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See that cowboy? Did you see that cowboy?

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First out with the ball

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because that who that was for selling

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the ball

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who's Broussard

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drag queen does a lot of benefits here in the Houston area. Oh

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my god I'm gonna have to get to know her a little more. A little more infinite

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club Romeo Walter, how are you command minute KPFT radio. How did it go? Real good. You a T gra representing tgr today?

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Yeah, we were.

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What do you think of the crowd today, Walter?

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We had a good crowd. No problems at all.

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The Rodeo, we noticed is coming up in November.

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Yeah, we're looking forward to it. It's gonna be in Fort Worth. We're gonna have a good time.

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Thanks for taking a minute to talk about this. Coming up next one of our favorite groups. One of our very, very favorite groups, the the gay and lesbian switchboard and the Houston Tang. Are you just recording our show next week so we don't have to go down there.

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Oh, sounds wonderful.

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What do you think of the parade?

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I loved it. I'm right in front of the banner.



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What was the best part for you? Getting waved at my all the cute women. K and all our CO hearts from the Gay Lesbian switchboard. Next the ballet 89 which is one of the gas the K is one of the largest skin Hispanic groups to have a fundraiser function during Pride Week. They raise several \$1,000 right at Valley every year.



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Yes, absolutely. That's a beautiful



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and next I think I see a queen with a mustache.



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Well, now that's an escort. Okay, this is Rubio's and we have people dressed very as techy, very flashy. Lots of gold. Lots of feathers.



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That's kind of nice. Yes, it is. And here comes cherry well who's cherry



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cherry Wolfram breakthrough.



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Oh yeah.



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Jerry woke Miss breakthrough.



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Gave me at the end of line I can't even breathe. What are you doing? When you're marching Well while we're marching with woman's face today and we got out of my redneck woman

Well, while we're marching with women's race today, and we got out of my neck woman with us. We've been beaten these instruments the whole way down the street. And our fearless leader here has been mouthing 1234 The whole way to keep us in stamp.

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Were you happy with the parade?

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Well, in that I was in it. I didn't see it. But it took us a long time to get down here and and I think it's turned out really well. The weather has been perfect for it. I'm so glad that the goddess was with us today.

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From the breakthrough program and chariot and pokey Of course. Right here on KPFT every week putting together breakthrough escape Houston going by now in a very big Cadillac fan once again. Have Kenna ran off and left Jimmy OKAY, where are we? It comes a nice looking man to

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the gay. He's Mr. Gay Houston.

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We need to interview him to talk

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it certainly is Mr. Texas.

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Yes, indeed.

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And now we're once again once again at another law.



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Yeah, a little bit of a law.



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So is that it?



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Oh, no. There's more to come. There is. We haven't seen Ray hill yet. Yeah, we have. That's right. We did see Ray Hill with the



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gate. Police saw him and heard from him. Yes.



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Oh, well, I missed that part.



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Well, now this is many Americans had everybody else arrested.



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No, no, no, no. If it was over, people would be swarming in the middle of the street making their way to the quick copy parking lot to the gay fence. Yeah, yeah, there's just kind of low here in the middle. We see them so we see flags. I see those flags.



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And some more banners coming down the street.



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Those wonderful flags new this year that with the pink triangles in the Rainbow



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the rainbow flags kind of cut up into one is that one of those call



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strips strip.



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Well, instead of a flag, the pieces are kind of like, strips I guess color. Then there's a pink triangle at the head of it. So that's really kind of pretty. And this very colorful contingent is the garden party,



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the one everyone's been waiting for, and they, they



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raised a tremendous amount of money. This looks like the 14th annual garden party to be held June 30, benefiting Colt 40 fives and the mattress cleaning. What's nice about cold 40 fives is that people who need help are given help right away. And it looks like those raisins are lost. Those raisins



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are also in drag. They're wearing wigs.



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Never saw raisins in drag before.



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Well, and the float went that away.



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That's not the tea.



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So what's happened? The crowd is kind of converging on the street. What's happened?

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Well, they're a little confused because the garden party float went in the opposite direction as every other float.

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And here we are. They did what they were supposed to do. Waiting. Oh,

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Mary's to get coverage? No. What

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do you want to be covered

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with? Well, they told us to climb on top and represent our

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debts if you're gonna get on live because we're taping for later. Okay. Yeah.

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Okay. Well, I'm the vice president. Oh, really? What's

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your name?

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Paul woodland. Paul on your vice president of parents and friends, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Houston.



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I don't really know who I talked to, because I didn't expect your group to come up on us. So quick. And I left my my lineup back that we do the after hours program every Sunday. And we're taping stuff for Open Journal, and then whatever to use on the weeks to come. How important it is, is your group to the community. And what exactly does it represent?



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Well, we're made up of both parents and siblings and children of gay people. Those of us who are gay out of the community come and support. It's a group that's about eight or nine years old. We gave a workshop last Saturday as part of the gay and lesbian celebration. And it's a workshop for people who are thinking about coming out to their parents and friends. In fact, the workshop was organised originally about five or six years ago by my mother in the Philadelphia group. And she's been active for quite a few years. And hopefully next year, she'll be down here with us when we celebrate actively. She's been on radio and done all sorts of talk shows about promoting parents and friends. And our national federation is based out of Washington DC. We're also listed in the twit for local number, as well as the Federation at the Washington number for people whose families aren't actually here in Houston.



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It sounds like a good organization, it sounds like something that we need a lot.



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Definitely, we need a lot of positive strokes to overtake all the negatives that we felt over the years and to make up for the people whose families are based outside of the area where they're living. Because



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a lot of times, there's so many parents that want to support their children, but they just don't know how and this seems like a good way to do that.



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Right? A lot of parents come initially not sure what they're gonna find, but they find other people who have gone through, actually, even though their children are the ones that are gay, they come out in coming out experience too. And it gives them a chance to understand that their children are normal, and that they're not the only one in the world that's experiencing that. And then they can give their support to other people who are also feeling the same kind of love and caring, and caring, carrying without whatever,



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kind of lost it but that's okay. It's been a long day. If someone wants to get a hold of you, how can they do that?



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Well, we've been passing out business cards in the crowds and our, our PE our parents and friends contact number is six to 141 14 or 2712270 or 728172. Or check your twit. It's in the back under organizations in Houston. And then of course, probably the switchboard has the number and that's right, the gay switchboard has it also listed in some of the other community media coverage.



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Thanks for taking the time to talk to us. And we're still standing here on the streets and coming up now the Houston freedom fighters which led us to Austin, back in April for the first and largest March this state has had you know, it's kind of funny, Jim One game has been people get together to March now this turns out to be a very large deal a very big deal.



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Yes that yes it does. We get together and we do it.



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The Houston committee Felix Garcia is Parker and Jim Owens going by now coming out next that's



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amazing too because the rest of the country thinks of Texas Houston in particular as very homophobic especially what's going on in Dallas right now or and things that have gone on in the past but when we get together we do it



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I'm not really sure who this is the shoots what does it say that what does it say that on the banners? It said, Oh, okay. Now we have the Houston greens advocates for lesbian and gay rights. We have we have a representative for this group has contacted us and wants to be on the show. Great, great. So I'm not really sure what all they proposed



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to us. We want to hear from everybody. I'm not really sure what



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all they proposed but they will be joining us on after hours here to come soon. CCR



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and their banner says love one another. John 13:34



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The Metropolitan Community Church of the resurrection pastored by brother John Gill, who I believe is right there in the little car and we'll go out and get a couple of words from Brother John. If we can cross the street without getting ran over.



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He's waving to his crowd. We'd like to get you in you're out of breath.



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If you wave the wave back hallelujah. What did you think John? Wonderful this year wonderful spirit. Not much sunshine but a lot of joy inside.



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We're glad to see MCC are down here. And the church is coming up now. Very, very big. This is one of the largest contingents of gay and lesbian people in the world. Listen to this.



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The Metropolitan Community Church of the resurrection over on Decatur and you know, MC CR went through a lot of changes in the beginning. A lot of discrimination a lot of the MCC churches, for people that don't know across the country. were blown up and burnt down and you're looking



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at this route patch. All right.



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Look at this, the hatch group, the Houston area team Coalition for homosexuality, something that's very, very important to our community.



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Not only that, but these kids are really doing something special. The these kids are from ages 14 through 21. And they are not really out yet a lot of them to their parents, but they said they were going to have an entry in this Friday. And look, there's there's about eight of them. Isn't that isn't it?



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I do think this is the first time that yeah, that Hatch has been Hatch has been involved in that. And the dancing Tang is back. Can you talk now? As soon as I swallow the ice cube? Yes. So what do you think maybe? Oh, I



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bet it was wonderful. It was great to see so many people out today. It was flawless. Yes, it was. It was wonderful.



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We kind of lost our breads when we went around the corner down there. Bye. Bye. What is the place? Oh, Sharon



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sanitary people there.



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I didn't expect that. Rage.



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It was wonderful. Well,



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we've been marching almost an hour now.



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So we started to after five and now it's like to have six



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coming around the corner now. The Human Rights Foundation with the wonderful wonderful umbrella nice



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grades.



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Don't tell us what they look like for those listening.



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They're 2106 anti 2106 umbrellas. They're wonderful.



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They're black with big circle and no 2106 Across the top I don't know where they have those were hugging grab one and run.



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I don't know that they'd let us but it would be wonderful.



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The Texas Human Rights Foundation. There's my neighbor carrying the banner that's kind of nice to see him out there involved.



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Are these the defendants carry on because I know they had a reception for them earlier



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and Sue level past present that GOP see coming along with it Morales judge judge Hampton going to going to his do wonderful and



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another free and this this parade is still continuing. And now I'm getting back to the horse state again.



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That's right we've got the country of Western band coming up.



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Pardon the pun, but they're gonna turn and we're not gonna get to here on play. We should really walk over there come some folks from TWA coalition coalition well represented a day here in the parade. We needed to go down there so we're gonna see what's going on Jimmy. Guess we did? We should because the floats are turning away. Okay. Well, we're gonna walk down now to the corner of monstrous and Westheimer. I don't know what happened. But the floods turn. I guess they're supposed to be turning. coming out next, the Houston non violent action groups supporting lesbian and gay rights. This has also got a lot of KPFT people.



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Oh, okay. Yeah, I recognize quite a few faces that I've seen at the station. Very nice looking KPFT people. Yeah. Yeah.



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It's nice saying the Gay Lesbian suit Association from the University of Houston. Yeah. GLS H going by the Houston Interfaith Alliance, that that is a wonderful group. John Bercow and all those great folks from GSA at University of Houston. Have seen number number 57. It's number 57. And there are 66 they want to do 62 or 61. Well, maybe



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they added a new one, but last count. Oh, okay. So



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I think there were I don't know, we'll be here till it's over. Yeah, and



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it's been just about an hour. This does seem to be one of the longest that I can recall.



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Coming around the corner now the big guy, and the one and only the one and only Naomi Sims. Look at this man on the left. Oh, hello child.



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An answer to prayer who don't know is probably the foremost female impersonator in the state of Texas.



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All across the state



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came up the hard way to



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Naomi Simms going by in her little booties,



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very very talented person. The



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Montrose Counseling Center going bar



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wearing we were wearing we carry T shirts



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and you know that's really important because the Counseling Center does a lot of work for and in the community.



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They should do they should do a lot they have a lot of small groups I'm not really sure what weekly for all kinds of different problems people may have. And it's small groups that probably can't survive on their own



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there was some float that just went by with Marian common honor the Marian Coleman float



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okay well when this the Marian Coleman float



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we could edit that out later is that it



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probably is looking at this now There must be something else coming I still still see people screaming and going whoa, I can see it from here it's about 20 feet tall and it says riches Houston



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says riches all over. We better



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get closer to the corner here. What's gonna happen we're gonna turn the other way.



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So that's gonna be just about do it to it right I believe so. That all she wrote I guess that's it. The richest people are coming out and it's about how many how many



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new second they've got



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hot pink. Drying really, really put



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it with streamers. And the world is now coming into view. I see people dancing on top the music is very



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loud.



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Wearing riches T shirts. Oh, it's black and silver and pink.



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And witches. They're coming this way they're going the wrong



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route is just going here's a little



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baby. What'd you think the game proud? It was great. We'll let you have a good time. Excellent. It was wonderful. What was the most exciting part may be coming around the corner there. At the



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curve come around the curve and everybody cheer at us. Looks like you're bringing up the rear that's it maybe Alright.



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Let's do that again.



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That's just gonna about do it to it. I think the



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the last flow is that it and it sure was a an impressive one to end the parade. So it's over. Well the parade part is over. But now the Fun Fest began. I don't know what would they've got in store for us than that. But everybody seems to be congregating over towards the quick copy parking lot right across the street right across Montrose from croaker disco Kroger as we know it here in the Montrose and you know why they call it this go to Kroger know from the first day they opened up, they play dance music. Are you serious? Yes. Yes. It was wonderful. It was It was like nothing like it anywhere. It just drew people you could see people just kind of booking and down the aisles. It's great. They kind of toned it down a bit now that might have been just for the first few months they opened.



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I thought that was something that maybe Ray hill just said as it as a guy. Oh, they



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actually did that. There was a plate dance music in the grocery store. Just wonderful. Yeah. It wasn't blaring like you aired in the club, but just the same. You can go in here your favorite tunes and do your shopping.



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That was pretty incredible. And let's walk over here and see if we can get a word from the Screaming Rainbow.



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Who was still in those stilts?



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Because this is just supposed to be bow paper was let's ask and find out. Okay, Mary, tell us what you're wearing.



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I'm wearing a pink two, two, pink. What do you call those things? Leg warmers? And glitter dot? Leggings. And big feet? How high up off the ground? About eight feet high? Yeah, I'm I'm eight feet tall with my wig. I might be nine. I don't know.



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Yet a lot of trouble crossing the street down the journey trouble walking down the street.



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Now really? No, it was all except one time the wind sort of blew me away. Okay.



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Rainbow is dismounting now. And I guess we



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shouldn't be excited.



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We should be here to report this live



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because you might break her false eyelashes doing



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in cases but it's the ground and we should be there to let that happen.



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Montrose is now totally congested. Cars are starting to line up because people are walking across that from the parade to the Fun Fest. People just walking down the street are very disgruntled looking drivers wondering why all of these gay men and lesbian women are walking in the middle of the street Hand in Hand is right.



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What do Where are folks?



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Oh, I don't know. We better kind of, in fact, it's really, really getting packed in here. I bet if we listen to the after hours, music, we'll be able to find the jeep.



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Do you think so?



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I hope Oh, there it is.



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Let's let's go down here.



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And it is our job, then to come back and confront them politically in the area. How many people in the crowd are registered to vote? That sounds pretty good. But I want the rest of you to do that. And you'll find that over the DL PP builds over against under the undercover. Please have a good time. We'll be back about every 15 minutes to give you some upbringing and other thing about ever big day management got announcements and other things to make the politicians dinner do Brian ladies ado I'd like to welcome you all here and tell us your music is being programmed today by the RIP poured left in the reporter random applause This is for giving your music today is the report. Thank you.



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Thank you, Ryan, thank you have to say the last six months of my life have been pretty exciting and pretty scary. The stories you hear out of Austin are all true. They're bigger than they need

to be educated and the only people who can do that are the voters in their home district. Register to vote. Get to know who your representative is because in 1991, when we're back there fighting for the repeal of 2106, for the gay and lesbian civil rights bill, and for the Age Discrimination bill, they are not going to deny



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you have in Houston, if you come by our table over there and get the voting history of who voted how legislation, you got some outstanding representatives that on 12 record bugs every time voted with us, more than a majority of the Houston delegation support, but there are some people but then the representative brand, right, who has to go and we can't do that in Austin. You have to do that here in Houston. So then, when 1991 comes around, and we have a House of Representatives that cares about civil rights for everyone, but using delegation will be with us. I have really appreciated working for you. Thank you



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before landlines you know, politics works on volunteers and registered voters and money. So before Glen rave leaves, I'd like to introduce you to the folks who organized the Houston freedom fighters so that Houston was the largest city represented in America on Austin Brenden against them gay and lesbian.