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Jimmy Carper, Michelle, Ray Hill, Gigi

 Ray Hill 00:02

I can see

 00:08

the following program

 Jimmy Carper 00:09

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Oh yes, you've tuned into after hours queer radio with attitude right here on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. The crew of after hours is ready to bring you news interviews, dialogue and music geared for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people and their friends. Hear it after hours, we may be diverse, but we have one thing in common. We are all out of the closet and urge everyone to come out of their closets. That means standing up for yourself taking responsibility for your own life, and being proud of who you are. Realistically, we know not everyone can do that because of age job or frame of mind. That's okay, we're here for you too. So sit back, relax, and enjoy this week's edition of after hours.

 Jimmy Carper 02:10

Hello, Houston and college station and welcome to the February 5 edition of after hours. I'm Jimmy Carper. And in the studio tonight

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Gigi 02:22

is Miss GT. And Miss J. Okay, that

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Jimmy Carper 02:26

means I mean, it's by net

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Gigi 02:27

it's by net.

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Jimmy Carper 02:31

And let's see, I want to say hello to good friends of mine really good close friends that I've shared a lot of stuff with over the years Melba and melody. Now these two women have never met. They don't know each other. But they've they've been very important in my life. And I just want to say hi to him. The music that you heard I wanted to tell you about because it's kind of special. That last song especially was not Neil it was it was Mark Waggle who's gonna be here. He's going to be in Houston. And it's where I've got my stuff together. It's March, the 13th. Monday, March the 13th here in Houston at Chances knee and Dudley Saunders are going to be here doing to man concert definitely was here last year. So we'll be we'll be featuring their music throughout this month and into next month to let you know what you're going to be able to hear when you go to that concert at Chances. And let's see one more thing I want to say I want to say and now I have not practiced this, so Okay, and this is why you got it. Okay. Can he joy? Which, according to what I'm reading here over from the internet is Happy New Year. Yes, it's this is the dragon year. And it could be significant. There's a club here in town called the Ion Yang club. And with that, yes. And it's a social club to promote relations between Asians and whites and whoever and whoever else has definitely Asian influence. The name in valon Yang in in Chinese is translated as long in Chinese is Dragon and Yang is powerful or strong. So we're talking about the strong dragon very appropriate for this year. Yes, very appropriate to gay men to you might be interested in this this organization because we have a very, very growing Asian contingency here. There was all over the news tonight. Hundreds of 1000s of Asians here in the US 150,000 Vietnamese.

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Ray Hill 05:15

Houston is the second largest Vietnamese city outside of Vietnam,

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Jimmy Carper 05:18

and that is the dulcet tones of Ray Hill.



Ray Hill 05:21

And long Yang is important to share because every 60 years is the Year of the Dragon. And it is the long Yang year of Dragon. And the Longyang. Year The Dragon means it's a very it's not just a year of the dragon. I was born in the year the dragon in 1940. Whoa, in the year 2000 is not just another dragon year, but it is a powerful dragon here. Yes. And so that's very important. It's supposed to be very, very good for the culture and the various esoteric elements of people of Asian descent. And this is the week we celebrate Chinese New Year. So to all of our friends of Asian descent out there Happy New Year.



Jimmy Carper 06:15

And to those of you who may want to look into this club, let me give you an email address. It's Houston at lon Yang club.org Ello en je y ang CLU be very easy. Okay. Ray is here. Because there's something very, very different and exciting going on Valentine's Day. Not a day that we normally associate Ray Hill.



Ray Hill 06:54

Well, that's not true. Valentine's Day is a very important day to Ray Hill. Oh, in 19 and 82. I was arrested for calling a police officers a noun suggesting some interesting relationships between them and their mothers. As a result of that arrest. That case went all the way to the United States Supreme Court I didn't know was right in on Valentine's Day 1987, exactly. Five years to the day from the date of the arrest. eight of the nine justices. The court, including Sandra Day O'Connor and Antonin Scalia said they thought everybody knew about cops and their mothers and got arrested. And so I've been kind of celebrating Valentine's Day. Since then, I started the day the rest because I knew you see, when I go to jail for Bulcock. My rate for doing that is \$50 a minute. Whoa. And so I it's pretty pricey. It gets pretty pricey. So I started celebrating early I write rest. Even while I'm in jail. I'm doing doowop bop bop, do walk the walk dog breeds bad claws. Don't nobody dare bail me out of jail. Leave me alone. I know what I am doing. And they hit me they booked me under a funny name. And they carried me all the way out to the beach nut. So I knew nobody could get me out of jail. And the clock was going tick tock tick tock and \$50 a minute there is nothing else I can do in life that will make that kind of money.



Jimmy Carper 08:49

Is this part of what we're going to hear that when we see your



Ray Hill 08:51

short you're going to hear this show are the six wonderful men in my life. Ah, no, I'm a marrying kind of gay guy.



Jimmy Carper 08:59

I've noticed that I mean, I

 Ray Hill 09:00

mean, I rail does not do real well, you know, standing on the corner with a fishhook. I like to

 Jimmy Carper 09:09

which has been my preferred

 Ray Hill 09:12

Lives Matter of fact, that's how we met. He said that I did. I do well, that I mean, I meet nice people like Jimmy but a long time ago. But in reality, I am happier within the confines of some kind of relationship. And so how there are limits to that, however, a little lesson I learned from Frankie. Now she was my mother and all those things they say about gay men and their mothers were certainly true about Frankie and I mean we were close. We were we were as close as sisters, much more like sisters than mother and son kind of thing. We ran around together. We talked to him and she shared everything. And Frankie was just filled with wisdom. She accepted by being gay with any difficulty. What she was worried about is that I might grow up to be a Republican.

 Jimmy Carper 10:06

And that's the thing. The first day I met you, and you told me that this is the way your mother handled. I was just flabbergasted because the year was 1966 6058

 Ray Hill 10:19

is when I came out to Frank, I didn't meet you.

 Jimmy Carper 10:22

Right. And it was like nobody had a relationship like that with their mother. Yeah. You know, everyone was in the closet, there was a way of life. But Frankie

 Ray Hill 10:30

suggested that I be kind to that I find myself a companion. I think she used the word husband and I had to sit down, explain to her that I was not into right roles and things that we had to work out something more egalitarian. And then me Tarzan, you, Jane. And so when Frankie got the hint of that, she then passed on some wisdom that she claimed to have gotten from her father. Now her father died when Frankie was 13 years old. So I doubt if their fathers said come

here, daughter, I want to give you this wisdom. The wisdom being that all men are sorry man are sorry, there are no exception. Present company no exception. No, no, no one is excluded from all men are sorry. Actually, she said that the sorriest woman that ever lived is too good for the best man. And I mean, if that's not clear, not been Gee said there are in fact, they're so sorry that five years with any one of them is more than they deserve?

J Jimmy Carper 11:42

Well, I've no,

R Ray Hill 11:44

she didn't take her own advice. She and Frankie were if she and Raymond were together for 50 years. They say yeah, but but just because you didn't follow our own advice did mean there wasn't wisdom. So I went into relationships, not saying give me the rest of your life. God help push you. Just think about me the rest of your life. Boy, that that dried off, put you on the wrong but as they look, let's make it five years, we'll have a great time we'll travel. We'll have fun together. We'll get out of there before we learn to hate one another five years is max out.

J Jimmy Carper 12:20

You know, I have to agree with you. Because in my first relationship, I was like, This is it for the rest of my life. Well, it lasted for years. Then Stanley came along and I said, you know, look, buddy, it ain't gonna work. And so 21 years later?

R Ray Hill 12:37

Yeah, if you have that attitude, whether you actually stick to it or not, that attitude, you know, you know, you screw up jack, and I'm out of here. That contract is null and void and has been for what? 16 years. So, that's good way I went to and actually I kept that pretty good for the first five men in my life. And then then Patrick and I got together 1980. And by 1985, our friends bless their hearts. I mean, we were losing our friends, right and left to to the crisis of AIDS. They were falling like Wounded Heroes around us. And that spooked me and he hadn't quite able to padri as an expatriate from Chile. So we hadn't quite got that worked out yet. And so he didn't have good papers and so we decided to make it another five years didn't last but for but hell he came over and picked me up this morning. Yeah, we went and did their lunch and breakfast and, and we ride motorcycles together and I drive his truck and so I will forever have Patrick and precio Domingo Bravo from Valparaiso, Chile. Wow. Now 41 years old looks like and I think well it to me 40 years old as a kid right there yeah. So 40 years old. And and I believe me, Patrick is reward enough and punish enough for any life, exuberantly lived. And so we're just wondering, my first companion, I might give the whole show away for a year my first companion. It was Effies fault she died if he died from the thing. At that time, all the Gay Men's bars were owned by straight women. Effie they had the pink elephant verlon had the surf lounge, Hazel had the desert room, you know, and the lesbian bars were on.

J Jimmy Carper 14:41

There was another trade bar that a woman owned. I remember way back when Yeah,

R Ray Hill 14:47

but but almost all the gay bars at that time the white gay bars the black gay bars were different or the white gay bars were owned by straight women. And so they lived in a world where they're all this gorgeous male slash was around And then none of it was for them. And so that they all found around Oh, they were absolutely and but they didn't ever get any and so that didn't do a great deal for their chronic alcoholism either. All those women died of leather liver. From Duma Jack Hawkins I've been in Epi that nobody really knows when he died. She was always set back in that table in a comatose state, from too much alcohol, so that they went to ask her to sign a check or something. And when they touch her on the shoulder, she fell out of the chair in the mirror. Okay, and her timing was just awful. She died just before splashed a weekend. Oh, that's terrible. Yeah. And everybody that was everybody. Anybody was going to be done in galvus? Yes, splash day. That's when they had a funeral on Splash day Saturday. So I was down cavorting on the beach having one I had a daisy chain that covered the two floors of the buccaneer hotel, I mean, and I had to one figured out, we could go down the stairway and connect them in such a wonderful time as gay men were wanting to have in those days, and Sam, who would later be the first lady of Houston, she was Fred Hall, finds a wife, Sam, gorgeous woman. She was there kind of directing the course and all that it was great years. But I had to get back to Houston because even in 19, and 64, I was kind of a community leader. And it would be highly inappropriate for me to miss Effies funeral. So I jumped in my Nash metropolitan and headed out for Houston, Texas, and drove through the port because the freeway they've been building that down for a freeway all of my life, and they've never completed it. And so to avoid the construction, I came through the port. And then I got into Laporte and I realized that I had not done the right thing, Jimmy. I had not called ahead and sent flowers. Oh, so I decided that I the next best thing to that is stopping and getting flowers. So I hooked into a little flower shop there in the port, and there was this cute little doe Eyed Blonde behind the counter. And I said, I need a funeral spray. And he said, I'm sorry, but we've had three weddings and two funerals and I don't have enough flowers for his band and said, I don't care if it's all greenery and pink ribbons, and nobody's going to be there except a bunch of drunken queers dropped. Are there going to be homosexuals at this funeral? And I said, Yes, there are. And not only that, when I get to a dinner, I'm going back to splash state where there is the largest statue of homosexuals in the world. In Galveston for splash day. And he said, Do you have time for me to pack a bag? And he was so cute that I said of course now. The competition on splice day Beach was best catching the season. Just like you got to Galveston bears catch. Oh, yeah. And the best new face?

J Jimmy Carper 18:15

Yes. back then. It wasn't so much muscular bodies that was more like slim. Well, moods, boys.

R Ray Hill 18:21

Well, the thing about it is is this the young clerk and it was a fella with a mckennith white here and Kevin Whitehead and I came to went to a fish funeral, which he found very interesting is

true. And nobody there were a bunch of drunk queers. There was nobody there to take up the card. So nobody who sent sent nobody knew who sent the worst flowers. So we were completely off. Then we went to Galveston and on my way to Galveston, I realized that this innocent young child was just petty in my hands. Oh, and what do we do with potty we buy them the smallest bathing suit anybody had ever seen in their lives? And he says, I don't think you can fit me that I said Oh, yes. And you can. He got the best new face of the year I got the best catch of the season and brought him home and we set up lad housekeeping. And he met her morphed. They certainly did into Tiffany Jones, the one and only Texas tornado. Yes. And Kenneth one

 J Jimmy Carper 19:24

of the most talented drag queens I have ever ever spoken

 R Ray Hill 19:27

with, got his nose fixed and had took voice lessons and did his own singing. So he was a Live Performer and what

 J Jimmy Carper 19:35

what was so special about him is because I remember him young and I remember him he just yeah seasoned. Okay, sounds young. He was you know, very beautiful, you know, has the blonde hair and the gowns and didn't did all other dramatic numbers. And as he got older, he realized that beauty fades so he got he got into comedy and

 R Ray Hill 19:57

did it superb but none of Roller Skates. The original the original no

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no roller skates and on a tiny, tiny state line across.

 R Ray Hill 20:09

Devon activity was wonderful. I do you know that I was Tiffany's only companion in his life. No, I did not never remarried. That's flattering or whether I should be embarrassed by that. But Kenneth was wonderful. He wasn't that he wasn't loved. Oh no, Jay Harrington who managed his his entertainment love Kenneth madly but can have never allowed that. When a relationship deform. KENNETH of course would die of AIDS.

 J Jimmy Carper 20:41



Jimmy Carper 20:41

When is the first one. Early on,



Ray Hill 20:44

I have lost three former companions to AIDS. One was murdered by a burglar, Dale sweat little country boy from Lufkin, and Fred pies was assassinated by a police officer. Yes. So only have one surviving companion. Although there's a lot of tragedy in this show, it is not a net downer. Because we have a lot of fun with the wonderful times that I had with wonderful man. And they were wonderful times and but it does give us an occasion to stop and think that with all gay men, lesbians, bisexual, transgendered friends have gone through in the last two decades, rises the question? Is it worth it? Was it worth it? I never expected to live long enough to see the new millennium. Oh, I didn't either. I'm 60 years old, I will be this year. And to younger people out there, who are as your metaphor of kind of Tiffany earlier, who think that all you've got is your beauty and your youth? You don't have a hint, honey. You do not have a hint how rich and rewarding life can be as a senior gay citizen. Oh, yeah. In the first place, you have a collection of memories that are so valuable and so cherished. That you are afraid of death, less the memories of all those wonderful people slipped through the way and are unknown into the world. That's why I'm telling the story. And then you will find that older gay people are not unwanted. My last suitor just four weeks ago, said goodbye to me at the new terrace where he went to the New York and was a star on real life on MTV. No kidding. Yeah. He is going to come back when he gets through with the series. And we're going to work on some writing together. So in Texas fiction, he is 19 years old, a senior law student at Harvard University, having graduated understudy at Harvard University when he was 14. Damn.



Jimmy Carper 23:30

Already, I feel like a failure.



Ray Hill 23:33

No, it's that's what you get for shameless self promotion. That's why the Discovery Channel is coming down and videotaping the prison show in two weeks. God only knows who I'll catch with that one. But it deteriorated it. And so I feel like a grandfather nurturing a young admiring person. And we do a lot of parenting. We sure do. And it's important.



Jimmy Carper 24:01

I often say that because we've got a hatch segment on this show.



Ray Hill 24:07

And well, I'm gonna be a hatch speaker on the 18th actually, but I realized

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Jimmy Carper 24:11

that I am older than those hatchlings parents. Yeah. So getting into the ground,

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Ray Hill 24:22

the transition from the parents, grandparents age was not difficult actually, grandparents have all the fun. You know, we get to spoil the kids and then leave and the parents have to put up with them. But I wanted to bring all this down to something that's really clear and focused. You know, this, this kind of radio has not existed very long. As matter of fact, I was a real pioneer of gay and lesbian radio programming, right here on KPFT. In Houston, yes, and 19 and 75 when Wildenstein first began its first show and And we were the first regularly scheduled gay and lesbian, a radio program. Of course, now we would include transgendered and bisexual folks and in that, but we were the very first such program in the south, and the only one in the south until the 80s. And radio station KPFT has been a very, very supportive foundation on which we can do gay and lesbian voices and after hours and, and other kind of real progressive and experimental programming that makes a difference in your life. Now I know who I'm talking to out there, I know there's a lot of folks that that are listening into the radio station, your students, your kids. This is your Saturday night, weekly, Sunday morning, weekly fix of gay programming. And you're really can't feel guilty about what you can't do. If you can't make a pledge to support the radio station during its fun drive and membership drives. Don't worry about that. What I want you to do is grow and be serious about being the best that you can be and prosper in your time will come. But there are other ears out there people who have become more accomplished in your life, you've developed careers and you have the wherewithal to help KPFT do what nobody else is doing. While on other FM radio stations, they're ridiculing city council members by calling them dikes and other things. Yeah, hear the word diag is a pleasant term of endearment, there, it is a slur. And the difference is your support is the number is 5265738. For those of you who spell better than you count, it's five to six KPFT. But 713-526-5738 is a gateway to help people get the kinds of radio information that strikes not through the ears, but into the heart. It gives frightened people courage, it gives lonely people friendship and support. It gives isolated people an opportunity not to feel alone, I have spent my entire adult life trying to get across a message that so easily flows through these microphones every Sunday morning. On after hours, in the music, it's all in there, it's in the music. It's in the conversation, it's in the laughter It's in the chatter. It's in the radio. And it comes not to bunches of people. But to one individual at a time just like this, please, for your support is not to somebody else it is to you. If you give us different increments, you get goodies, you can always talk to the person that entered the telephone and take your pledge about that. But I'm serious as anything I have ever been in my life, about the fact that radio station KPFT needs and deserves your support. It all begins with a telephone call for a tax deductible contribution. They don't expect after hours to make the budget of the radio station. As a matter of fact, your goals are really quite modest. And it's easy to reach. And one of you or two of you or three of you could make one telephone call and cover it easily. But we need to do our fair share. Folks who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered need to do our fair share, because damn sure the radio station is doing more than its fair share. To give us this for sure is the telephone number is 713-526-5738. For the last 25 years I have been participating in these please for your support 25 years, the same radio station I've done the same show for 20 years. Yeah. I really appreciate your listening. I am very grateful for that. But if you can go one step further. Those of you who can't pay I dig it. It's no problem with that. But those of you who can can more than make up the difference here. 713-526-5738

J Jimmy Carper 29:48

Rae Hill in love is playing at stages on February the 14th for one show only. And

R Ray Hill 29:58

don't give that number 14 kids call me hell call me call me 713-523-6969 Try to forget that number.

J Jimmy Carper 30:12

Can't forget that number. Re Hildon love and it's it's a fundraiser isn't it? For Art action art? Yeah. I love it. February 14 benefiting arts action one night only Ray Hill and love stages. Victoria 08 PM. Be there. Be there for your Granddaddy. Well, we still, we still have to buy. Oh, we've

G Gigi 30:42

got a loaded show.

J Jimmy Carper 30:44

That's fine. We're just gonna go until you finish. Okay. How's that?

G Gigi 30:48

That sounds good.

M Michelle 30:49

We never finished. We keep talking all night long.

J Jimmy Carper 30:53

So let's have a piece of music right into you.

G Gigi 30:57

Okay, let me do a quick introduction. Before we get to music A Jay's gonna do a couple of book reviews. I love watching one of them is the penis bag.

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Michelle 31:10

We have been actually we have the penis book. And then we have the drag king book. So yes, we have been going here.

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Gigi 31:17

And oh, I can't wait to get into penises. And then after that, after that. Happiness is members from bandit Houston that are going to come in and we're going to talk about coming out. Oh, cool. And coming out shout okay, because we have been seeing it a lot. Not only within our group, but throughout this region. A lot of people have been posting emails on, you know, what do I do if my girlfriend doesn't know? Whatever? Or what do I do if my boyfriend doesn't know? Whatever. So it'd be even more serious? Or what do we do if we have kids? Yeah, when do we tell our kids so we're gonna be addressing some of that coming out issues. Why that's great. So to music

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Jimmy Carper 32:09

to music, something that has been around a while that I haven't played in a very long time it's off of a compilation called this way out. And this is an artist by the name of John Frederick and I thought about you when I heard this because it's just I don't know just you know, it's just my way of thinking but John Frederick with a little ditty called drag queen on after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O 's college station then that number for your support and we do need it is 713526573852 6k P F T

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Gigi 32:58

let's make it a powerful dragon here

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Jimmy Carper 33:07

John Frederick, drag queen off of the compilation this way out probably not available but you might want to check to use the spins. Oh,

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Gigi 33:20

or drag king back

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Jimmy Carper 33:22

there or you might want to check with trip records. A trip records always puts out a lot of gay groups trip records and do of course I don't have an address. No, that would be too easy. Okay,

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Michelle 33:41

so you can check with them but you have to find out where they

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Jimmy Carper 33:43

are where they are. Okay. This still is after hours we are in membership drive. This is by net night yeah. And it's book review time. Oh, by the way, elk he's here today.

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He's here today.

J

Jimmy Carper 33:58

He's gonna be working working your nerves there with with pitching

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with pitch a gets membership pledge drive once again the first one for year 2000

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Jimmy Carper 34:09

And you know we already have a couple of people to thank so it is the ball is rolling. We have Alex and Martha to thank thank you for a wonderful donation and Mr. Anonymous yes and he pledges because it's force of habit. Papa anonymous Mr. Baba anonymous he you know he usually pledges and it's always in cash, which is really nice. Yes. So it's nice. Yes. Okay, so maybe well, yes, of course the station I'll get back JG j. So what's going on here? I you know, you didn't I didn't forget. It's the penis book and the drag queen.

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Michelle 34:54

So, yes, that that bit of music was very appropriate. I found this book the drag king book by della Grace volcano and Judith Jack Halberstam? Halberstam wrote it and volcano did the pictures and it's not a very large book you know comes out to about 150 Something pages, many full page pictures. So not a lot of texts, but they really get into some interesting issues. However some was real. Both of them are drag kings volcano is a trans male and Halberstam is a witch drag king.

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Jimmy Carper 35:38

Okay, let me guess out again, what is a drag?

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Michelle 35:42

Drag King? Okay, and the other one is a trans male who also does drag? So

J

Jimmy Carper 35:50

a trans male who does drag Yeah, a drag king.

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Michelle 35:52

So that was what's really interesting is Yeah, yeah, I probably was

J

Jimmy Carper 35:58

thinking of drag. A trans male doing drag would be dressed as a woman. No. Okay, now