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Jimmy Carper



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Very good words. Thank you so much both of you. We were out excuse me, we were out in front of the venture end for this opening party for the lovely weekend. Now we're out in the back courtyard. It's a little bit louder out here. But we have a couple of really cool guests who are from out of town. I've been trying to find people from out of town and quiz them about why they came to Louis and and whether or not they're having a good time or not, and perhaps how many beers they've had already. Right here we have Ivan, who's from Dallas. Ivan, tell us about your involvement was the Lilly weekend. What brought you here this weekend?



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Well, first of all, Louis weekend. It's an exciting weekend. This is my first run. I'm Eric Knight of the leather knights of Dallas, and I'm here to show my support for this fun festive weekend.



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Cool. Well, you're certainly a good looking guy. Are you having a good time in Dallas? Do you belong? are you affiliated with any other groups there in Dallas?



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Yes, I am. I'm associated with the National Weather Association Dallas chapter, frequently attend a lot of their functions to support them wholeheartedly in their activities, and I assume will become an official member early this spring.



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Great. I know that the NRA in Dallas is one of the largest NRA chapters in the country. We're

gonna interview Mark Frazier on the after hours program, I believe in August to promote the living and leather conferences and national conference of the National Weather Association, which will be in Dallas in October. Is there anything what tell me about the leather knights I personally don't know much about them. I know there's a Houston chapter. And now here there's a Dallas chapter where the leather knights about



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the leather knights is a organization primarily that was formed about two or three years ago. And their main mission is to raise funds for various charities throughout the Dallas metroplex community. So, so we come together for social events. So we sponsor social events, and these events that we sponsors to raise money for, for example, AIDS, charities, and so forth.



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The title is leather. Is there something kinky going on there?



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No, we're not quote unquote, a sex club. Like I said, the mission of the leather nice is for the purpose of raising funds for the different charity organizations to help combat aids and other charities that may need additional funding.



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Of course, in our lay, and a lot of the kinky organizations that's kind of our specialty on this fourth Sunday morning of every month is to talk about FCM weather fetish stuff going on in the Houston area and beyond. I know that the NLA. And these other groups as well, almost everyone focuses on ace related charities. And I don't know whether any of the Louis week the Louis weekend is basically a nonprofit event, I understand all the people from out of town, don't pay a dime to come out and hang out these various clubs and get cocktails from the various groups. Tell me a little bit more about what brought you down here and tell me a little bit about your experience in the SMC. And if you if you care to relate to me,



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okay, well, first of all, my purpose will come to Louise to show my support for the activity in his primary social event. But it's also very important for the leather community because it gives us an opportunity to come together and to network with one another to keep up with the trends is going on and so forth. Because we know what this approach in the 21st century with experiencing a lot of different changes. So this is a common way for us to come together to keep track of what's going on at its time, through our participation at some of these businesses and so forth. It does help revitalize the economy. Now, as far as my s&m activity is concerned, I'm still classified as a novice, but primarily I'm into bondage. At this particular point in time, and exploring and educating myself more about the love community, you have to keep in mind,

the leather community is a very diverse community. And there's a lot of activities, ranging from kink to bondage, which is just basically dealing with role play, and so forth. So by the people in these organizations, they do come together to educate the public about what's going on. If you do anything that may be classified as kink, it will be something that you do in the privacy of your home or the person that you're with.



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No, we also have a lot of kinky play parties going out here in public and various educational groups. I know some of these things have to be out just a little bit. And I certainly appreciate you talking with us. And can we say hi to your friend Rick, this is your partner. Is that correct? You're also from Dallas? Hi. Rick is very shy, didn't want to talk at all. I convinced him to say hi, softly cute guy. Is there anything you'd like to say to wrap up? It's certainly been a pleasure talking with you amongst all these other fantastic people. You come out here and meet at the Louis weekend. Is there anything you'd like to say to the people of Houston about whatever you prefer?



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I like to say on behalf of my fellow leather brothers and sisters, we thank you tonight for hosting this activity allowing us to come into your humble city and celebrate such a festive occasion and we encourage you to how We support the community. It is a very positive community. And we're here to do more and more as we progress in the future.



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Thanks so much. You're so well spoken to really appreciate it. Thank you



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What is your name again? You're here from Dallas. Is that correct?



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Yeah.



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Yeah. And can I describe what you're wearing? Yeah, this fantastic leather vest on the cool bondage harness with like, it looks like about a five inch metal ring in the front was straps going over your shoulders and under your pectorals, and a strap going down the front of your abdomen and it looks like it goes down to the goodies down. Is that true? I think so. No, no

doesn't just goes up to the top of the Okay, it goes up to the top here is that leather jock? They're really nice. You looked really hot. Other night. You've got a pair of boots on and some white socks and you're just good looking guy. How tall are you? And how much do you weigh?



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five, nine, I weighed 200.



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Fantastic. Now, I guess we're gonna hear the same thing we've heard. But can you think of any creative way to say why you came back down to down to Louis for the first time you told me here in Houston.



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I was told it was a lot of fun. So I decided to come down.



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Are you having a good time?



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Yeah, I'm having a great time.



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Have you met any particularly interesting people down here? Quite a few a lot of daddies. And that's what you're looking for. Is that correct? Kind of sorta. Cool. Well, I think I think we're not out there. You're gonna have no trouble attracting a lot of attention. What do you do up in Dallas? Are you a member of any clubs out there or any groups or nightclubs you'd like to frequent?



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I'm a pledge to leather knights and I belong to Dallas area male naturalists



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nudist guest. Fantastic. What does that? What does that group about the naturalist? Well, both of the clubs. The reason I'm joining the leather knights and the Dallas area male naturalist have

the same premise. They're out to donate money to charity. So we worked for charity and both both organizations. And this last year we donated \$100, which isn't a lot of money, but it's more than what well Woodman School, which is the gay school in Dallas. Had and they were very appreciative. Fantastic. Yeah, just \$1 in the right hands. It's worth more than all the waste of time charity stuff on the I see a lot of charities are very ineffective. And I know that these charities in the gay community certainly hit the spot. By by all means. Let's see what unstuck for questions. Is there anything you'd like to say?



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Just Hello, Dallas. Hello.



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And thanks again. I'm gonna stop this one and we'll go to the next person. Thank you so much



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is there anybody out there? Hi, this is Pat and Rosie's night sounds we're on from midnight to 5am



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on Monday mornings considered by some to be Sunday night.



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



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



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So tune in to Pat Rosie's night sounds are we on KPFT 90.1 FM in Houston, Texas.





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Isn't everybody out there?



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Oh yeah, plenty of people out there. You're listening to after hours on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station bar. I mean, I've got three hours of great tapes here from 90 minutes from Russell and 90 minutes from John better VT so I playing the first part of Russell's and now we're going to go to John Bennett VDS tape and if I can fit it I'll put in the last part of Russell's If not, you'll hear next week.



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The sound and we're we're having a little bit of fun today or this weekend. Louie van it is their 25th anniversary Well, you know I've only been doing I've only been coming to this thing for about four years, and I'm good sure some of you are veteran Oh, Don Bowden who must be the veteran.



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I tell you what, he's got a few years on me. But I've been coming up. We're talking about participation company here. Let's see, Andy was an original member participating ever since she's been member, and



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I still draw on her screen as a founding member of Sundance Kellogg company. Now, she doesn't give me a lot of information. But I I know she's behind as well. What do you think was?



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The first one you went to? What was the biggest turnout?



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Probably 7080. Oh, you're kidding. Actual participants. There were a lot of people to tag along.



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What do you think have been some of the biggest changes,



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the biggest changes, people don't weaken or we don't have to make our own and we are those stupid little machines. We have to make a run for the weekend. But we had fun doing that, too. It's the biggest changes is that we've gotten so much more participation over the years, and the camaraderie just gets better every year.



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And how does it feel when you see somebody? Like you have I'm sure, do it for the first time.



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How it's like get in there and do well. There's a smile on their face when they when they like a mother hand, but you also have to make sure that they enjoy themselves properly.



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What do you mean by properly?



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There's always do's and don'ts on any run, you know that?



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I was just trying to see what I could get you to say on the air.



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For you. What about however, what about you? What do you remember about your first?



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Oh, my first learning? Oh, my first Louis was an extraordinary experience. I actually probably remember less about it than I should. But of course, that's half of Louis. Yes, it was a false experience. I was. It was my first year with the club. I did this show and had to say oh man River and bass. And I was a smashing success. And I remember being so stunned about that. How much fun I had. It was wonderful. One time my favorite party of the year.



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I have to say it's one of mine. Which one would you say was your? Your most memorable one?



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They're all memorable. None of them are to be forgotten. Because say which one's better than the rest? We always just get in the truck with Don dad. We always made sure we have a vehicle that will fit down. He has trouble with a writer but



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you know occasionally you're Hey, could you hear a lady? Just say something? And that's Phoebe. Now, how many years have you been coming to this thing? At least seven seven. And what was your first one line? Oh god, I've slept since interest me that.



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Yeah, the nice thing is that a lot of people like myself participate in these runs every year for many years before they decide where they want their loyalties to lie with a particular club. See,



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the more I participate the more I come out the more I get involved in you know I finally decided



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fuck work. Why don't we just say that? If work to doing this, then they can farm is like a retired vacation for about a year. Well, when I first came on doing my very first one was 89. I remember that. On average, just past my very first one. He introduced me with a letter saying my most exciting, my most exciting I guess was well every one of them. All gooeys are very memorable and exciting. I guess by What's exciting was, well, we weren't to venture in, and it was kind of warm outside. I do remember that. And we were all just, you know, kicking back. And y'all do that. So well. Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah.



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Talk about hanging this look at them.



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Now. They'd be hanging anywhere and I started to smoke in the candle. And then I saw this lady turned around, took off her blouse and, and then I saw some demonstrations. And I'm like, interesting. And so I started, you know, yearly, I started coming. There was a couple of years that I did, miss. It's horrible when you can't come. I know what pulls you away. And that isn't

exactly what I meant. Now, do you still live here in news? No. I'm currently an honorary Sundance. I've been for the past two years. And Helen was my big brother was my big sister. And I am Joe de recive. Sponsor



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I've been with the club so you need to talk to the boys. And of course you're gonna come back to every Louis Oh, I ain't gonna miss no more.



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No, no, it's my favorite level.



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And I'm gonna start getting ready for the next year so I'm gonna start them cherries. Why? She said over there being quiet shy sometimes. Come here, Susan. Come on. They've heard you sing before. Most come here get real close to me. Honey. Interview rattle rattle teach me how to I can't really answer that. Wow. Louis. First time was the most memorable time she's been when she's not even a breach of second fleet. Right now going back to this with the riders so you're a rider you're on. Sundance. You're not gonna get into the specifics. I can't really do anything you want. I can't I can't remember. You know, I got these. I've had that happen to me before. My mouth is really dry. Can I have this is gonna kill me. All right, he's dropped off the mic.



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No. Hey, they know I drink. That's better. So what do you think about the number of people that are up here this year? Every year, what would you tell somebody who had never come? Who has never been over? Literally got besides that



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there's nothing else. Well, guys, I have I've got to move on. I don't want to make each one of these too long. I've got a lot of people to talk to. I'd like to thank the Sundance Cattle Company for talking to me for just a few minutes. I hope you heard everything and I hope some of it made sense.



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The family of course, we're gonna talk.



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Thank you, Don. I'd like to right now introduce Bill Staniel. He's one of the guests at the Louis Yvan their 25th anniversary. I'm gonna I'm gonna ask him a few questions. I'd like to start off with how long? How long have you been coming to this?



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Well, to the best of my recollection, probably about 18 to 20 years



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18 to 20 years.



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I may have missed a few in the early last 10 to 15. I've probably been to just about all of them.



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That's remarkable. Number one, not that not that you've been to all of them and have party at all. It's the fact that there's been an event like that appears that has lasted so long



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what does it feel like? When you see or know someone who is coming to this event, for the first time



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was going back away but again, I was impressed by the diversity of the group. The number of people even back then, and it certainly wasn't anything like it is now. But the friendliness, I guess everybody was just a big party weekend and not terribly structured, especially in the early years, but just a lot of fun, fun party.



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Let me get a drink of water here. I've already told them. My mouth is just so dry. Another question I'd like to ask you as What is your reaction to the amount of people we have this year?



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Well, I'm not really surprised, because each year, word seems to spread further and further and

it's become almost a national happening now, as opposed to years back when it was more of a local flavor.



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And if you had to explain what Louis was to someone, what would you tell them?



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Well, Louis, is just like Mardi Gras itself, I guess which it's patterned after it's just a continuation of the big party in New Orleans the week before. And it is just a chance for everyone to get together and have one big last fling. If they're serious about the Olympics. They can have a big party anyway. But already party party, that's the name of the game.



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I've decided I'm giving up lamp. But the other thing is, is are you gonna be coming back then you'll be doing this again. And again.



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As long as I am able I will be doing this. Yes, I certainly wouldn't anticipate continuing to come to Louis every year. And, of course, I have an advantage over a lot of people in that I do live in Houston. So it's a little easier for me than some people. I don't have to worry about hotel or travel. Right. That's true.



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That's true. Another remarkable thing about this, and I guess from my perspective, with the amount of years that I've been coming to this event, is the fact that it has remained free to out of town guests and still only charged \$10. It's live here. I mean, is that it? I mean, are you amazed at all that it's still done that way?



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I don't know if amaze is the right word. I'm, I'm frankly a little while Well, yeah, I guess you could say amazed, I may get in trouble for saying this. I'm already set in an agency meeting. And I don't even have any capacity and ICC. But I told him, I really think you need to look at raising your prices to the local people. \$10. You know, it's nice to be able to do it. But everything goes up over the years. And I really think realistically, I'd like to see them continue offering it free to the out of town. That's the idea. But really, if local people want to come to it, it's certainly worth more than \$10 You get all your your cocktails and everything on not to mention all the just pure fun you have and whatever other entertainment you can arrange on your own. But yeah, I think it is amazing that they continue to do it for \$10.



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I have traveled to a lot of different states and I've been to a lot of different parties that are supposed to be a lot like this. They're more expensive. And they're not nearly as much fun. In my opinion. I mean, I've had great times but maybe it's because I'm from Houston, I don't know. But I do know that it is the only party I have ever heard of that is offered to add a town Yes.



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I'm not aware of anything else in the within the continental United States. There are say there may be other gatherings I don't think on the scale that Louis has gotten to be. But it's the only one I know where yonder you don't out of towners can come in and just party for for just her Whatever their personal expenses for the party itself is free.



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And they do treat you well.



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Even if you have to buy your own drinks. Yes.



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Yes, you do. And they do have a lot of cocktail parties and this thing.



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Yeah, a lot of cocktail.



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I know I take part in everyone. Well, I'm not gonna keep you forever. I hope you enjoyed yourself. By the way. Again, this has been standing up. I didn't tell you. He is the Secretary for TCC. That is the Texas conference of clubs. And thank you again, and I know I'm gonna see many, many years.



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Thank you very much. My pleasure. Keep on Louis.



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Well I'm still at Lilly and I'm having a great time. I think I'm probably going to have another cocktail soon. either bad or probably shot of vodka. Do that at these things drink all the time. Right now I'm talking to a friend of mine. She's been coming to these things for a while. You want that window down? Just a little bit. Okay, well, she's been coming to these things for a while. But sorry, we're in my car. If you haven't figured that out. There was one of the quieter places is that okay? Oh, yeah, that's



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fine. Thank you.



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Okay. Let me turn this off now. Okay. She has a line saying I'm we're talking to a friend of mine. Her name is Cindy Ewing. She's been involved in Lily from my God forever. Well, when was the first Louis you ever went to?



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It would have been when I first came in eclipsing, which would have been about 1982 1982.



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The years of decadence?



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Yes, those were the years. And there were a lot of fun years, I had met Brittany, who was with Sundance, she was president, the first female president of any club in the country, and actually held that for many years. And when she got me involved in and I was really a completely different person, back then I was very shy. I was very, very much an introvert, introvert and a club really brought me out. I really learned how to shine and mingle with people. And you know, it was it was a wonderful experience and still is.



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Could you recall about how many people were at the first Lula you into? Probably about 75 or 8075, or 80? mostly male? Or was there an even split



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mostly male for? I would say the first five to six years ago, I was in the club saying I was one of only three women that I'm aware of in this part of the country that were in the club saying renew meaning. The other was a girl named Becky Pitner, who was co 45. And that was back in the days of the locker and everything. And the only times that I was allowed in there because I was a female was if I had my colors on. And even going around to other club runs in New Orleans and places like that I was allowed in places that women were not allowed only because I had my colors on. And we made a lot of ground in the clubs.



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Yeah, because I've been in the scene for about, you know, between five and six years. And women, for the most part, are very, very accepting or invited by the weatherman.



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They want accepted backs. And then the one a lot of women involved in leather s&m Back then they were very much closeted. Most of them were heterosexual. But, you know, I think the guys finally realized that, that, you know, they could perform sexual acts around us and not be uncomfortable that it wasn't bothering us. I can remember one time being at the drum. And Rainey and I were in there, and I think there may have been one or two other women maybe. But I don't recall. And as a joke, they served hors d'oeuvres that were oysters with a pimento in the middle, remade, shaped and to look like a women's body part as I slammed us. And we just we grabbed the tray and walked around and surfed and we you know, we took a lot of heat. We weren't gonna give up on it either. We, we had a lot of friends. There were a lot of people that were behind us. And we just had to prove to everybody that that we were you know that our goals in the club same were the same as theirs.



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And they certainly did that. Women in the leather community. That was John Bennett at state of the Louis weekend. And what I want to do is play the end of Russell's tape because you He's giving addresses and names and phone numbers for different support groups and different leather groups and in the community, you're listening to after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. At the top of the hour, the Red Eye special with Big Daddy Jay is here ready to go. But until then, here's Russell.



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It looks like we don't have time for any more interviews. This is a Saturday morning now about 10:29am. I'm going to give you a calendar for events for the month of March. We've already talked fairly extensively about the upcoming Ms. Gulf Coast leather contest to be held at 611 Hyde Park pub. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the sixth through the eighth of this month. That'll be next weekend. Show up there Friday about 9pm. You'll have a preview of the coming events, you can register. I don't think there's any fee or cover charges involved or maybe a very

modest cover charge on Saturday night. Saturday at 2pm. They'll start workshops and demos and seminars and such they'll have tables and vendors. And Saturday night will be the contest followed by brunch on Sunday lunchtime at Jim's ice house. So that's the Minnesota Gulf Coast letter contest by all means attend that the following weekend is not in black leather, the venture end and that's going to be starting up I guess about 9pm and that features among other people. You're our own Jonathan vetoes former Mr. Gulf Coast drummer. And by the way, tomorrow, Sunday, you can attend the tail end of the less entertaining a weekend by heading out to riches, which is a diskaun nightspot located at 2401 Sanchez center for directions call 7599606. That's Rich's they're going to have a brunch starting at 12 noon and a great entertainment show starting at 1pm with skirts and various just, you know drag shows and whatever else it's going to be a blast. I've been told by several people that that's the best part of the whole weekend. So don't miss it. That's Rich's noon, noon today. Or later today, it's should be about 140 in the morning while you're hearing this, and listen to big event this month and probably this year is the great big Houston PDP and Delaware sponsored SM ball. It's number five or number six. They've had several of these annual SM balls. There should be 1000 people there are more. And this Houston PEP is a pansexual organization, but it's somewhat more heterosexual oriented than are the Houston Council clubs groups. And it's the largest SM fetish, Kiki organization here in Houston and the dare where the sponsor is located out on Westheimer near dairy Ashford, they saw Latex Fetish play toys, magazines books are a lot of things for women there whereas leather boots and leather forever cater to men primarily. Delaware has a lot of fashionable latex and other things for women. So anyway, Delaware is putting some money into that and Houston pap is CO sponsoring the event there will be a band called Bozo pornos circus there, there will be performers from around the state and perhaps around the country. It's gonna be a blast, don't miss it. That's March the 28th location is going to be club Chicago, that's here in Houston. Look them up in the phonebook. The March 28 Come out to the PDP meeting which is the first Saturday of every month. There'll be one coming up real soon out, tantra nightclub ti n tra, which is 257 at Fairdale, which is just outside the loop off of Richmond. It's across the street for witch's cabaret. If you're heading west on Richmond, you're just hanging right at that little side street that says it has 24 Hour Fitness on it hanging out there. Right. And you'll see Tantra which is across the street from riches and behind Sam's boat, by all means to get there first Saturday of every month starting about 7pm I think maybe 730 be there and find out about the event that Why check it out on HP e p.org. www dot h pep.org. Or check it out. It'll be advertised probably in the public news, which is a newsprint publication find for free all over town. So that's the big event for for the spring. Do not miss it. Now there are other clubs and organizations here in Houston. And they're well worth checking out and they are not having a great big annual event but they are meeting weekly and or monthly. And I'd like to tell you about them here in Houston. Not only are all the different preferences and you know orientations fairly integrated with one another and becoming increasingly so particularly in the weather scene. We are very, very interested in education helping people to play safely sanely and conceptually and with greater skill. And we have at least three groups that focus primarily on education. I've participated in all three of them. I think all of them are excellent. I'm doing a workshop and about an hour and a half with Gigi at the erotic Rose Society. This will have happened earlier today when you hear this and but the erotic Rosati has workshops every single week, every single Saturday, anytime you want to drop in and you don't have to wear your street clothes. novices are more than welcome. There's a free class just step right in we're upstairs at Rogers. tavern that's ru D ye AR d s Richards at noon, every Saturday last until about 1pm the address for Rogers is 2010 Wha wha ugh. And that's wall is parallel to Montrose on the west side of Montrose. It's just down the street north of Half Price Books which is at Hyde Park and wall and that's the arrows group erotic Rose Society focusing on education. And I also have private parties and other cool events. They're very warm and gracious group and I highly recommend them another group

that I think is super is called heal Houston encourages and educates in leather. They only meet once a month but their workshops are extremely well prepared and very very hands on you need to be there on time because they locked the door at the the opening of the event and that allows them to get very hands on and very realistic with the demos and workshops. And their location is Pacific street bar which is Southern 10 Pacific street down here in the Montrose . They made there the third Sunday of every month at 3pm. Again that's the third Sunday at 3pm be there on time for he'll participate in in those workshops as well and they're very good autumn season autumn



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and we'll bring you more of that next week on after hours but it's right up at the three o'clock hour and red ice specials coming with to you with Big Daddy j this is KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station



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Welcome to the radar special that I'm your host Big Daddy J and that you are that listening to KPFT 90.1 Houston K E O S 280 9.1 College Station, bringing you 100,000 watts of the blues