.



c Cindy Friedman 35:05

So it's it's growing and growing. 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 feel like personally, I know, just dozens. And so I feel like it probably multiple multiplied multi fold. Beyond that. It's just a 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 says.



c Cindy Friedman 35:50

And there are quite a few attorneys, some of them I know, personally, who are employed by some of 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? They're not going to wear a big ad on their desk?



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Well, we hope the answer to that is yes, because some of our memberships do not want to be openly identified as gay if they even even if they are gay. And so we hope they can participate

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 closet or 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. Oh, 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 have 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. 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.

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Cindy Friedman 37:32

This is Cindy Friedman. You're listening to KPFT Pacifica radio in 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 the 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 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. That's great.

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

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and has begun Mary Helen. I'm standing next to a very loud truck, but I'm at the corner some lady and Westheimer This is where the parade originally officially begun. The honorary marshals and our first cars are making their way down West farmers viewing stand where Ruth and Deborah had an opportunity to run through the preparing for the parade today and all the various 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 the floats are being presented by companies and businesses that are associated with the gay community and there are church groups and I dvidual groups, and I met some folks who are marching the parade today who are not members of the gay and lesbian community, but they support and honor diversity and freedom and human rights. So here's the peace network and even the coalition to stop us intervention in the Middle East will be marching in the parade. And

that ties me very much an awful lot of joy out here, even though you know, everyone's in their colors, whatever. And it's also interesting, the rich cultural diversity of Houston. There's quite a few folks who live in the area. Newly arrived, members of our Hispanic community, we're having a great time out here today. And our children are reveling in the fun. I'm really glad to see a lot of kids of all ages, shall I say that including the little bitty ones are enough 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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Last year was incredibly hot. And Greg was much earlier in the afternoon and this year, because that's what people asked for, you know, let us enjoy the parade and not pass out in the

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middle of Westheimer. I guess that helps the marchers as well. Oh, yeah.

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The brightness of the colors and the creativity that goes into any kind of one of the great things about Houston really in town, we have the International Festival and we have freedom festival. And we always have parades and festivals that honors the various cultural areas in our town, you know, cultural backgrounds and heritage isn't the Gay Pride Parade and Festival just one more melting pot. And so it's so much fun to be out here for all kinds of people. This important part of human community where you can hear them walking in the background, a parade of rainbow flags make the same music and I think

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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 stay tuned to us here on KPFT 90.1 FM we'll be with you always 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 sonido 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 parades

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you 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 bursaries and Deborah Bell who are standing by out next to Mary's Lounge on Westheimer Avenue. Deborah Bruce, Bruce, Deborah. Hi, Mary.

D Deborah Bell 45:23

Thank you. Well, the excitement is building. There's what was formerly a few 100 people have now swelled to over 1000, I would say, of the queer nation within the block that we can see. We lost because while ago the Houston mounted police were dancing two horses down the street, I don't know why I think the worst is when I had that gay spirit. I think

B Bruce Reeves 45:50

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

 Deborah Bell 45:59

looking at people, beating them people

 Bruce Reeves 46:03

tearing 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 Friedman. She's at the very beginning of the parade. And she said it has

 Deborah Bell 46:15

begun Yeah, I have a feeling that it'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 this podcast is a special broadcast brought to you by the gay and lesbian programmers most of the gay and lesbian programmers at KPFK. 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 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 is all of our society. 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 that the people that are involved in recovery programs of our 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 five streets start to look at and Westheimer goes down West Humber and to the intersection of Montrose court make a quick right turn and come on nights in the star night 91 festival.

 Bruce Reeves 48:03

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

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Deborah Bell 48:10

But most of the people that are watching them indicate Yep. We'll be going on down the 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 the most outstanding way a community that has every right to be taking pride in itself and is doing so today and the most spectacular way.

Bruce Reeves 48:43

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 brings no the first time for me. I was headed to Los Angeles for Pride Parade one year and with 300,000 people screaming and hollering all around it was just wonderful. But even the two or three blocks of Montrose and wintertime are right here in this area. I'll give you that same feeling it's there's nothing comparable to it. And I just can't express how proud it makes me to see all these people out here today. It

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Deborah Bell 49:16

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 demonstrate we've had people on skates and on bicycles that were going up and down the way and things are 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 married Natalie, and we'll be telling you more about well the parade I think always talking to Color Guard I think Does usually flag of every state in the United States and of course, that international rainbow flag which is flying on symbol of the lamppost along Westheimer, 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 and Kolding council member George Grinia, and Baylor Jane Kerry. They're all here to review the floods of new 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 major outreach to

Bruce Reeves 50:55

Americans to patrol cars. Right behind the red

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Deborah Bell 51:00

and whites are flashing. I'm seeing some fluttering of flags the very edge of them. So you're starting to hear the screams and whistles because they definitely in the air. What I like to think of as our gay spirit and I I'll you know, craning their necks trying to see yes, you're hearing the

of us our guy spirit and did you know, cranking their engines trying to see yes, you're hearing the first notes of the motorcycle there's they're making circle I don't think that police officers are doing at the Hebrews. Now these are definitely some of the Lancer a motorcycle club, Color Guard, beginning their demonstration of some of their motorcycle crowd. That's

 Bruce Reeves 51:47

right now Lancers is a motorcycle club that was originally started in New Orleans in 1977 and has since moved to Houston only to prevent her 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

 Deborah Bell 52:03

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

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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 9091 Lesbian Gay Pride Parade.

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we're Back live at Houston's 9091 Gay Lesbian Pride Parade. Deborah Bruce

 Bruce Reeves 54:22

got the T gra Texas gay Rodeo Association flag Color Guard is passing in front of us now the Texas flag is just dipped to the American flag and banner of the parade as well as well on our way here comes our first car.

 Deborah Bell 54:38

Well the first car is the co chair Jacqueline and Carol Clark. One co chairs I think they finally got a hold of a car. Jack has just done a tremendous amount of work as he has every year for gay and lesbian proudly This year he's particularly worked hard as co chair. And I don't think this

community realizes just how much he does for the community and he's stepped down 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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fairly. Yeah. I can't read it.



D Deborah Bell 55:22

It's got records in their hands, which their fan named James luck to and jazz pass. I love that name. Of course, their brain array. 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 the



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Secretary Brad bellows,



D Deborah Bell 55:49

Brad villa, the public relations, Alden



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raising fundraising chair, Wayne graven



D Deborah Bell 55:57

and and I believe Brian keeper 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 film music themes of this particular



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parade. So they don't have any unit expanding them with



D Deborah Bell 56:18

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

**B** Bruce Reeves 56:28

Jim. Marketing by innkeeper and Bobby Miller.

**D** Deborah Bell 56:33

Okay. And there are red Luberon. I know Brian Hughes. 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, using 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 mama 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 chartreuse take pride. Linda is the lead plaintiff and be famous 21 06 As I love to call her mo yo Mo. She's waving back lend us lead his challenge to overturn section 21 06 the homosexual conduct law the Texas penal code, says mirallas political activism must be a state of mind all the time when one lives a world of discrimination. That day racism sexism and homophobia in 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 exes now, the founder of Amiga, and is currently serving as president of games, not the Mexican American Democrats of Houston. Jane Harrington is also a grand marshal this year. He 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 foreign workers in the American Civil Rights Movement. Jane was a trustee at the Texas Human Rights Foundation at the time of the federal challenge putting 106 He got appointed to the legislative Task Force on AIDS and was instrumental and 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

**B** Bruce Reeves 59:07

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 sweater dresses. And he's got a beautiful Reverend on the day and a lovely black bowler. Coming up right behind him is Katie Cowell. Katie is currently the county treasurer and has been active in Democratic Party politics for many years. He's involved with the AIDS trouble fund Advisory Committee. Great to have everyone out with a

**D** Deborah Bell 59:42

very enthusiastic crowd here to corporate sponsors are Budweiser and Miller beer companies and they have their units and Miller unit is a looks like a six pack. Going right down Westheimer

and there it is. So the duu right as our entry is a cheap it's called cool patrol because that's what's on your 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 wet and make more than you under covers really did make the evening nice night 91 festival and Teresa Monet and Nancy for where they're putting on an incredible show the Montrose singers performed heart song and their communities loose organizations there. It's really a neat thing to do in our community.

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And that goes on tonight again, it's a far

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far wiser Fire Department.

D Deborah Bell 1:00:49

I say that's what that's all about. Was 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 card. And there's some really lovely human beings on the street. They're handing out posters. And so some of the people from the crowd are going up there's some ruffling feathers and some Oh girl birds did you get that? And personation I just realized that this is that person doing a Janis Joplin impersonation

B Bruce Reeves 1:01:37

attacks polar bear. We're not gonna have any shortage at the festival. So

D Deborah Bell 1:01:42

like truck and gun anything, gents. And here

B Bruce Reeves 1:01:45

comes a whole mob of riches people with our riches, international flags, yes, rainbow flags,

D Deborah Bell 1:01:51

flags, record albums, they're gonna be popping up some music, which is, is a disco that is a mixed clientele, but does some really great shows and has some great dance space. And they say, makes us all down to the same music and features large record album, and then streaming

behind it or I would say balloons about oh, I don't know, 12 to 15 feet long of different colors of the rainbow spectrum. And they have some dancing along with it. Yes, it



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is very lovely and rainbow umbrellas.



D Deborah Bell 1:02:32

actually handing out record alcova. So that's a popular thing. Why



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don't you get a few for KPFT?



D Deborah Bell 1:02:38

Because over here, back a little bit.



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Most of the floats you're seeing are they professional floats are they



D Deborah Bell 1:02:45

like a very professionally done number but also some of them that are done just by organizations and and folks that don't normally do floats are just as professional because that's kind of the spirit. Next is the United cap and trade. Not a cat says thank you for your patronage. 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 Cafe is one of that supports the community 699



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



D Deborah Bell 1:03:27

important that we do so sometimes. Coming up next.

 Bruce Reeves 1:03:33

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

 Deborah Bell 1:03:40

the impact they have on a truck replicated some of the booths from Charlie, which has become a local

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watering hole. Formerly the booby rock bed down on

 Deborah Bell 1:03:54

it went from the movie rock to a community coffee house and bar. And

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a lot of us did miss the movie, right?

 Deborah Bell 1:04:02

Yes, I'm sure you do very open 24 hours and if you ever, you know there's several people from our community waving to us we know. It's like, I want to get a hold of Ray. I know I can go over to Charlie's office. Yes, yes, Ray Hills off trolleys, but it is great and they are a community establishment and they do support the patronage of folks from our community.

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Deborah Bruce, we're gonna be right back with you in a minute. We're gonna go for some station identification. won't be back for review and a further update in just a minute.

 Deborah Bell 1:04:37

They're moving along.

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D Deborah Bell 1:05:36

Deborah. Well, the Northern Lights alternative paths find their lovely white outfits. They had hats and parasols, and they did a little dance performance. EJ

B Bruce Reeves 1:05:47

EJ mastery workshop also passed by. We just had rainbow. Goodbye. He's

D Deborah Bell 1:05:53

the Little Mermaid today.

B Bruce Reeves 1:05:55

Wonderful, great costume being pushed by a banana. Yeah, no.

D Deborah Bell 1:06:02

Cindy Friedman's just made it from the front of the parade all the way down here with us. Hi,

C Cindy Friedman 1:06:07

I just came up the parade and marketing with the Aid Foundation, Houston, which will be up for 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 tree.

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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 then find out what their estimates of the crowd

D Deborah Bell 1:06:29

right here next to us. But I would say this block alone is any indication there has to be at least 10,000 people out today very

C Cindy Friedman 1:06:29



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interesting to hear tonight. endeavor to because like channel 11 is down here filming and to see what the well the other media say was the number of participants out here



Deborah Bell 1:06:47

today? 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 project and burst into the next project. Yes,



Bruce Reeves 1:07:02

I have a really wonderful organization request. The quilt is growing and growing continuously. And you're hoping in April, I believe of 1992 to be able to display the entire quilt in Washington and I would guess it would cover the entire Washington Mall from the capital. One thing we would not



Deborah Bell 1:07:22

grow Yes. But it's such a wonderful Memorial. It's it is something it's one of the things that this 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.



Bruce Reeves 1:07:47

We have a float right now let's see what genius is always fitted behind.



Deborah Bell 1:07:51

Michelle was on a flight with his handling machine and a quilt wrapped around



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the Washington Monument.



Deborah Bell 1:07:58

They're checking out sequins and glitter. And, of course, this is very funny. And they have a small panel that they've made that says take pride



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at first of the parade is now passing in front of the KPFK studios on Lovett Boulevard. So it's definitely working its way home to mother's borough.

 Deborah Bell 1:08:24

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 communities and extremely proud of and that I have quite a few friends remembered in that quilt. And you know, it's a lot to me. I have obviously two other people. David Gorilla who is one of the volunteers there I see him shaking those sequins out.

 Bruce Reeves 1:09:04

Of course the parade is one of the many events during Pride Week and of course combination after the parade tonight ends with star 990 in the quick copy parking lot, but

 Deborah Bell 1:09:15

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

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

 Bruce Reeves 1:09:34

for. Yes. And we now have a truck representing the lesbians over age 50 or low.

 Deborah Bell 1:09:43

And Arden and Ruth and Dan and several other wonderful women all over the age of 60 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 for about three or four years now.

 Bruce Reeves 1:10:09

Aids Foundation, Houston is coming up. We'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

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Deborah Bell 1:10:28

right. Yeah. And they, of course, have banners that show some of the services that are provided by the AIDS Foundation, Houston, such as the baker, education intake, 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, you realize that one of the things that will change 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 Bartlow Sure, who is an outstanding member of the community and who does the spec work to UPS. Of course, he's so gorgeous to look at. And all these folks who are waving Stone soup, which provides food for those people who are HIV positive or with AIDS and who needs some assistance and making sure they have proper nutrition, very important aspect. People who are a foundation and may not realize what all is involved, call them up. You can call them up and I probably wouldn't have the number here.

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Make it a little mix two

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Deborah Bell 1:11:40

or 6212278. Call thanks Foundation, Houston and volunteer because that's a place that they really need you and next this is moving so often refer to our notes to tell you

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this is frightening.

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Deborah Bell 1:12:02

How do we describe this as a

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wonderful way? Wonder wonderful.

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Deborah Bell 1:12:09

Ozs 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 color mirror car wigs on far we enjoy. 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 when they have banners and their message wigs on fire. It's coming October 9.



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Mer own wig



D Deborah Bell 1:12:46

Street. Yes. Be there. I mean, whatever blows your hair back, and this group certainly is one that can do it on fire. That's the fundraising event they usually understand have a party around Halloween. And they have I think your patron saint Eva,



B Bruce Reeves 1:13:09

using the wig binding system.



D Deborah Bell 1:13:11

Yes, yes, you can. Now this is the Montrose Counseling Center and Robertson, Barbara Becker. But to Angela, already some of the other fun folks that work over there are marching. Hi made.



B Bruce Reeves 1:13:29

037 is the phone number and marching in bed show



D Deborah Bell 1:13:35

services of counseling and mental health for the gay and lesbian community. They feature 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. And go back to Mary. Oh, Sophie says let's go back to Mary Helen. We have a little bit of a gap here but make it



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we'll go to some music here on 9.1 FM KPFT Houston, you're listening to live coverage of 1991 Gay Lesbian Pride Parade.



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Yeah, when the whip comes down, and when we go back to the Pride Parade, we're gonna go back out 1991 Gay Lesbian Pride Parade. Made with Bruce Deborah and Cindy.

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Bruce Reeves 1:15:05

About two minutes ago they made all over town and 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 and then

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Deborah Bell 1:15:18

rock productions Gina Balaam. And woman productions who helped with benefits such as a make a house based foundation, and others there. They're just here to help as much as they can and to give the community the best they can onstage and off. We love you keep on keeping on from why and woman productions and the whip is not coming down. It's coming down because of the product made for the WellStar Symphonic Band. And here they are. Here's a Music featuring the Texas flag. United States flag the pink triangle flag the international rainbow flag. You can hear that. 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 fine show last night is dark night. One. 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 and belongs first 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 for raise 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 of theater. So that's something right now there are five members strong and they do welcome more folks. And if I can find phone number here 5220181

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Bruce Reeves 1:17:04

Their next group is a group of people from dignity. Houston dignity sounds a little bit about that bridge and lesbian Catholics and their friends and they've got about 10 or 15 people out here in Georgia, that's all and my wonderful people out there waving back at us. So it's there's organizations in town for everyone of every religious and religious

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Deborah Bell 1:17:29

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 orientations that we refer to you can find out more about recalling the gay and lesbian switchboard and I think your 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 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. I know they have many other events.

B Bruce Reeves 1:18:33

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

D Deborah Bell 1:18:50

they're right. 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 a convertible with a there was a walking contingent now there's a convertible and now there's the club and beautiful stained glass window that an arch organ. I think that maybe some members of the choir. You know, we used to say that it's kind of a code in the game. We play somebody and we say, Oh, I think you're a member of the choir. We didn't mean the MTCR choir we met a member of the gay lesbian community. They're waiting they feel God's music, keeping the theme. Fill the music for this parade and they have other members of the congregation marching behind with their striking up a hormone.

B Bruce Reeves 1:19:50

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

D Deborah Bell 1:19:59

One of the walking members of carrying musical notes is, Are there signs or musical notes?

C Cindy Friedman 1:20:08

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. I just see the diversity out here.

D Deborah Bell 1:20:23

And 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. It's like, yes. And Michelle, who's the person riding in that truck has actually had a

court case to get Metro, the Metro lift to, you know, sometimes it takes someone making an effort like to make some differences. So we're very proud. And they also stand by racism. I can't read all that. Well.

 B Bruce Reeves 1:21:02

Another group that's not marching in the parade today, that's also very active in and used to this American gay atheist, and they've been in many 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,

 D Deborah Bell 1:21:19

and there are a number of churches that do a POC for the gay and lesbian community. And I know that in the voice every week they feature that

 B Bruce Reeves 1:21:28

we've got lots of fun flying. I guess this maybe is the Montrose mining company. They usually do have a flag group. Perhaps it's

 D Deborah Bell 1:21:38

they have several nations represented, I can recognize Canada and Great Britain flag, the Swedish flag. Mexico, Cindy says you've more international

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Canada

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can't see anymore.

 D Deborah Bell 1:21:57

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

 B Bruce Reeves 1:22:04

And now it looks like we've got the rice scandalized, lesbian, gay,

D Deborah Bell 1:22:09

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

B Bruce Reeves 1:22:43

firms the Montrose mining with their cherry

D Deborah Bell 1:22:47

Yes.

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International Climate playing loud music, American and Texas flag.

D Deborah Bell 1:22:55

The Montrose mining breaking tablet little construction equipment here is very loud very nice. Guys are dancing. People is out. I don't know why. They're popping right along and coming up right behind the activity you know, I used to DJ the DJ back in my straight day. Strength RPE was somewhat of the hip underground. entry here is a huge radio it's very loud you probably can't hear it of course they are not playing kpsc I think those people that there are other KPFT supporting them. Darling, darling,

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I don't know but baby I'm burning trolleys right and she's wearing a white

D Deborah Bell 1:24:14

black lace sleeves I started to impersonate Miss Dolly Parton since 1971. Every chance I can. She plans to attend a Yagyu she attended Bali last night. And I have a musical notes that cover baby on burning along with the musical notes or with the features a person stickers a person.

B Bruce Reeves 1:24:38

Now we have the gay and lesbian switchboard.

 D Deborah Bell 1:24:41

Jimmy Carper. Jimmy did an excellent taping earlier about TV experiences people in the Houston area during mocking 69 During the Star Wars going all time. Okay Harper is marching there's puppy puppies waving across the way For the gay and lesbian switchboard that 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. While insecure training is offered several times, please call 5293211 about how to volunteer for the switchboard they need you and the youth.

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Anything going on in the community? Yes. And

 D Deborah Bell 1:25:26

there's a walking group of switchboard volunteers whose messages were 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

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We've got another coming up

 D Deborah Bell 1:25:45

is kind of craning his neck now down the way this sometimes moves up with everything. We do have a very ominous black clouds moving in over us which is cooling things off wonderfully but we just hope it doesn't cool off too much by getting us where

 B Bruce Reeves 1:26:01

the governing party is held every year. It's a visit Yes.

 D Deborah Bell 1:26:09

Yes, we have held it's a multi service center. They started in 1974 This is an old blue unicorn certainly a fantasy club. It has many butterflies, Judy's unicorn and lovely people dressed and yeah, that is really great. They these people have wings. They have leather. They have hearts.

B Bruce Reeves 1:26:35

Who's the man on the back with that with

D Deborah Bell 1:26:37

Oh, well. He's gonna stick I don't ever. It's a lovely fantasy creation and the majority divining rod, a lot of things and they have raised over \$26,000 in the last three years. Clean of the series 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 Bacchus atolls and other musical fairies. And you can see any garden party member more information we've got.

C Cindy Friedman 1:27:17

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

D Deborah Bell 1:27:33

well, of course, certainly members that are gay, and let's be a part of that group. Because we are angry, gentle people that 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 local peace and justice effort.

B Bruce Reeves 1:28:02

Right now it looks like we've got your Osage is driving down here where there's gotta be MW convertible carrying the driver, the passenger and

D Deborah Bell 1:28:12

sage watch and your essential provider. Seeing 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 Yes, pros. Drag queens.

B Bruce Reeves 1:28:42

Drag queens from outer space is currently playing the theater they're playing every Friday and Saturday evening.

D Deborah Bell 1:28:49

The other night right?

B Bruce Reeves 1:28:51

Through the 21st of June. It's a very wonderful production. It has three men dealing with the problems of being gay and being drag queens, so

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we're waiting for

D Deborah Bell 1:29:02

that next bar. Here they are. Now this is Dream cats. Dream cats is another production company that provides programs of interest to the gay and lesbian community have 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

B Bruce Reeves 1:29:33

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

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Okay, we were we're joined at KPFT studios here at the very end of the parade route by Sharon Hi there, Mary Helen I shared just came off the brain room all sweaty and Sharon is a member of KPFT board and a volunteer around the station and intrepid Walker. Today I just wanted to share something that I saw out on the route. I was the water woman for the Montrose and otherwise known as unknown source and symphonic band now. And when the greatest sights to see was Andy Mills who used to conduct the Montrose Stan was standing out from America's just 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. 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 9.1 KPFT Houston.

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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 kp FTS 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.

**D** Deborah Bell 1:31:17

Well, the Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus is passed by us and rotting in the convertible was our very own State Representative Glen Maxey, the first openly gay candidate that was elected this year and official elected. He serves the Austin Travis County area. And it's great to have him here with us today. Pat Gandy, he serves on the board of the GLP study, and they they're flooded with a huge piano that says on key JL PC, and of course you can call the Gay Lesbian caucus 65060 to zero to find out more information. Nope, that's not the right. Sorry. Don't find the right note

**B** Bruce Reeves 1:32:01

behind them was the Houston Coalition to Stop US intervention and the AIDS equity League. Wonderful sign that said we won't dance to other people's music.

**D** Deborah Bell 1:32:13

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. It's probably one of the veteran organizations. The bulk of squatters going by that's a local establishment, mostly catering to lesbians in our community. They moved recently to a new location. They're right behind trolleys over on rock craft just off the west tower. Here, Sharon Stone and her lambda program. There are 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 were featured on after hours last night. And coming up. Oh gosh, this is getting such a nice Parker. A nice is running for city council this year for district C and that of course is the district at the Montrose is included in and she's got some red roses that were a dozen red roses, she's waving enthusiastically to the crowd and the crowd is definitely waving and busy athletically back. Nice is a former president of the gay lesbian Political Caucus. And it's an outstanding candidate for our community or for the entire community at the city of Houston. And she had a wonderful article in the Houston press this week. So 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

**B** Bruce Reeves 1:33:51

time her mix floats the Montrose clinic or the Thomas Memorial clinic isn't being called now. Of course they have specialized in the treatment of actually transmitted diseases and services and education relating to HIV and AIDS.

**D** Deborah Bell 1:34:04

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

**B** Bruce Reeves 1:34:13

they're hoping to move into new facilities this year, if you would like to reach them or for their services you can call 528531. And one

**D** Deborah Bell 1:34:23

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 confident dental and anonymous and that's very important for you to be aware of. And it's very important that 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 UK think they will even do it free if that's your situation. But by going and getting the proper counseling and the proper insurance I should you can take steps to take care of yourself.

**B** Bruce Reeves 1:35:03

And of course I'm biased now as Miss Houston I need a one shoe. She's gotten a lovely leopard dress with Brett leopard. Leopard dye. Most organizations recognize employees of Houston's bars for their continuous support of the community.

**D** Deborah Bell 1:35:23

One of the longtime establishments obey the Brazzers river bottom if you want to see some really signs they know how to do

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this river bottom and they've

**D** Deborah Bell 1:35:37

got cat Kai and Longhorn fear not alive one

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they've got a good laugh

**D** Deborah Bell 1:35:46

right there on that



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2400 as those must be they miss gay



D Deborah Bell 1:35:51

Houston this Montrose injury coming up now these are some really lovely gowns and Jack monda Jack and really beautiful sequined and colorful



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sequence waving from Tierra



D Deborah Bell 1:36:19

and that's really nice some of the crowd you know they are just they've got their pants with them that you know there's several dogs here today have 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 fun.



B Bruce Reeves 1:36:42

I'm not it's the weather it's all been so far it's really nice out here it's cooled down considerably since the sun went back is this stepfathers? Maybe? I think maybe so fathers and fathers.



D Deborah Bell 1:36:56

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



B Bruce Reeves 1:37:35

past co chair of Lesbian Gay Pride Week riding on that floats.



D Deborah Bell 1:37:42

there waving to the crowd They're there in the back of a pickup truck And a number of gay co

there waving to the crowd. They're there in the back of a pickup truck and a number of gay 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 oh, gosh, the reason everybody's going crazy right now is naturally the Mary venturi. And at the front of it is a poster of Jim Fann Farmer who passed away this year and was really well respected fixture in the community. Mary's is the longest established gay bar at one location and the city of Houston and we're right here next to it. So for all the folks that are up on the roof of Mary's are going nuts. And the yes, there's lots of shout. They have a color guard with the rainbow flag and the National Bar of Texas and they came in



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there bye bye.



D Deborah Bell 1:38:56

Yes, and that was probably a very good thing. A number of people in our community and certainly one of the better established you can go almost anywhere in the world



B Bruce Reeves 1:39:08

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



D Deborah Bell 1:39:17

I think the first names project channels here on their own in Houston were made on Mary's patio. There's a panel



B Bruce Reeves 1:39:26

they're carrying in the parade today that will undoubtedly be in that grill next time. It's on here and many wonderful Mary's flags in all colors, shapes and sizes.



D Deborah Bell 1:39:36

And I think that's Bruce Bella. 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 him and to our community. And they do tisket a task every year just got a task it is an Easter time fundraiser for people brain You can send other items to get for stone soup for the AIDS Foundation



B Bruce Reeves 1:40:05

and now we've got the ripcord coming by a major leather bar.

**D** Deborah Bell 1:40:12

Leather banner, as a matter of fact, and these guys have on the ripcord T shirts and they have various leather chaps and short shorts and hats and

**B** Bruce Reeves 1:40:21

of course they do fundraiser throughout the year. 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 last year. So nice to see them out again today.

**D** Deborah Bell 1:40:39

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

**B** Bruce Reeves 1:40:44

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

**D** Deborah Bell 1:40:50

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

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crazy. It's right out in front of

**D** Deborah Bell 1:41:13

Texas of course has to be in the front. It's no wonder they didn't put it in front of the flag. But it is a lovely sight to see. And of course the rainbow flag is there among them. And in every state in the United States is represented with its very unflagged and so you can very

**B** Bruce Reeves 1:41:33

colorful and very wonderful exhibit

D Deborah Bell 1:41:37

a good size group. These are folks patronize over at the report or on staff here and they everyone is wearing a ripcord 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 Wisconsin now. So obviously, the states are passing us by

B Bruce Reeves 1:42:06

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

D Deborah Bell 1:42:13

venture in ventures, things art production in our community.

B Bruce Reeves 1:42:20

They opened in August 1977. But the location has been gay since the early 60s. National Weather association of Houston is riding on the float with some motorcycles and the Texas riders and the Lancers in motorcycle club which passed earlier. And sponsor several books. It's nice to have businesses that really cooperate in such a wonderful way to help make this great.

D Deborah Bell 1:42:47

I actually changed a now feminist button with a member of the Texas Water so I'm learning a few women that have a water oh god they're quite good man at the Venturi. Yes, they're they're hopping in a bop and

B Bruce Reeves 1:43:08

we're running up on the end of our 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. They've got some very colorful flags that are strangely shaped but they look like a real colorful group and

D Deborah Bell 1:43:23

they also are raising money for the community. And they have a unique flag that I guess is the flag of their organization. There is going to be national leather leather conference. The National leather man did sponsor a Pride Week event this year. And better than than me out there wearing leather. They do two major events or fundraisers for the community and educating the community about leather and the ethnonym community. Houston as a hosting a leather

titleholders and some other events during this year. And let me see if I can find a way to get in touch with these folks getting color matching they can tell you if you're interested in the leather Association. And yes, there's lots of shadow with a

 B Bruce Reeves 1:44:24

flag bearers or his silver snipers are performing you're in front of Lister. Yes, throwing their flag back and forth and I believe I see the first drops of rain following so

 D Deborah Bell 1:44:33

called a drill. So I

 B Bruce Reeves 1:44:35

guess this will be the first Pride Parade in Houston with the significance of getting a little wet.

 D Deborah Bell 1:44:40

Yes, we've never had it rain on our parade before and we really weren't looking for it to happen today. But those claps do look rather threatening but probably the the crowd will enjoy it because it'll cool things off as long as it doesn't come to to torrential of a storm. And some of those umbrellas that were brought for Sun are starting to go up over The crowns and silver savers are still doing their presentation to the reviewing stand. They have silver, white and black and red as their colors. And there are several was I see one woman I'm not sure. There's probably a couple of women it's so hard to tell necessarily, but they are considered mostly dressed alike. And I know coming up behind them, it's going to be the Montrose singers and the Montrose singers to sing yesterday over at Star night. And they do several concerts throughout the year. You are a man who likes to sing and would like to get involved in a community chorus that is a great way to do it when they did their their fifth rendition last night, and they're 22 members strong right now. And they don't just think classical music and they want you to enjoy this Pride Week parade. We've got some doowop music from the fabulous 50s They say so.

 B Bruce Reeves 1:46:03

I have another thing in club in Houston, which is performed this week during Pride Week and they're getting ready to bring the National Women's Golf festival to Houston this fall and Mary Hellena Hart song Yeah. I guess Mary Helen, one coffee?

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No, I'm here. We're standing by we are nearing the end of the coverage. That's true.



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Well talk to us for just a minute about our time matches



D Deborah Bell 1:46:27

the end of the parade. But we really want to thank you for listening today of this 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 Patrice Sean and Mary. Cindy and Dwayne has been our engineer today. Jimmy and Ray for that wonderful broadcast that



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they put together Jennifer took my drink, sir. Yes,



D Deborah Bell 1:46:57

Judy, for being here as a supporter. It is just a it's been a joint effort. And if I've looked at him, I'm really sorry, of course to Jack for for being part of Walden fine and for working so hard in the community.



B Bruce Reeves 1:47:12

The staff of gay and lesbian Pride Week 1991 Because without their help and their assistance, and



D Deborah Bell 1:47:17

what usually happens is as the parade ends, the people file and after it to follow it to the festival five and graciously down there making sure that that happened in the mat in this case is off the sidewalk into the



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weather associated with



D Deborah Bell 1:47:36

weather going by and the people



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sweating profusely. Yeah.

D Deborah Bell 1:47:44

You can see the sweat for actually a pretty fun

B Bruce Reeves 1:47:53

person co chair and Jim Barnard. Also a co chair and Ruth Mark

D Deborah Bell 1:47:58

risksmart is obviously not a man News National Weather Association. Gulf Coast Mr. Gulf Coast drummer is waving to us and these guys are really done up in the ladder. They really are

B Bruce Reeves 1:48:15

Mr. Larry arabo Mr. Gulf Coast drummer 1990 In ginger Bryant, San Antonio leather. books come from singers they've got

D Deborah Bell 1:48:26

Okay. They've got very colorful banners proclaiming that they are the Montrose singers. As we said they're 22 members song and we can hear them about doowop

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That's right. Sounds good.

D Deborah Bell 1:48:41

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

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And it truly is. Good night for Kpf ts 1991 coverage of the gay and lesbian Pride Parade. We thank you for joining us. Deborah Bell. I'm Bruce Reeves. Cindy Friedman have been our commentators on the street we want to thank Jimmy Carper and pokey Anderson America