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## SPEAKERS

Bruce Reeves

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This way outs Kevin Lerner reports right supporters stage to sit in following the Gainesville city Commission's vote, which recommended that the Alachua County Commission vote against adding sexual orientation to the county's anti discrimination ordinance. The arrests capped off an emotion packed evening of debate between residents, students and city officials. The four hour meeting ended shortly past midnight when the commissioners voted three to two to support a resolution, which broadly defined sexual orientation to include homosexuality, pedophilia, necrophilia, and BC ality. The resolution was drafted in response to angry citizens composed primarily of Christian fundamentalists, who demanded that the city rescind the proclamation it had drafted in May, the cream June 22 through the 28th as Lesbian and Gay Pride Week. city attorneys warned that if the Pride Week Proclamation was rescinded, the city could be sued. Joseph Ansanelli president of the Gainesville Community Alliance says that the proclamation was nothing more than a ceremonious standard recognition of a group of people, the proclamation has certainly cause far more fuss unnecessary. This particular Proclamation was nothing more than a civic rubber stamp by elected officials to recognize a group or segment of population. That's all we intended. And they have turned this and twisted this against us as if we were looking for a special recognition. That is not the fact what we looking at here is a simple proclamation that call for respect among people to make this place Gainesville, a better place for all citizens of which to live. They talked about dignity and caring. This is what our proclamation call for a totally affirming, very positive statement that gave us citizenship and included us into Gainesville, many straight and bisexual as well as homosexual citizens of Gainesville outrage I have been receiving many calls at my home. It's really unfortunate that they have made this kind of an us and them gay lesbian activists are preparing for a recall election of Courtland Collier, the senior city commissioner who spearheaded the anti gay proclamation. Others however, were pleased with the decision. John Nelson, a Gainesville resident says that family values need to be upheld, quote, we have to say no to perversion. When we become overcome by selfishness, pride and rude behavior, American society will crumble and quote, Despite the setback, gay and lesbian rights activists say that they're still proud and hopeful. And Fanelli explains that gay and lesbian people in Gainesville are looking forward to Pride week what they've done here is I've actually created a Pride Week that wasn't only on Mines existing by the virtue of having a proclamation passed, and just a banner put up to recognize us as citizens. This has crystallized our community as

well as many supportive straight friends, recognizing the fact that true discrimination does exist and we will do and there was a class of picnic plans, whatever that may be. We will do community functions, and we will definitely have more pride this year and Danzel than ever before. The Alachua County Commission will take a decision in mind when it holds a public hearing on June 17. Commissioners at that meeting will decide then whether gays and lesbians should receive equal protection in Alachua County in Gainesville, Florida for this way out. I'm Kevin Lerner reporting



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the religious rights assault on Gainesville as gays and lesbians is not an isolated incident. Initiatives spearheaded by Christian fundamentalist to repeal all existing and ban any future lesbian and gay rights laws will be on statewide ballot this November in Colorado and Oregon. Voters in the city of Springfield Oregon have already passed such a measure.



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Brother to Brother Brother to Brother, Brother to Brother Brother to Brother,



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this is a sixth Hemphill reminding you that you've tuned into this way out the international gay and lesbian radio magazine.



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In the Old South Africa, Sekou Simon and Coley was a political prisoner facing the death penalty for treason in the emerging new South Africa and Kali is a leader in the growing black gay and lesbian movement. In this interview with Colin Jones in Cali talks about organizing and living black, gay and South African.



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You're the joint Chair of the gay and lesbian organization of the waters friend, I suppose the first question to ask is where is the wheat waters around the Witwatersrand



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is in an area in Johannesburg or let's say in the Transvaal. It actually meaning a mining area with water threatened with Witwatersrand is actually an Africans named vet vet or threatened wishes meaning white waters area. So it's an area where gold diamonds and other minerals are being found.



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When was the organization first formed?



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The organization was first formed in 1988. April,



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what was the reasons for the polio organization form in



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Germany reason rarely, but I can only say a few of them. There had been lack of social amenities for black lesbians and gay people in the area. They've been in a less political education within gay organizations that were existing before Glo was found. So we decided to form law to mobilize the members of the Lesbian Gay community to accept themselves to come out within their own organization, meaning progressive organizations like youth organization, students, organizations, women's organizations, trade union, etc. And to lobby with the existing organization. At the time, the UDF was the only organization and as a couple that were existing in the country, which were not banned, to lobby for our rights, and also to mobilize other activists to come out, and also to link our struggle as gay men and women to the broader struggle in the country



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that struggle against apartheid against racism.



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The struggle against apartheid, meaning the struggle against any form of discrimination, because all forms of discrimination in South Africa falls under the apartheid system.



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And when the organization formed, how many members did you have?



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We had 34 members when the organization was formed, and now we have about 630. Members, it's a very big increase. It's growing, but I'm in Witwatersrand, waterfront area is an area of 10 million people. So we need to grow bigger and bigger.



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And have many activists come out as gay that were in the closet before Glo was formed. Yes,



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we've got now about 37, a 38 people who are involved within the ANC, who are involved within Hawza women's organization and youth organization who came out within their own organization. And, of course, in the Cape Town, well, law doesn't really fall there. But we've got our brother and sister organization called origa, the organization of lesbian and gay activist, they also have lots of gay activist who came out of the closet.



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And what's the makeup of the membership? Is it split equally between white and black men and women



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who's got more black men, and then followed by white gay men, and by white gay women, and the minority other black lesbians?



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And is there any particular reason why that's the case?



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I think women in general in South Africa have been really suppressed dominated. And African women, they still live in a traditional way of Shinar really letting men make decision. Although we have lots of feminist organization that are fighting that and I think homophobic in the black society. It's really more stronger in a black lesbians than in a black gay men. And men can go forever, you know, until the age of 45 without being married, and there won't be any question. But if a woman has not been married over the age of 21, there is always a suspicion that question. So what is happening more lesbians are in a closet. It's either they get married or To choose to live by friends, and that is an example of the skin glow itself. Most of the black lesbians had been married or had been having boyfriends before they decided to come out of the



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you've just discovered this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. This

week. Cindy Friedman marks aka mono Kevin Lerner, Keith Clark and Colin Jones contributed program material. Thanks also to Bob Young and Rose Gordon,



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Genesis Crosby, Stills Nash and Young Leah's Akari and Lillian Allen performed some of the music you heard, and Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music.



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y'all please stay tuned.



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Yeah, that must have been for the Texas listener you



Bruce Reeves 11:41

are listening to after hours here on KPFT 90.1 FM in Houston.



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I continuing tradition. Yeah. I just had to throw that in. I love it.

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Bruce Reeves 11:52

But so anyway, there's of course the first half of the show we had Jack and Carol here to talk about Pride Week.

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Oh, would like for you to do me a favor excuse me for interrupting but since we're on the subject of this way out, I'm this is about this way. Okay. I had a phone call. A young gentleman called. And he was curious about something. One of the sections in their handout with the first 10 minutes of it wrote down boy, just get it for gets to me. Anyway, they had said something about the man yelling out queers to the two gentlemen who were walking. And then he said something about now he knows where the child molesters come from, or something of that nature. I don't remember the exact quote. And he was curious as to why that statement was made. And excuse me. Okay.

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Bruce Reeves 12:46

It's dead. Now.

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How wonderful. I'm so glad. Damn boy. Um, that's not a real pleasant subject to talk about. But since it, it was mentioned on the tape, since it was a direct quote from someone. Um, maybe you can kind of explain to some of the younger people or some of the people out there that are listening that that don't exactly understand statements like that when they're made.

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Bruce Reeves 13:11

Well, I thought you did a really good job of it on the telephone, actually,

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what's your the major talker in this group? Well, I guess I have to finish my own question, then I have to answer my own question How rude. I don't like you anymore. But you took me to the beach. What can I say? There's a major misconception out in the world, the street world? Well, I wasn't going to say that I was going to try to be nice that if you're queer, you're automatically a child molester. And this has never really made a lot of sense to me, since the majority of the people I know are queer statistics show that this is not the case at all. I don't have the exact specific statistics. And you try saying that at two o'clock in the morning. But I can guarantee you that I'm going to find out what they are, if I can, if they are available. And somehow I figure in the straight world of politics, and, and so on and so forth. They may not be available, but I

have a feeling that we'll be able to find something out about that. And I think that's going to be my homework for the week since I'm not working this week. I may never work again to when things are going but anyway. But but that definitely is a misconception in the in the street world in the world of politics, etc. And I just kind of wanted to clear that up for anybody else who might have been listening and didn't understand but also didn't have the interest or the wherewithal or the courage or whatever it took for this gentleman to Colin, I do appreciate his calling.

 Bruce Reeves 14:48

Well, good. Well,

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okay, fine.

 Bruce Reeves 14:51

That's good information. I'm sure you will do a wonderful job of finding out exactly what those statistics are.

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I don't talk well, but I do research one Oh.

 Bruce Reeves 15:03

There's lots of things I think we should need we should do in this section of the show. No surprises. We can start with Juneteenth Friday. For those of you that don't know, Juneteenth was the day that the slaves in Texas found out. They were free. They were actually freed prior to that. But, of course, back in those days, it took forever for news to travel anyway. And when the news reached Texas, it reached a lot of the slave owners who chose not to get that information now.

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Well, let's just about like the US Mail now 90 days is pretty likely to go for a letter, don't you think the check is in the mail?

 Bruce Reeves 15:47

Probably. I wish no managers thought that way.



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Well, I know the Texans weren't there, they actually listened to the speech being made, which is really a shame that they didn't have places like KPFT, where those things could have been made in those days.



B Bruce Reeves 16:03

But, of course, the big speech from that era was the Gettysburg Address, which Lincoln made after viewing the devastation at Gettysburg. And we thought that might be appropriate.



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That's a very important holiday, it's as important as July 4.



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For four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long and do We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field that's a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot concentrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men living and dead who struggled here have consecrated far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did. It is for us the living rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they will force you have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us that from these honored dead, we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave a last full measure of devotion that we here highly resolved, that these days shall not have died in vain. That this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom. And that government of the people, by the people or the people shall not perish from the earth



B Bruce Reeves 18:59

and that was the battle cry of freedom that didn't get them out there turn nothing well preceded by the Gettysburg address from the CD set the union and the Confederacy.



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Maybe they had a play that before the Pride Parade. Everybody can carry their little rainbow flags down

 Bruce Reeves 19:16

the street never know what will play before the pride parade or year. That's right. But so we would like to wish a happy anniversary on your freedom to all of our black brothers and sisters.

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And maybe someday we'll have an anniversary. That's true.

 Bruce Reeves 19:33

Maybe someday we'll be recognized as free and loyal and gay. Gay, gay,

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gay. That was inclusive.

 Bruce Reeves 19:43

Gay, Lesbian, gay.

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Gay days, just easier to say gay and No, no, don't please don't start that tonight. I couldn't deal with it.

 Bruce Reeves 19:53

Um, so.

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So where does that leave us?

 Bruce Reeves 19:59

Five minutes. to

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one hour and five minutes and we have an awful lot to say in no one five minutes. That's true. Some good news, some not so

 Bruce Reeves 20:08

good. We're gonna be recapping the Pride week schedule. In a little while, we'll try to do that about 215. So grab all your pens and pencils and your your pieces of paper and we're gonna write on the walls if you have more time so you can be sure and attend all those events that you would like to attend. We'd like to remind you that of course, Deborah Bell and Jack Valinski co host the Wilde 'n' Stein show on Monday nights from nine to 10 o'clock. Deborah Bell and myself will be co anchoring the 123 show from one to three on Wednesday afternoon me

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and I get to come on. And

 Bruce Reeves 20:47

then on Friday mornings from nine until noon, pokey Anderson and her crew co anchor the breakthroughs show why every other day this week, Sunday from 4pm until 8pm. We'll be covering some live coverage of the rally and some live coverage of the parade. We'll have full coverage of the parade and shutdown did a very nice job with them this year. Well, thank you. I enjoyed that. Um, we, I guess like to make a couple of of notes. One being that the community lost a very wonderful person on Friday. Mr. Norman Gottman passed away, and will be greatly missed. So we'd like to play this song. We find it confusing. This song is from my new album. And unfortunately, the only album from Joe Braco called true to myself. It's produced by Paul Phillips of Romanovsky and Phillips.

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And I think that's a wonderful thing they did.

 Bruce Reeves 22:07

The song is called Home Free at last and it's actually a song that Joe recorded several years ago for his sister, and it's called Home Free at last. And Paul says that knowing how long and hard he battled with AIDS, I like to think that Joey himself is Home Free at last we miss you Joey and she normally also miss you, Norman, and we know that your home for you last Humphrey at last from Joe breakers album, true to myself. And that was produced by Paul Phillips after Joe's death. Several of the songs two of the songs I think on the album had been actually recorded by Joe on a studio and everything else was pretty much just the the songs, copies of the songs he had made to listen to and play with until I could get them recorded. And Paul took it into the studio and with the family's blessing, actually the family's request, added some backup vocals and backup music to chose recordings again, that were not done in a studio and produced a very, very wonderful album, Paul claims that it's not perfect, but Paul's not perfect.



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But because of his efforts, the world's gonna be a little better place to live in.

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Bruce Reeves 23:45

But Norman, we will miss you. And, of course, that piece of news reminded me of something that I had intended to do a couple of weeks ago that I didn't quite get around to. So I'd like to do that now. I attended a funeral a couple of weeks ago. And appalled was the only word that came to mind. When I finally got home and started trying to deal with what happened there that day. The woman who opened the service was reading a scripture from first Romans, and is so typical of me I tuned it out and was listening to the music, a whiter shade of pale from broken harem. A beautiful song and I can understand why my friend liked it. And then those words that this woman was reading came crashing in and unnatural women line with women and men line with men. A comment from the audience. Why is she reading this? Good question. I thought another you know he doesn't need this. And I silently agree In all my life, including 22 years in a Baptist church, I had never heard scripture read and used against the dead, hellfire and brimstone, sure, but this was a memorial service with one of our own in our own community. Once the initial shock died down, several of his friends indicated that he would have liked the fact that none of us would ever forget the service. How true. But why didn't any of us have to even go through this? And why did the suppose it friend of the family do this? Only she knows. Will we get over it? Sure. but not completely? Well, I won't. Will I ever be able to go to a memorial service again, without a suit of armor, even bigger than the one I usually wear? Political activism and AIDS activism. Things which mean meant a lot to my friend. Things which mean a lot to me, but a memorial service? I think not. I miss my friend, and so many of us will miss you in our lives. But we'll remember you in our hearts. Thanks for being who and what you were. Thanks for being a part of your firm a part of our lives. The



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boots are being polished. trumpeters clean their horns, chains and locks forged. The Crusade has begun. Once again. Flags of Christ are unfurled in the dawn and cries of soul saviors sing apocalyptic on airwaves. Citizens good citizens all parade into voting booths and in self righteous saying to the ex away our right to life. I do not believe at some that the vote is an end. I fear even more. It is just a beginning. So I must make assessment, look to you and ask Where will you be when they come? They will not come a mob rolling through the streets but quickly and quietly move into our homes to remove the evil the queerness the faggotry from their mistakes, they will not come cold and brown and swastikas are buried and chest heavy with gleaming crosses the time and need for such Rousses are over. They will come in business suits to buy your homes and bring bodies to fill your jobs. They will come in robes to rehabilitate and white coats to subjugate. And where will you be when they come? Where will we all be when they come and they will come? They will come because we are defined as opposite perverse, and we are perverse. Every time we watched a queer hustled in the streets and said nothing. It was an act of perversion. Every time we lied about the boyfriend or girlfriend a coffee break. It was an act of perversion. Every time we heard I don't mind gays. But why must they be blatant and said nothing. It was an act of perversion. Every time we let a

lesbian mother lose her child and did not fill the court rooms. It was an act of perversion. Every time we let straights make out in our bars. While we couldn't touch because of the laws, it was an act of perversion. Every time we put on the proper clothes to go to the family wedding and left our lovers at home. It was an act of perversion. Every time we heard who I go to bed with it's my personal choice. It's personal, not political and said nothing. It was an act of perversion. Every time we let straight relatives bury our dead and push our lovers away. It was an act of perversion, and they will come for the perverts. And it won't matter if you're homosexual, not a faggot, lesbian, not a dyke. Gay, not queer. It won't matter if you own your own business have a good job or an SSI. It won't matter if you're a black Chicano, Native American, Asian or white. It won't matter if you're from New York or Los Angeles, Galveston or Sioux Falls. It won't matter if you're Butch or femme, not into roles, monogamous, non monogamous. It won't matter if you're a Catholic Baptists, atheists, Jewish or MCC, they will come they will come To the cities and to the land, to your front rooms and in your closets. They will come from the perverts, and where will you be when they come?



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Cry to unite is in the air, fear, death and dying, even despair. But hopefully determined we will survive by keeping the flames of our faith alive. A cry to unite is in the air, singing praises of pride. A cry to unite is in the air. A time to celebrate, to love to care. Forever United We must stand or divided, we will surely fall. Listen to the cry, rise up scan tall. A cry to unite is in the air. Singing praises cried. A cry to unite is in the air. bonding of souls and hearts everywhere. Our dream to unite must come true. The courage to face the world as you cried tonight is in the air. Singing praises of pride. Everywhere.



B Bruce Reeves 31:28

Praises of pride by Joe Watson. Of course that was written several years ago. Wow for Pride Week. And before that we had Pat Parker, where will you be when they come? Which was written many years ago? Sure. A short time really after Harvey Milk was assassinated. But in the Riggs amendment was coming up in California that would not have allowed homosexuals to teach school. But that was her presentation as she gave it at the March on Washington in 1987. Which



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was wonderful. That was my coming out party. Did you see how many people okay?



B Bruce Reeves 32:07

That was just lots of people. I felt so good. Yeah, bad. So I should celebrate, I celebrate my coming out. Day. Now. I'm Coming Out Day as well, because it was in September, October ish. When I came out. I didn't really record the date in history. And I don't know why I finally decided that must have been the only time in my life. My sister called me because there weren't any phone calls to my sister on my phone bills for that time period. So



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wonders never seen.

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Bruce Reeves 32:39

But so I had to pick a date. So I just picked coming out. And it makes sense to me, which is October the 11th every year. And, of course this year, during that weekend, actually, it's the weekend before I think it's October 4 through the sixth, the quote will be returning to Washington DC. It's going to be on the Mall between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial.



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Yes, because it covers such a large area.

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Bruce Reeves 33:10

And so that should be a very wonderful experience. And I would urge everyone to do that. And also then coming up next April On April the 25th. I believe it is the natural march on Washington for lesbian and gay and bisexual and it's very inclusive. And that's equally impressive. But of course, the thing coming up right now, on this Sunday is Pride Week. That's right. And that's what we really, really want everybody to try to do. So we promised to that we would recap the schedule while he talks, you grab your pencils and papers. And while we talk, grab your pencils and paper.



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Well I was letting you finish before you get started so they could have time be doing that we'll

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Bruce Reeves 34:07

we'll just kind of sort of, kind of. We've mentioned that several things over and over again, Deborah Bell and myself will be co anchoring the 123 show from one to three Wednesday afternoon, here on KPFT 90.1. FM, Houston. And we'd like you to tune in for that we'll be interviewing Jackie and Carol as co chairs of the event will also be interviewing Brian and Sherry, the Grand Marshal of the parade. And we'd like to congratulate both of them selected for their honor. That's wonderful. We'll also be interviewing several people with the game has been switchboard of Houston, which has been nominated and elected the honorary grand marshals of the Pride Parade this year.



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Do you do that so well no notes no nothing you have Tomorrow

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Bruce Reeves 35:02

I had to dig deep.

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So what's going on today?

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Bruce Reeves 35:05

Well today today's kind of a lacs day is as Jack and Carol pointed out earlier, there's really only one official event although I'm sure there's lots of things going on in the city of Houston today. At seven o'clock at 900 Lovitz we want to one the Human Rights Campaign fund will be having a free discussion of issues, goals and strategies of the nation's largest gay and lesbian organization.

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That sounds exciting and even know of any tomorrow. Tomorrow well, actually, it's it's kind of all week, actually. Well, yeah, Monday is tomorrow. Yeah, Monday. So convinced. Pete and all of his little associates and co workers and friends and helpers and all life's fun people are going to all the little things yes, the quote fairies instead like the shoemaker nevermind, he's going to have the names project workshop open from five until 8pm. And on Saturday, and Sunday, it's going to be open from one until 5pm and Payton Allah little quiltmaking fairies are going to be there to sponsor workshops for people who want to make panels or learn how to make panels or little learn a little more about making panels. It's not real difficult to do, of course, depending on your level of ability, but it's not as simple as it sounds it either. So anybody wanting information on that can call five, two names. That's in amas. For people like me who can't spell and get some more information on that they're actually open quite a bit. But

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Bruce Reeves 36:48

for people that can't count on the telephone, that's 52626370 you

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family. Yes. How lovely 2637. Okay, you did that very well.

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Bruce Reeves 37:05

At seven o'clock every day except for Sunday. As is we'll be playing and the downtown grounds  
Coffee House at 9am

