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## SPEAKERS

Brian Keever, Gigi, Jimmy Carper

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parade route. That's a good that's a new one that's actually actually has had to change because of city of Houston ordinances that if you have a night if you have a night parade, your parade route cannot be more than one. I think it's more than one mile and one mile. And so what we've had to do is we've had to start in the parade closer in than in the past. Usually it starts at Woodhead, Westheimer. And Woodhead, what we've had to do is move it in quite a bit closer, and I can't remember the the cross street. It's Mandel Mandel, which is really close to where the potpie is. We're going to be starting they're lining up there. We'll go down Westheimer, which is actually we'll be heading east on Westheimer all the way to Montrose. We'll take a right on Montrose and wow, go all the way to Hawthorne which is where Kroger and Walgreens is. Take a left on Hawthorne, which will go right next to the Walgreens and then take another left behind Walgreens where the actually people will that will be the completion of the flower of the pray.



Jimmy Carper 01:05

That's that's amazing to me. Because walking in that parade, you say that? They were we did last year was from Dunlavy. Woodhead, what had to, it seemed like about 20 feet. You know, you start you're



Gigi 01:23

walking on air girls.



Jimmy Carper 01:26

It's overwhelming. And I can't believe that's more than a mile. Well,



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this parade route is going to be point eight, we clocked it off our parade co chairs clocked it off. And I think with the twists in it, you're gonna see a lot more viewing area than just straight down. Westheimer Yeah, these



Gigi 01:44

queens can never keep it straight. Hey, got to put a twist in fasher, thank you all for coming. I just want to kind of open it up for a few minutes. And if y'all have any other comments you want to make or thoughts, anything you want to maybe a challenge or for community first or whatever.



Brian Keever 02:15

Say if there's anyone that had any questions, we could take another next five minutes and see if there's a man or woman named



Gigi 02:24

Collins, number



Jimmy Carper 02:26

5738526, KP ft.



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Well, and while we're waiting for those to come in, I would like to say that, you know, anybody can be a part of this, anybody at all, and you can host an event. If your organization doesn't, if you don't necessarily want to come to all of our meetings and and be involved that way, then get an organization that you're already involved with. To host an event. All it takes is to fill out an event application, pay a minimal fee, I don't know what it is up top my head. But \$20 \$20 \$20 It's I mean, I know it's less than 50 Without a doubt. So that's, that's a way the so any organization at all can host an event, all you have to do is fill out the paperwork and pay a \$20 fee, then you get the benefit of all of our advertising, you'll be listed in the pride guide. You'll be listed in appropriate press releases. Yeah, exactly. So you don't have to necessarily come and show up at all our meetings. If you want to be a part of pride, we can do your own thing. You can do that.



Gigi 03:33

Mm cool.



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And I'd like to say if you want to drop by it the our table we have at the street festival, we always have a table, usually in front of Mary's I think it'll be there again this year. We haven't gotten approval yet. But they're they always work with us. They're a good group that you can meet some of these people that you've been hearing tonight, and check out some of our merchandise, our new T shirts are out and they do glow in the dark.



Gigi 03:57

Oh, that's almost as good as the glow in the dark condoms.



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Together Gigi.



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I would like to encourage anyone who's interested in being in the parade to start working on your float. We really want wanting to encourage floats this year. As matter of fact, in our parade rate structure this year, we're giving the discount to people who provide who actually do a float as opposed to a walking unit. So we're hoping that if people will take you take the float option and use that money to actually invest into a float. So get planning now we're already been in contact with several rental agencies here in Houston to make sure that we have enough generators, enough handheld battery packs to try to make sure everybody can you know, light up their parade and I know that one thing that the gay community is blessed with is creativity and taste. Ah, we



Jimmy Carper 04:58

know what's next.



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And I know that the gay community can really put on some wonderful, wonderful lit up entries this year. And I think the key is to start planning early.



Brian Keever 05:10

Do we have a caller? Yes, we do. It's clear from Magnolia. His question is how can I help out? Even though I live so far outside?

 05:19  
Question cliff.

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Not from red here. How far is the Magnolia

 Brian Keever 05:27  
I sort of say it's outside the Beltway even.

 Gigi 05:33  
This is getting scary,

 Brian Keever 05:36  
really good looking man. But you you can, we can mail you a copy of our newsletter, you can pick us up on the internet, we can you can give us a call, we can talk to you. I mean, there's lots of ways you can do it, you can bring in, even out there in Magnolia and I've been out there, it's kind of kind of put it out there.

 05:55  
For those who don't know, we do have a newsletter. And if you're not getting it in the mail, it's a real easy step. To get on our mailing list, call the phone number that we've been giving out

 06:04  
713-529-6979,

 06:07  
check out our webpage, there's a forum on there where you can input your address and information and and punch one button and it will send all right on through and you'll be added to our mailing list. And the newsletter will keep keep you constantly updated on what we're doing and what you can do to get involved. And

 06:26  
Cliff I would say also that what you can do is a lot of times we have mail outs on Saturday you

Um I would say also that, what you can do is a lot of times we have mail outs on Saturday, you can if you wanted to come to town and you wanted to find out when those were you could call our pride line, the number I just gave out. And you could come and spend maybe an afternoon helping the stuff envelopes and helping that we have an application mail out coming up on March 8, as a matter of fact, and it's on Saturday, at our



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office. No, no, no, it's an MCC, er, the opposite is a big enough,



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we changed it. So you know call the number 713-529-6979. We can give you more information on you know the times and places of that of that mailout coming up on March 8. Great.



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I would like to say this meal out is probably one of the funnest ones we do. That's such a word funnest. It's the way actually I met Darren and my first meal our years ago and he and his partner are the ones who Chris and I actually hit it off and you and I didn't talk much until I decided to talk you into being a co chair. True. We didn't call my home this year the year.



Gigi 07:28

Okay, looks like we're getting smart call.



Jimmy Carper 07:33

We question Rick from



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Allen wants to know if Kroger and Walgreens are going to allow parking for the parade? Oh, I don't know. We haven't contacted them yet, Rick, so I can't say yes or no to that it's a good idea. We'll just have to ask them and see what



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anyone who works for either of those companies wants to help us from the inside. To get involved in the



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past, Kroger and Walgreens have actually been very supportive of our parade. And we're actually going to be approaching them in the next couple of months to see if they will maybe help us do something maybe set up some stands or you know, provide parking

**J** Jimmy Carper 08:08

that would be nice because Walgreens has had some bad press in the past and this would be a nice way for them to

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absolutely

**i** 08:17

correct that. Yeah, this

**B** Brian Keever 08:19

is really been helping us a lot. So it's always wonderful there we spend enough money in that in that grocery store. Thank you.

**J** Jimmy Carper 08:27

Not only that, what about all those words for for Debbie talked about that even as

**B** Brian Keever 08:34

the private cars we haven't even mentioned our pride cards. We do have credit cards that you can we can send to you that 1% of your total grocery bill at Kroger's, once you give them this card, you have to give it to them before they start ringing up your order comes back to our

**G** Gigi 08:50

community don't even have to do it before they bring it. Change that. Oh, good Now anytime during the ring,

**J** Jimmy Carper 08:59

and then just as pride on

**B** Brian Keever 09:01  
committee of Houston that's all it says doesn't say queer doesn't say it says prod committee of Houston Incorporated. Right.

 09:09  
Actually, I tried to get behind somebody with a really big basket and do there's two

**B** Brian Keever 09:17  
checks back from Kroger. Yes,

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we've had a response has been wonderful. I think anybody anyone who is interested in getting one of those, we can mail them to anyone just call up our pride line number again 713-529-6979. And unlike

**J** Jimmy Carper 09:34  
wonderful organizations yeah have been on that so you have clarification from

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other Yes. There's also

**G** Gigi 09:41  
switchboard has a car. But the one you know this gets back to community first. And this is a way even those in the closet can help support the community just by discreetly giving that little card to the cashier it doesn't cost any more on your grocery bill. And part of what you spend on your groceries goes back to the community.

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I don't know if it's going to be in this next edition, but I know there was a copy of the Kroger card in the last edition of the newsletter that you can just cut out and use.

**J** Jimmy Carper 10:16

Wow, pretty neat.

**G** Gigi 10:18

I would like to say one other word on that, you know, part of this show is looking at worse a gay dollar going. And is is any of it coming back to us. This is a very good way for part of the gay dollar to come back back to

**J** Jimmy Carper 10:33

us. Plus, plus they do a lot of other things.

**B** Brian Keever 10:37

And on that note, I just got a card at home. I live here in the Montrose area that they're going to be changing that to a Kroger signature store. And I can carry most of the money that was spent in that store was just as quick as a \$3 bills. Most of that money because you can go there on a Friday afternoon about five o'clock and trust me it's worse than happy aren't Jr.

**G** Gigi 11:06

and talk about a good place to cruise baby. You know, I am with a basket.

**J** Jimmy Carper 11:11

I shopped there about one in the morning. And it's really nice.

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Especially in the produce section. Oh my.

**G** Gigi 11:20

And believe it or not miss Gigi when she gets in her little leather skirt and goes shopping at Kroger's. I even turned some Queens heads.

**J** Jimmy Carper 11:31

We were talking a little bit and you were talking about how you reduce the price for floats. Dean, do you happen to have that information? Like what is the price for floats? What is the price for walking contingents? And



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oh, unfortunately, I don't have that. We just changed them at the last meeting, which was two weeks ago and the rates are still so fresh. They haven't got sunk into my head. Yeah.



Gigi 11:55

That was the perfect we've got another Dizzy one in the room. I'm so happy. I'm not the only dizzy,



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natural blonde, not expecting.



Jimmy Carper 12:07

Not expecting anything, everything, everything. But if someone wants to get the newsletter, they'll find that out.



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Yes, they can. Our web page,



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the fees have not been updated on the web page yet, but they will be shortly. So check out the web page and check it once a month because I tried to keep it updated regularly.



Jimmy Carper 12:29

Well, then again, I'm a computer virgin. So I have to rely on the newsletter.



Gigi 12:33

Jimmy. Yeah, I have a question for you. Do you have the song about the flirts on pride that you could play fourth, perhaps



Jimmy Carper 12:42

I actually I have one already queued up. Oh, okay. And it's for Darren, especially after seeing

that picture of him. In



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addition, you can go get a copy. I'm embarrassed. I'm read.



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You didn't read? photogenic or hating?



Gigi 13:02

If you don't have enough got a copy of the clerk's out in the car. No, I have the flirts. Oh, okay. Because I do want to dedicate that song to the pred committee okay I guess so let's go to music for a minute.



Jimmy Carper 13:19

also happens to be it's on Rainbows favorite group. It's Doug Stephens in the out band the original out gay and lesbian, gay Country and Western band. And it has also happens to be his favorite song and I think this is kind of what the what the Pride Week kind of kind of puts forth it's called out in the country. Ooh. Dude on KPFT Houston, and KEOS College Station



Gigi 13:56

and you know, Miss Chi Chi lasting when it comes naturally. Oh, yes, honey, lots and lots of it, baby.



Jimmy Carper 14:04

We're here with the bride committee.



Gigi 14:05

Yes, by Nitin pride we were talking kind of during the music break, and about visions and hopes and wish lists and everything that helps keep the community going strong. What kind of things are y'all looking for?



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I think what I'm looking for most is just to be able to have people walk up to me and acknowledge who they are. Give me their name and then talk to them after Pride Week and

Pride Day.

 Gigi 14:39  
Sir, anything that the pride committee is looking for?

 Brian Keever 14:42  
Oh yes. You know, since it's your taxis and remember we are tax deductible. We are very tax deductible for everyone. You know, we take money graciously MasterCard, Visa, American Express. Discover If you know we have, we have lots of merchandise, but trust me, if you want to make a donation to us more than happy to accept that we've gotten

 Gigi 15:08  
round parades do not come cheap.

 Brian Keever 15:12  
You know, it's very expensive to put all this stuff. Also, we're constantly out there trying to find grants and trying to find people to help support is, if that's another way, if you don't want to go out and be public, it doesn't take a lot of energy to write a check, we'll be more than happy to go out there and beat the bands for you. Just give us

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a donation, I'll

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tell you another thing is that this year, we're making a major push for corporate sponsors. And you don't have to get yourself out so to speak, just to find out who in your company is the special events coordinator or the special events, marketer or whatever their title may be, find out who that person is, get their name and their contact number and get it to us. And we'll take it over from there, we'll never have to use your name. You don't have to put yourself at any kind of exposure. And that gives us the end to the company and we can start trying to work them for a sponsorship. Good idea.

 Brian Keever 16:10  
And donations for our office. Yes, anything that you want to donate like furniture



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brand new office,



Brian Keever 16:17

we will be glad to take



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no more furniture. We got real lucky and got a whole suite of office furniture. Wow. That's nice. Yeah.



Brian Keever 16:29

We can take new computers, yeah.



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Computers or even used computers?



Gigi 16:38

And what kind of things have been, are you looking forward with this? Night? Pray? I know you're breaking history. Is there anything planned as far as media coverage or outreach to the whole nation or to the world?



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Actually, yes, we do. We have an entire media plan set up. We have two media coordinators that are going to be doing press release interviews, advertisements, not only in local media, but as well, statewide, national and international media. What we're wanting to do is to make this, this is going to be the event that puts Houston on the map so to speak, we want this to be a thing that people from all over the country in the world come to this like they do the Sydney Mardi Gras, you know, we want this the night parade, to we want to get up to 50,000 100,000 300,000 You know, in the future so that people everywhere will come to this and this will be the event in the southwest to come to



Gigi 17:40

feel so electrifying to be part of making history and history here in Houston. I mean, you know, it's like, usually it's other places that the big things are going on San Francisco or New York City that were groundbreaking here and it's wonderful.



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It's happening in Houston.



Gigi 18:01

And you know, what's really neat about it is that anybody can be a part of this and everybody's welcome to be a part. I've always felt welcome as part of buying.



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Absolutely, we encourage everyone to participate. We want to include everyone whether you're gay, lesbian, you're bisexual, transgender, anyone out there who wants to be part of the community, drag community leather community, strictly business community, you know anybody who is gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, we really want you to be part of this.



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Even gay friendly and exclude anybody. Yeah, we



Brian Keever 18:35

do have gay families, gay parents, with your children.



Gigi 18:40

You know, this is just kind of tying something out. That's kind of an interesting perspective. TJ, I read this book one time, and in the back one morning, everyone who was gay or, or bisexual or kinky or loved different, woke up and their skin had turned green. And at first is a lot of finger pointing, and then all of a sudden the wave of acceptance. All of a sudden, people started realizing, well, my uncle was and my, my sister is and it's not just something out there. It's it's hitting home. And these aren't bad people. Some of these are very wonderful people. And even the president turned green in this book.



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The whole point is just to prove that we are everywhere. We are not just someone that gay people aren't just someone way off that you're that you never have contact with.



Gigi 19:48

Part of what I met one part of where I'm going with this is that in a in a funny sort of way. The Pride Parade is a way for all of us to turn green one I come out and be visible and show the world the positive side of being queer. And being a part of the community. And that it's it's a very positive experience.

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Well, I agree with that. And, and I think what's what's neat about the Pride Parade, too, is that I know a lot of people in these personal friends of mine, who have been a little nervous about coming to the Pride Parade. Oh, my gosh, what happens if I get up there? And there's a TV camera? What if they see me with 30,000 40,000 50,000 people? Is the chances. The chances are,

 Jimmy Carper 20:38

I mean, how much TV coverage has the Pride Parade had in the past? 30 seconds,

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maybe 30 seconds?

 Jimmy Carper 20:45

Yeah. Can you identify anybody? And

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mostly, and mostly the people that they look that they do is they focus on the people in the parade, not their spectators. And you can easily you know, blend in with the spectators if you're worried I don't want you

 Gigi 21:00

to is that we don't have queer printed on our foreheads. And there's a lot of strike people that come to this.

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To watch, it's gonna be dark this year, too.

 Jimmy Carper 21:11



It's yeah, it's easier to hide. Yeah. Unless you're if you're on the sidelines, but you know, I've been thinking and rainbow reminded me that, you know, Westheimer is pretty well lit. Oh, yeah. So even if you don't have lights, maybe if you wear reflective costumes, or tinsel or bright idea, Goldblum may go fake. You're never gonna show up. If you're walking down the street? Absolutely, certainly.



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That's the creativity we're looking for. And Rainbow always has that. Got it?



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Why don't Why do I envision dresses made entirely of bicycle reflectors?



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There's an idea.



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We'll probably see



Gigi 22:03

what that looks like. This is gonna be one of the most exciting parades here in Houston, that we've seen in a long time.



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Yes, we are very excited



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about it. So be sure and tell your friends and family to show up



Gigi 22:16

in the family of choice.



Brian Keever 22:18



Brian Keever 22:19

Tell everybody from out of state and tell them come on down.



Gigi 22:21

Ah, well, we



Jimmy Carper 22:23

are really glad that you came and and next time we'll try to get you on earlier.



Brian Keever 22:30

We'd like to thank you all. I mean, this is this is an avenue that you know, we don't get to do very often. So we're very pleased and very happy to come on and help you all out. Great. And



Jimmy Carper 22:41

the the invitation is if you want to push something, you know a fundraiser, you can just drop by any Saturday night and we can give you five or 10 minutes to do them.



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We'll take you up on that



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event if it's okay, we'd like to repeat the dates



Gigi 22:56

you bet. Phone number. Contact Information.



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Yes, the Gay Lesbian Pride Parade. 1997 is Saturday, June 28. At seven I'm sorry 9pm. I knew I would screw that up. Saturday, June 28 9pm. And it's gonna go from 9pm 11 It's going down Westheimer to Montrose taking a ride on Montrose. If you're in the Westheimer Montrose area, you'll see it our contact information if you're interested in contacting us or volunteering you can

reach us by telephone. That number is 713-529-6979. You can email us at info at prime houston.org or you can check out our webpage at www dot pride Houston which is one word P R I d h o u s t o n.org. Does pride WWW dot pride houston.org.

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Great. Thank you for all lowercase.

 Gigi 23:52

I want to thank all of y'all for coming. And thank you for being a part of this whole community as you've always been. You really are the ones that have stood out and said, Hey, we're here and then we're here not just for you, but we're here in the straight world and we're not going anywhere.

 Jimmy Carper 24:18

You bet and we're proud of who we are. We have an outgoing song for you by the flirtations, GG pick this out especially. It's a song of strength. And you certainly are the strength for the queer community. Something inside so strong

 Gigi 24:35

and I do want to dedicate this to pred.

 Jimmy Carper 24:38

Thank you again.

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Thank you. Thank you

 Jimmy Carper 24:50

You're on.

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Okay. Hey, Jimmy. You had a great show tonight. We had some great guests. Thank you. But, but we got a special friend. of our show. My name is Gary and I just want to introduce Gary. Welcome show, Gary. Well, thank you. And I want you to feel feel like you can come back and

visit us as often as you can. And, and, and you and I on some things think just to like and, and so we're glad you came by. Yeah, well praise the Lord. I'm a Christian, but I'm also homosexual. And my sexuality has nothing to do with my religion at all. And I love and believe in God and I will not let anybody destroy that. Well. Course, I rant and rave sometimes over the radio without the book about Christianity, but we're, we We are glad you're here. And a lot of gay people have a lot of trouble with it. Yeah, it's unfortunate. Yeah. But once you come back and want you to see us often, you know, and listen to us and tell others about us. Yeah, you have been very hospitable. Thank you so much. I enjoyed my stay here tonight. Great, but it was a great show. And Jim, we're gonna have to turn it back over you. But we are glad Gary that you combine I just want you. I just want to introduce you to our to our people out there that are listening. Thank you for your thank you. We love you too. Jim.

 Jimmy Carper 26:21

Ah, you've been listening to after hours. Career radio with attitude on KPFT who sneaks KEOS soldering station. Coming up at the top of the hour is the BBC News is Yeah, BBC News followed by the return of the sons of musical chairs with Billy Gilbert and Randy and Elmo, we will see you next week.

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Is there anybody out there? Hi, this is Pat and Rosie's night sounds

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we're on from midnight to 5am on Monday mornings considered by some to be Sunday night.

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We're here so wake up a friend and join us there and everybody out there. That's always our burning question. We really do want to know is there anybody listening to our mix of rock folk and Celtic music, along with special performances from local musicians? Anybody out there?

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We've got some of the finest local artists playing their own original musical live, especially for those who tune in to patent Rosie's night sounds we're on from midnight to 5am on Monday mornings also thought of is Sunday night.

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So tune in to pat and Rosie's night sounds only on KPFT 90.1 FM in Houston, Texas.



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Is there anybody out there?



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Nine O'Clock Greenwich Mean Time. BBC World cept. The news read by Roy long. Widespread civil unrest the collapse of investment schemes in Albania has led to the resignation of the government