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Okay, that's okay



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nothing nothing worth talking about. John, why is it why is the rodeo so important to the community this year or any year



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probably for the visibility that it gives the gay community within the rest of the within the populace at large. It shows the the gay community can do everything that everybody else can do. And it also it shatters a lot of stereotypes.



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That's really important, too, right? Not only for us, but for the strike community as well.



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Right. You know, there's a lot of stereotypes about the gay community and rodeo, and gay rodeo, dispels a lot of those stereotypes.



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Can you tell us what's happening here tonight as the folks register for the rodeo this weekend?



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Okay, tonight will be the contestant registration and there'll be a kickoff dance downstairs in

Okay, tonight will be the contestant registration and there will be a kickin' dance downstairs in the exhibit hall. Lots of cowboys lots of cowgirls



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cowboys everywhere. How long have you been involved with T Gra?



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I've been a member of T gra since the very early days. Right after the first Houston rodeo. In Simonton, the footwork chapter was organized the following August and I've been a member of T gra ever since then.



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So with that standing in the lobby of the Hyatt obviously the rodeo has grown a little over the years.



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Quite a lot over the years. We're going to shatter records. In terms of contestants.



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What about attendance? What are we looking at? Do you have any idea anyone want to take a wild guess?



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It's hard to say on it. On a wild guess on just from the sheer number of rooms we've booked here at the Hyatt. You know we've got half the hotel. And the fact that we had to go to the Coliseum because it was the only place large enough for the expected attendance.



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John, people that are listening here in the Houston area that have never experienced the Texas gay rodeo either gay or straight. What would you say to them to invite him out to the rodeo this weekend?



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Come out and see it. It is a great time.



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And thanks a lot. Welcome to Houston and have a good time. Thank you Sure. Cincinnati You came all the way down here for this.



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I've been doing it for two years now. Really?



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So this can be a good rodeo. Oh, yeah,



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I think so. You just



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came out of registering. What did you register for?



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Shoot, Dougie. And what is that? It's where you wrestle a steer to the ground? Oh, yeah. Yeah.



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Listen, what would you say to our listeners that are listening? Never experienced the teach everybody.



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You have to do it. It's wonderful. And you can't No matter what anybody says. Until you do it. You never it's just, it's addicting.



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And this is gonna be great.



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This is gonna be great. Welcome to Houston.



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And then walking in here to the lobby. I've worked downtown for years. And so I'm used to seeing this lobby with all kinds of different people but the walk in and see all of these cowboys in No, this is gay and lesbian day at the Hyatt Regency. It's just fantastic.



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We're standing on the second level is this the second level second level of the Hyatt Regency downtown and the Texas gay rodeo people are everywhere.



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They're all in the restaurants. Look them down there. They're in the lobby bar filled to capacity. People are lining up for drinks



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in the Regency room right now. The Cowboys and cow girls are registering for the events that will be taking place as they throw Did you see that in the paper this week? Yeah,



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they throw a rodeo How do you throw a rodeo girl you don't you don't have one you throw.



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We'll ask them later how you throw it but they're gonna throw the rodeo and the Sam Houston Coliseum. This Saturday and Sunday. By the time we say this on the radio, it'll be Sunday. So you only have one more day to go out enjoy the rodeo and the box office opens at 10 o'clock. And there are drag queens going down the escalator Mary



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I know it's fabulous. Absolutely Fabulous. what complicates



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things for the Hyatt Regency staff who have been wonderful from what I hear from all the people here with T gra is the fact that Bob Hope is upstairs raising money for that. Girl he's upstairs raising money for The what was something Northwest Medical Center something I don't know what she's doing



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well she's surrounded by a gay couple arrows



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anyway at eight o'clock there's going to be a dance in the ballroom which is in the basement. Did you know that? Oh, they've



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changed it.



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Yes. They've Well there are several I guess we got the one of the base.



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Okay. Well, the basement is a huge X exhibition hall and I think it's really larger than the Grand Ballroom up on the third floor.



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They said that was the reason that they put us down there is because there's just not enough space upstairs. Yeah. And from what a



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round look at it, they wouldn't fit in the Grand



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Ballroom. From what I understand. There are gay and lesbian people in just about every room at the Hyatt downtown tonight. So



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is that great. I read somewhere that they had taken up like 480 rooms in this hotel and needed 60 more in another one downtown. Should we



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go like room to room and interview people? Later, okay, anyway, you're listening to after hours on KPFT and we're at the Hyatt Regency and getting ready for the



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Texas gay rodeo



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say a girl the Texas Game rodeo at the Sam Houston Coliseum. We've got one more day to come out and enjoy it and it's gonna be a lot of fun. So



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Sam Houston Coliseum. And by the way, you can call the switchboard for that location. But I'll tell you right now, it's 810 Bagby AT walker now how



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are they going to call the switchboard Mary at the box office opens at 10 the switchboard doesn't start up until two or three.



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Nevermind.



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So don't call the switchboard right now. The tgr a rodeo because you're one more chance to see it. That rate it's great. Well, by the time we get this together, we will have seen the rodeo right Saturday. Right. So right now what are we gonna do?



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We're gonna walk around and try to grab some people and interview them. How's that?



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Okay, hang on. We've got music for you now from home. Mary. How about Romanovsky? Dolly Parton. Okay, that's on after hours. KPFT ustun 90.1 FM. Radio, what are you what party you're gonna play in the rodeo journey,



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but just participant this you're just supporting the gay community and things of that nature? Well, isn't that what it's about? It? Sure is that we need more participation.



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Cheering what would you say to other folks listening to us on the show this morning? And how would you invite them out to come out and see the rodeo? What would you say to them?



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Well, I think everybody they wanted to see something really super and get a new aspect on the gay life sci fi that we're all about.



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Okay, thank you very much



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this is rodeo noise



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so what we're talking about if I ever been to a real rodeo, and the answer is, yes, long ago with the dome, but I didn't feel any affinity there. That was just people I didn't know. And the same thing here. But they're all brothers and sisters in it makes a difference. You feel like you know each and every one.



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We're sitting in the Sam Houston Coliseum, getting ready for the grand entry, which officially and historically begins every rodeo. The Rodeo we're talking about is the Texas gay rodeo. And

it's seventh year. And this year, it's here in Houston. And it is a beautiful day outside.



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Yeah, and we're inside. So there's



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no excuse for you to go out. You have one more day to go down to the Coliseum and see the rodeo in person. box office opens at 10 o'clock. Tickets are our what? 15 at the door, okay \$15 at the door. It's really important for you to understand that all of the money raised by the Texas gay rodeo goes to charity.



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And over \$600,000 has been raised by the rodeo committee already since their inception.



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We're going to be moving about the rodeo as things progressed during the day and hopefully be able to tell you about what we see. Right now. They're telling us that in about five minutes, the official grand entry will begin and you've never been to go random tree



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I have no idea what to expect.



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What happens historically is that all of the people that are involved parade in the arena at the beginning and show off their horses in their suits and their colors from their local states. And that's what's getting ready to happen now on the far side of the arena now we can see flags really can't tell from which state yet but it will be happening here comes the royalty we'll be the first ones I guess.



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Oh, I see that. See that? I'm telling you I have never seen more rhinestones and spangles since Porter Wagner it was with Dolly Parton. It's incredible. This is



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really kind of nice there. Oh, I don't know how many people would just say here so far. Girl. Gosh, I



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have no idea. I'm bad at that kind of thing. What would you say?



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I don't know. But this place holds about 80 108,800



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people and oh, it's I'd say there's a one or 2000 here.



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There's there's a big crowd. And people are still coming in. Yeah. Not



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only that. There's incredible numbers of people in the rodeo. And I see them all lining up. Now they're not on horses are going to be walking on foot carrying flags, starting off with the royalty that was chosen last night. We don't know who you know, we don't know who it is yet. As a matter of fact.



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Well, once again, you're listening to after hours on KPFT and our special coverage of the Texas gay rodeo live on tape,



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Sam logo, their logo being random and Robo



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that the Cowboys are well I'm not sure. Well, the official grand entry is getting ready to begin. Hopefully we can describe to you what we see. There are a lot of people who have worked very, very hard to put this rodeo together not just the physical aspects of the rodeo, but the cowboys

and cowgirls themselves, who physically work very, very hard throughout the year getting ready for these rodeos. And hopefully we'll be able to go down later on and talk to some of those folks.



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And I'm telling you it is like what I've always expected from a rodeo. We've got all kinds of animals all around and pens. The entire floor of the Coliseum is one big sandbox. And you got all the smells of what you'd expect from a rodeo.



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Well, let's take a break right quick before we get started. And we'll be back in just a second with the official grand entry the beginning of the Texas gay rodeo live from the Sam Houston Coliseum. Right here on KPFT you're listening to after hours KPFT Houston 90.1 FM and we're here at work where we certainly are we'll be back in just a minute so stay with us



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and Houston, Texas. Welcome to the seventh TV on audio number need to get back first. Stop producing smokey. As long as you are good enough for myself. We have gone down emotions in your mind before you're seated. Or this is on the finest rodeos in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas. And this



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season, the final day of all time, especially the cowboys and the challenger. The cowboys and cowgirls, the ones that are presented with it



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and welcome back. As you can hear the announcer is getting ready to walk.




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We're getting ready to start the grand entry. Announcing just what's going on and announcing who the biggie czar, who he is and arena director and all that kind of stuff.




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Once again, Jimmy and I are at the Sam Houston Coliseum. And the grand entry is getting ready to begin now the official opening the Texas gay rodeo and the rodeo cowboys are stepping off. Girl you clap in


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my ear. Sorry. I get excited over stuff like this. It's


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the official Here we go.


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Here's the guy with the PTR Ray. Oh, Joe Fisher Mr. IG era


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First thing out was the tgr a flag followed by the T gra royalty and I'm sure these are who girl.

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These guys coming out the

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rodeo people, these are rodeo directors. Okay.

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These are the directors coming out all these guys

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and men kissing men through the bars sort of nice.

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Americans a couple of guys with some other flags here. I don't recognize those flags.

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The Coliseum is beginning to fill up now. So it looks like you're gonna have a much bigger

The Coliseum is beginning to fill up now. So it looks like you're gonna have a much bigger turnout than we thought. These.



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This is Arizona, Arizona. tgr agrra



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And he's just now saying Colorado is represented. They're all carrying the official tgr a flag from their state plus their state flag and it's very, very beautiful. There's a lot of color here this morning. All the plus the the outfits that they have on the official cowboy suit.



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Yeah. Lots of rhinestone Spanx. Oh, here's Charlie's in Denver. They're all dressed the light like in red and whites, white striped shirts.



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Here comes some folks from my home state of Arkansas. It's Wow quite a crowd and boy



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no kidding. The biggest crowd so far. That's incredible. Look at that.



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Yeah. Yay, Arkansas. Welcome to Houston. is nice. Give me goosebumps that gives you a good feeling to see kids. Well kids, men and women from Arkansas. marching in the grand entry of the parade here at the Texas gay rodeo. We're at the Sam Houston Coliseum this year some gentleman and a couple of ladies from Los Angeles.



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Yeah. Los Angeles Rodeo Association.



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Now I'm coming in from K gra Kansas. Kansas is represented here today as well. Don't you love those shirts? Bright pink? Oh, yeah.



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And you know the saw the win. There are drag queens mixed in there walking around the sand filled arena with their high heels. How do you walk in this dirt and I hear I can't tell you



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from Missouri, T gra they're also coming in. So there are people from all over the country and they're just beginning to roll. Albuquerque New Mexico is. This is a beautiful, beautiful day for the gay lesbian community here in Houston.



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No kidding. And they're advertising their rodeo that comes up in April 26. The 91 in Albuquerque,



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New Mexico. Yeah. Beautiful flag too, right. It's black with their rodeo emblem in the center.



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Right and gra Montana,



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Montana is represented here today.



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I just think of Montana is being like the rodeo capital even more than Texas because there's still lots of really live cowboys up there.



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Here's some folks from the Oklahoma gay Rodeo Association. Beautiful, beautiful flag. I was born and raised in Tulsa. Did you know that? No. Yes, child I've told you that before. T G here's the T gra people from Texas gay rodeo biggest applause



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and T gra royalty coming up here.



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Here comes some folks from T gra in Dallas.



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Oh gosh. Look at an incredible look. There's a little boy there with his with his mom. Oh, I



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see that. It's he's cute. He's got a little gray cowboy hat and a purple shirt and poster set.



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There's a bunch of guys with pink vest.



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All of these gentlemen are from all over Texas, Lubbock, Houston, San Antonio Dallas Fort Worth. And they're all here today representing the Texas gay rodeo. And here comes the Colt 40 fives through the gate. COLT 40 fives raise a tremendous amount of money for AIDS patients. It's money that is given to them right away without a lot of hassle and without a lot of red tape,



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immediate immediate cash for their needs. These guys are all wearing light blue shirts with their logo on the back.



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This was very, very good group here in the Houston area group that needs your support. And behind them



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is Miss BRB and Miss ranch. Who is this? Who is this? This is the tri state gay Rodeo Association. So I'm not sure what the tri state is. Oh, Ohio,



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Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana,



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believe it I had no idea that there were cowboys in those days.



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Look at the smiles on their faces. Can you see that? They are having a good. There's a lot of pride being shown here today.



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Incredible. And I'll bet they're, they're having a good time with the old Texas hospitality too.



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Once again, we want to remind you that we're live on tape at the Sam Houston Coliseum. You're listening to after hours on KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM. And the grand entry is just now beginning to wind down. It's a beautiful, beautiful bunch of color.



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I see some horses in the background about ready to come through. I think



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they're exiting now. to arouse in crowded crowd is really beginning to fill up the place now.



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Sure is when I remind



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you that the box office opens today at 10 o'clock. And the rodeo grand entry starts again at noon on Sunday. So noonish gay Standard Time. So you do have time to come down to the Sam Houston Coliseum and enjoy the rodeo. With it being Sunday, I'm sure you won't have any problem finding a place to park. And even if the weather the weather doesn't hold up the same

Easter Coliseum is a beautiful building. And it's just really nice to be inside with these rodeo folks. Right now the participants in the grand entry are leaving the arena. And I'm not really sure what's going to happen next.



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No, I'm not sure either. There's some more events coming up. I don't know if they're going to do anything else official before they start the events. And we'll just take that time and see.



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I wish you could see the colors as they as they walk on.



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It is incredible.



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The smiles and the pride that's out here.



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I want to say it's got to be a gay group because they are dressed to the tee. And they really



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really look sharp. And the pride you can kind of feel it in the air now because something special is getting ready to happen. And it's called the Texas gay rodeo. And it's here for one more day in the Sam Houston Coliseum. You Bet you've never been to a rodeo girl. So what do you think of the official grand entry?



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That was pretty amazing. I was surprised that the the people from the different parts of the country I never expected to be interested in rodeo



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from all over the country. Yeah.



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They were saying that the hotels, the official hotel Hyatt is full. And they've had to rent rooms and other hotels in the downtown area.



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We're setting on the northeast corner of the Coliseum, right just above the announcers who are down over the floor. To the north end of the Coliseum or the chutes, there are five six of them where the livestock will be coming out. And we can see livestock in the back there who look like they're not really sure what's going on here.



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And here's the Grand Marshal Marian. Now they're



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introducing dear friend Marian Coleman, from the house of Coleman. Marian was very instrumental in the organization of the Pruitt's



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right she she helped get rodeo started. And she has been chosen Grand Marshal.



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She's writing a beautiful white horse. Unfortunately, I don't know what kind of horse it is



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wearing a bright red blouse, black hat. But nowadays black hats don't mean you're bad guys because I see a lot of black hats and some very good looking people.



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There are cowboys streaming in now from



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when now we have the male Grand Marshal, which is Walter Papa Strickler.



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Walter Strickland recently passed away to AIDS. They have riderless horse now with his hat and some flowers. So yeah, people are standing. It's really kind of nice. Walter, if you could see this, I'm sure would enjoy it. People are standing and removing their hats and paying respect to a man who was very, very dear and very, very special to the gay and lesbian community in Houston. That was kind of an I



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just gave me goosebumps without anybody saying it. People just started standing up.



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Walter Strickland was One of the owners and founders of the ranch the barn, barn barn, the barn, the ranch, the BRB, I can't keep up with all these names the barn. Yeah.



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And he was it was his dream to see gay rodeo in the state. And he was very instrumental in getting it started also, he and Mary and together people said that they used to enjoy seeing him sitting in the rocking chair right inside the window of the bar and in the afternoon reading the after the paper. This is



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very nice. On the far side of the arena. Now the riderless horse is passing. They're three people carrying the panel that was made for Papa Strickland for the names project. And as that passes, people are standing cowboys credible that's very touching, isn't it? It's very, you have to excuse me, it's very, very touching. Because I knew Walter Strickland, he would have loved that he would have. He was very, very proud of this rodeo. I'm very, very proud of this community. So that was that was very nice and very emotional moment. So as you can tell, it's gonna be emotional and very exciting day. At the Sam Houston Coliseum for the seventh annual Texas gay rodeo. You're listening to KPFT Houston 90.1 FM



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radio celebrating life from the heart of Montrose.



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It's easy to do it in the studio, but it's much harder to do because we don't have current machines and turntables to fall back on

machines and turntables to fall back on.



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This is us live. Oh look at this here comes



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the American flag and the Texas flag just just entered the arena on beautiful horses it's a beautiful day there went down to the far end of the arena and now they're back at the at the north end I guess of the arena as a young cowgirl from Texas and Houston as a matter of fact can the T gra ban IGRs internet gra international gay Arizona, the Arizona flag has now come into the arena these



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all of these flags are carried by horses galloping horses in the riders galloping around the arena.



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This is part of history too, because in a normally in a grand entry, all of the participants are on horseback but I think just for logistics. They weren't today.



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This is incredible. Look at these all these galloping horses with the flag.



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This is very beautiful. All of the people who were represented in the parade in the rodeo today are being represented now by riders on horseback with the colors from their state and their radio or their radio, their rodeo organization.



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And here are the royalties now galloping



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and Girl look at that cowboy and that Peterbilt shirt.



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The Virgin



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has is what? The Virgin I think we need to go find out



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all dressed in white. Here Ah, here comes the BRB. Get a rousing round of applause. Round up saloon, very famous in Dallas. Getting almost a bigger round of applause if you can imagine.



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Here we go. The Oklahoma State Flag helped me buddy. I'm just sort of awestruck. They're coming out so fast now. I can't see them all. What's happening



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is the official colors from the States. And our the United States are in the arena now on horseback and it's very, very pretty.



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Incredible. Incredible. All these flags and all these colors,



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everybody. This is the one this is the one time I wish we were doing television.



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Yeah. And here's all the TRA contestants for royalties, with the T gra flag.



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We'd also like to mention these





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people have raised money throughout the year. And while there's now only three chosen as royalty, these people have really worked their tails off all year raising money for charities.



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We'd also like to mention that in the foyer. Is that right? Foyer in the foyer. Yeah, something downstairs. There are booths set up by a lot of community organizations.



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I saw the names project booth, we saw



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Mr. Martinez down there with the McCall's



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the McCall. Oh my gosh, look at all these. The arena is filled with horses now.



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It's a beautiful event and it's going to be a beautiful day here at the Sam Houston Coliseum. The crowd is really now starting to fill up the arena. And there are people I'm sure from all over the country.



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Now that I look around all of a sudden there's a lot less empty seats.



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And as you can hear there's a beer salesman Yeah,



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yeah. Now what have we got?



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Right now they're introducing folks from other I guess they're what are they doing?



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I think they're introducing people who are involved in gra organizations throughout the state



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because in Texas, there are at least eight chapters of T gra just announced Vicki new president of the Houston chapter. That's that voice you've been hearing every week on after hours for the last six months.



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The north end of the Reina they're getting horses lined up. So something's getting ready



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for the first event after the grand entry here.



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I think it's called a rodeo marry. Yeah,



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I guess. They've got horses, they're putting horses and shoots. So it's just like, they don't have saddles.



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bareback riding oh



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don't even know this. will manage the livestock is being loaded into the chutes. And people from all over the country are now beginning to find their seat because the Texas gay rodeo seventh edition I guess is getting ready to begin and listen Houston Coliseum. Remind you that you got one more day Today's the day to see the rodeo the southeastern Coliseum here in Houston. It'll be at the Sam Houston Coliseum downtown. box office opens at 10 o'clock. Yep. And a lot of well, all of the money raised goes to benefit charities in the Texas area.



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That's right. This is the beginning of the seventh year. So in the six years that the rodeo has been in existence, they have raised over \$600,000



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so you can enjoy the day and help. Do something really constructive with some of your money. Come out today to the Sam Houston Coliseum and see the rodeo. We're going to take a break right now as they're getting ready to begin the events. Okay, and we'll be back in a minute. You're listening after hours on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM, and we're broadcasting to you live from the Sam Houston Coliseum and the Texas gay rodeo. Yeah, we'll be back Hang on. Well, we're back at the Sam Houston Coliseum. And we're getting ready for the invocation.



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And the national anthem.



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So let's listen then.



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Of course, if any gateless be in the fence you've got assigned her



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sisters, I will not ask you to lie your head. Because we are not here in sorrow. We are hearing joy. We will not bow our heads in shame either. Because we are proud that Jesus taught us how to eat bread. I would like you to raise your head. Open your eyes to heaven. In Christ. We are blessed to be proud of them. Even in the presence of the dog was blessing me and both. We are proud because because as members of this divine creation, we are choosing to express who we are. We are proud to express our talents, our patients, our perseverance and our hard work. We are proud of beautiful horses we have nurtured caring for and love are willing to give to themselves so that our efforts will shine forth. We are proud to express the care equals able to do anything was with price acknowledging the SEC or presence of God and our hearts. Let us know the promise made from the beginning I am with you always. Let us start with a brilliant life of creation. And acknowledge and accept the grace with which horses will move with speed and care. The agility of our bodies to date bumps and bruises along the way. The friendships and those that we know those that are coming to know and the divine protection, which will keep us from harm and in safety enjoy this weekend. Most importantly, let us acknowledge and accept our oneness with the Divine Source. Without this gift of life, nothing would be possible.

So let us demonstrate our joy and enthusiasm, goodness in life, let his feminine status shine forth our own divine radiance. Let us better stay apprised that you are indeed the image and likeness of the Creator, showing for the joy that all Creation shares with us today. So we invoke God to remain in our hearts keep us from harm. Heal Our Verses quickly. Child level upon all Creation gathered here today. What is the gentleman? Mr. Terry do suddenly don't do as



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well as you can tell. We're off to a rousing start.



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No kidding. I was surprised to see many people in the audience singing along.



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We're live on tape from the Sam Houston Coliseum. And the Texas gay rodeo is getting ready to began its seventh season. The balcony



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is starting to fill up now buddy.



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The whole place is starting to fill up and there are some good looking people here today. So put on your cowboy outfit and come on down. If you don't have any just do like I did and put on your blue jeans and your shirt and tennis shoes and get your self down. That's



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right or you might rummage through your back of your closet find an old pair of boots like I did probably left by some man sometimes.



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Tell me the story.



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That's okay. I've been noticing that all these numbers that the cowboys and cowgirls are wearing on their backs and the numbers for their events. Those are the numbers that's the

numbers and provided for by Miller Lite.



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Were live today on tape from the Sam Houston Coliseum. Of course you're listening to after hours



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radio celebrating life from the heart of Montrose.



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I mean, who else would bring you a gay and lesbian rodeo on the radio?



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I know that's right girl rodeo on the radio.



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We want to mention the fact that the announcer that you hear behind us is from Dallas, Texas. And checking our handy dandy program as Jimmy quickly here returns to the pay our D Lynch Adi Lynch hails from Dallas he started his career as rodeo announcer at the age of 16. He's not only a distinguished rodeo announcer but he's an accomplished auctioneer.



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Oh, yeah, he's got the voice for and he's announced



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the past four years for TJ era and we want to welcome Marty Lynch from Dallas, also a member of tgr to Houston today we're live on tape rain Sam Houston Coliseum. It's gonna be a beautiful day there's a certain air of anticipation. Yeah, no



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kidding. In the air right



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now, the shoots to the north end of the arena are filled now with bear back horses.



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Which means is that this is going to be bronc riding,



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which is bareback riding.



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Oh, okay.



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And that means that something is getting ready to happen.



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That's what I'm waiting for.



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So are we gonna go to the snack bar?



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We sure are. I need that popcorn as



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well while we run to the snack bar.



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What's his breakfast for me



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while we run to the snack bar we're getting ready to tell you



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I just dedicated rodeo to all those who have died of AIDS.



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That's something this rodeo raises so much money for charity, charitable causes, most of it going to AIDS and now they've dedicated the rodeo



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once again the crowd is coming to its feet. The panel made for Papa Strickland.



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Strickler is thing brought out and his horse is making another tour around the rodeo arena as they play a special song.



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The Rodeo today being dedicated to all those who have left us to something awful as a it's real funny. Looking around the day this seems like any other rodeo and it will be any other way except that today, the arena is filled with people who are gay and lesbian are proud of the fact that the gay and lesbian are here to celebrate that pride.



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Absolutely. It does look like any other rodeo except that when you see an arm around the waist, it's either two men or two women.



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You know Papa Strickland's panel is down there, the one that was made for him by the for the names project, and I saw that panel for the first time at the park when we named project had their display. Oh, that's



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right when they had the storefront there for a week about a week before the the quilt came to us. Walter Strickland,



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who was one of the founders. Next is gay rodeo TG of the Texas get ready. But also the barn,



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the barn, right he's the owner of the barn for many



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for many, many years and the Walters riderless horse is now in the center of the arena with his hat I'm sure setting on the on the saddle, right.



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And a person dressed all in black holding the horse.



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We really want to encourage you to come out and take part in this. This is a very special moment for the rodeo. It is a moment of pulling people together. With their Strickland was employed by shell for many years as a mathematician, computer scientists for over 30 years. He owned and operated the barn and the monitors area from 1976 to 1987. And it was nice they stayed is going to the barn and see him reading his paper quietly by the front windows. The gay rodeo was a dream from the heart of Walter Strickland dream that he was determined to become a reality in his adopted home state of Texas. And it became that reality as with each passing year, and with each taste of success. You could see him you could see in him the pride that he felt as one of the founders of the TGI K rodeo. It is with that sense of pride that the members of the Texas gay Rodeo Association present Walter Strickland as Grand Marshal of the seventh annual T gra rodeo. kind of tough to read that go



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Sure is.



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as before everyone's on their feet, hats across the hearts.



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And the horse has left the arena and the panel has left the arena and everyone is taking their seats. And I think we're just about ready to begin.



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Yeah, I see some men on horses coming up to a gate.



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So you're gonna go to the snack bar.



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I'm gonna go to snack bar. Yeah.



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Let's take a break then. And we're going to run to the snack bar. And you listen to this and we'll be back in just a second. Once again, you're listening to after hours live on tape from the Sam Houston Coliseum



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radio celebrating life. And from the heart of Montrose, Mary. And the



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