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that many more young people that are given the fact that a homosexual life needn't be a disaster.



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I have a feeling. I don't know why. I know a number of people who are under 25 Say, under 20 They all seem to be much more relaxed I hope to sign. I don't know why there's a certain feeling among many younger people of not caring who knows they have straight friends who know and I hope this is sort of indicative of something.



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June 26, and 27th 1969 as recalled in Brett arteries 1970 documentary with the voters began with a routine police raid on a homosexual bar that Stonewall on Christopher Street in the heart of the West Village. Almost every homosexuals in was in New York at the time of the Stonewall Rebellion has his own private memory of what took place. One of the longtime leaders of the gay rights movement, Craig Rodwell remembers that this way, the first night was Friday, I was on the way home from the friend's house. And the rain was just starting at that time. And we noticed the crowd we went over there. And a crowded gathering on the front there was a paddy wagon pulled up and a few people being taken out and started with those few coin tuples being thrown at the police. And then the police retreated into the Stonewall. And then after the police barricaded themselves inside is like half an hour later, the riot police started moving up Christopher breaking up the crowd should really become a very angry crowd. Hundreds of bottles. Rock was in one window left in the whole place after about 10 minutes. And he broke the crowd up into small groups. And this one was like two or three hours back and forth and the whole area. I think they thought that people would just go home Iran, especially since they were gay people they're not used to gay people standing up at all, especially in front of police. But they would chase people away and then they go around the block and come in another way. And this sort of tug of war went on all evening. And then on Saturday night, it was much the same thing. Starting about nine crowds started to gather in the area. And then around 11 or 12. They started taking over the street, stopping cars and coming through gay people in the fires with the gentleman is an angry mood, a lot of chanting, a lot of hand holding a lot of assertion that being gay is a way of saying we're tired of hiding tired of waiting to live, tired of

denying our basic identity, denying ourselves newfound pride really a collective pride in their identity. Another important outgrowth of the riots was the formation of numerous action oriented homosexual groups in New York and around the country. They're composed for the most part of younger and more militant homosexuals. It's still a relatively small minority of gay people who reflect this new spirit, whatever you want to call it. I think it's going to affect the mass of gay people in the coming years



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the Stonewall Rebellion serve notice on the heterosexual majority, that a growing number of gays we're not afraid anymore, and we're not content to continue living out their lives in fear and depression, Guy powers health and science and nobody,



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nobody is going to ignore us. This is



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Gabrielle and Tala vich. Reporting from West Hollywood for this way out. Do you know what the Stonewall riots were about?



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I'm not real clear. I'll be honest with you. I never have read about it. As far as you know what exactly happened there the purpose of it?



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You know what the Stonewall riots were about?



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I've never heard anything about it.



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No, I don't know nothing about it.



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Do you know anything about the gay parade? Yes, of course they do. Yeah. Well, what's the gay

parade about?



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Well, it's about gay people their rights and everything we did they deserve it.



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Do you know what the Stonewall riots were about?



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I know a little bit about him. What do you know? Oh, supposedly, some cops came into a bar and some Long Beach cops and New York Okay, well, anyway, whatever, whatever city but anyway, they came into the bar and they were trying to break up the gays or whatever. And then the gays kick their butt. That's it.



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I just heard like a whole bunch of drag queens just sort of like you know, barricaded the whole half of the city and just, you know, took over for about a few days.



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You know that it wasn't just Drag Queens it was leather boys and lesbians and they were mainly people of color too. Do you know anything about the Stonewall riots? I don't know thing about him. Well, what's the gay parade about,



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I guess to celebrate the gateway where you can touch in public and it doesn't I guess offend anybody or you could just be yourself.



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You know that it's a yearly event to commemorate the Stonewall riots that happened in New York now.



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No, I knew it was Stonewall, but I didn't know what they call it. Maybe I don't know about my culture

culture.



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Lawrence Granberg, and Joanna Kasdan, the Tom Robinson band and age of consent performed some of the music you heard and Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music.



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Stay tuned with pride.



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And we're back and I like that ending. Stay tuned with pride. That's how we feel here. And that's how we'd like to share with you that you stay tuned. We're proud to do rest of our program here I have a sad note that I'd like to talk about a moment We lost a friend of ours in

program here. I have a sad note that I'd like to talk about a moment. We lost a friend of ours in the community. Recently Norman Guzman Godman Sorry, I have always called him Goodman. He always wants to who was a bit big. A big man. Let me let me put it that way. He was involved with the Gay Lesbian Political Caucus. He was involved with the he was involved with the Gay Lesbian switchboard. He was also involved with the leather and Mr. International leather. He was a model for Neiman Marcus. He had a very wide and varied life and we're gonna miss him greatly. He he was a kind of guy that you'd see in Kroger's and would always speak to you and have something nice to say and was open about his lifestyle and willing to talk with people. He was also a graduate of the University of Houston law school. And he passed away. I think it was Sunday, Friday, he passed away Friday. And his service is going to be Wednesday, July 8 at 7pm at Temple Emanuel at 1500 sunset for those of you who knew Norman. There they're requesting that you were read in remembrance of Norman. And if you knew him, you'll know why. And excuse me second. Let's see. He began Oh, here it is. Tell us about why he began to collect items made red plastic and before he finished he had 17,000 pieces, ranging from water guns to dishes and he donated this entire collection to the Children's Museum. And as a footnote, that particular collection made the Guinness Book of World Records so you can look up Norman in the Guinness Book of World Records. I don't mean to say that Norman is the only person who passed this week but Norman is the person that connected with me and touched the hearts of many of my friends. So we wanted to make note of Norman's passing We're going to do a song in remembrance of Norman by Jimmy Somerville called for friend. Okay, we're back. This is Jewel gray. And I've got Scott Lewis here and we have got Keith with cue patrol. Let's do it. Where's Keith?



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Keith, are you there?



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Are we there? Keith, are you there? Okay, we don't have Keith. So we've tried to get Keith back in just a second. And don't try and you know, we have many hands working very frivolous, feverishly here trying to get Keith back on the keys here. That's Keith there.



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Keith, is that you?



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Know, no. We'll be back to you in a minute. Okay, well, we try to get Keith back from the Q Patrol, do a few minutes with us and see what's going on out there. I'd like to take few minutes to you know, my, my I feel like I'm sitting in this chair for three hours. I have a right to say a few things once in a while. And things I want to say are, I'm gonna send my love out to Diana and Ricky. I want to say hello to Roy Roy. Listen, I want to hear about it tomorrow. I want to remind you that this show and every show I do is dedicated to the men and women of the Baron Care Center. And I also would like to send out a couple of belated birthdays to Janie Burley, who's one year old today. This is my baby. And I want to say happy birthday to Marla

belated sorry. And I want to say happy birthday to Janie who will be having her birthday on the 10th and Becky and Margaret. Becky just celebrated her birthday. And Margaret will be celebrating her birthday on the 11th. And I want to say hello to Philip. I know you're out there listening. I appreciate your input. And I want to hear from you when you have some more. So have we got Keith on the air yet? No Keith yet. Okay. Let's talk a little bit about what scooters got going on. We'll try to get Keith on if we get Keith back with the Q Patrol who are out there patrolling as we speak. We will put them on we'll stop and we'll put them on. Right now. We want to take a minute and talk to scooter scooter who says my name is Scott. But you can call me scooter.



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My Best Friends call me scooter.



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I love that. I'm a best friend. Oh, I love it.



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You are one of my best friends. Joe.



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I want you I would like you know, my big interest right now is your big interest I think is the Take Back the streets to your room. Bob. Can you tell me why you were involved in that?



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Because nobody else will do it? No,



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I think I think there's a personal passion here and what



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there is a personal passion I have become very involved with Paul resorts family and tried to help Nancy and David and Michelle in any way that I can. And so I've seen what this woman has gone through in the past year since she's lost her son and that's why become so closely involved with take back the streets



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and take back streets in case you didn't know were was a wasn't pretty, it was pretty close to spontaneous response for days organization. Uh huh. Pretty close. And even at that it was a surprise with the people that showed up there. There was a response to Paul's murderer. And that was that people took to the streets one night and demanded that we do something and make the streets safe. They expected the organization, the organizers expected two or 300 people and two or 3000 people showed up well over 2000. And they expected to be a small, well orchestrated little event of the police and the organizers. And it actually had to stay had to stop traffic, it was such a large thing. And there, they want to do this again. And they want to do it again and again. And again. We want to make people No, we are not going to live in our caves anymore. That it is not it. We don't have to and we're not going to and the way we don't have to participate in these organized events, like Take Back Street. And now you want to tell me a little bit more about what's going on?



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Well, I think it's a very valid point you bring up first of all, about letting people know we're not gonna live in our caves anymore. And that's why we've titled this March take back the streets to will never be silent again. I think we've seen in the past year that if we get out in the streets and we scream at the top of our lungs that we are not going to take this anymore. We've seen a lot of changes. We've seen a state pass a state the hate crimes Statistics Act we've seen In Houston, Texas, which is a very conservative, albeit a large town, their police department start vice versa, which is a undercover sting operation to capture gays and lesbian bashers. So I think we've seen a lot of changes. And we've realized that if we do make our voices heard that we can make a difference, and that's what this March is all about, it's to celebrate a year of vigilance and to let people know that we're never going to be silent again, and that we are someone that must be reckoned with



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and reckoned with we will be that night. If we had 2000 to 3000 that night. i My guess is we will have considerably more in the second time with a lot more. Absolutely. It's noticed and a lot more feeling in it and right now. So I think our community was still in shock at that time. And I think that we understand our feelings about this. We understand our feelings about what happened more now than we did at that time. And I think we're going to get a bigger reaction, bigger response. Do you want to tell us when it's going to be,



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it is July the 11th. We're going to assemble at 8:30pm at the corner of West Drew and Montrose. That is where Paul was killed. We will march through the queer community and culminate down in the corner of Westheimer and Montrose. At that point, we're going to do things a little bit differently this year. In that we are going to have some community leaders and political leaders that are going to be there marching with us, and they're going to be there to offer their support, including precinct one constable Jakob Rusia. AIDS activist Brian Bradley,

satirist, Nancy Ford, district seat, Councilmember Vince Ryan, State Representative Deborah Dannenberg. And it looks like that there is a great potential that Mayor Lanier will be there marching with us. So we're very excited about



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that. Oh, that is really good. I'm glad to hear that. I hear Obama Elise have really taken a stand on this kind of behavior and want to make our city more conscious of this kind of behavior. I don't hear that they're like, gung ho on the, on the gay part, but that everybody has the right to safety and security in the city. And that that is his Paramount job is to make sure that everybody has that and can sleep at night with the with some degree of security. So I want to take a moment and say you are listening to KPFT 90.1. Houston, a continuing tradition. We have to say that at the top of the hour. And that's what it is right now. It's just a few minutes after too. And I hear somebody shouting, hope it's not the Klan breaking in that old guy



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in their bulletproof bus. KPFT now has a drive thru



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and drive thru. Drive Thru, right? So you think Nancy will be there?



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Nancy Rodriguez, Paul Brossart. Mother is going to be there with us also,



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are we gonna have some organized species speakers? And



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yes, we are planning to make a sound system and a stage available to these people that I previously mentioned, to make statements of support to to the community.



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I want to I want to let you know out there that we can't get a good connection on controls. So your phone tonight looks like we may not be able to get back to them due to technical difficulties. We may not be able to connect with Keith tonight. But we did hear a short report from Randy earlier about what was going on tonight. Let's see. Did you want to add anything about take back the streets



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just that I think it's very important that we have a strong showing from the community. And for obvious reasons, you know, to let people know that we're never going to be silent again.



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Well, I'll be there and because I'll be there and you will be there KPFT will be there. So we'll be talking about this in the future. We'll talk about how it went and what a good time we had and all the people we saw that we don't get to see very often. So if you want to if you want to participate in something like that and find us find us and say hey, we listen, you know, you know we don't we don't bury our heads. We let people know who we are. You can try ask around and somebody will know where jewel is and somebody will know where scooter is and somebody will know where Diane is and so ask around and visit with us a few minutes we'd be glad to hear from you. You also have something to say in connection with this. About the plea bargains in the case that you?



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Well, I think it's important. There's been some, the media has, as they are always good about doing this dig are dug. Which way which way should I say that they have gotten their hooks in to a little bit of information about the plea bargain arrangements that are attempting to be made around this in the pub or started case. Several weeks ago, I guess three or four weeks ago, I sat with Paul's mother in the district attorney's office negotiating with him, trying to figure out what is acceptable for these young men, the district attorney saying that he had been ordered by the judge, in this case, Brian rains, to make plea bargain arrangements. Nancy, as well as myself, other community leaders are very frustrated by this. We're very upset and outraged that a judge is trying to get the prosecutor in this case, to make plea bargain arrangements so that he doesn't have to deal with a trial in his court. I'm outraged by that the plea bargain arrangements are laughable at best. This, the message that they send I believe is that it's okay to go out and beat up a queer Just don't kill them. And Nancy has written a letter asking the judge to recuse himself from this case, which he says he has no intention of doing. And I. And I think that this relates to take back the streets too, because it's another opportunity for us to get out there and say we're a force to be reckoned with, you know, a good example would be the Spencer Cory Goodman case, he got life for snapping the neck of Cecile Hamm, it was not premeditated. The court said that it was not premeditated. This is the wife of the ZZ Top manager, I'm sure you'll remember what's quite in the news. It was not a premeditated act, and this man got life sentence. And yet, these young men are, you know, being offered please, that are much less than a life sentence. And I just think it's very important that they be given the opportunity to go to trial.



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I agree. And the thing that I find most stunning about this is that it's taken so long to come up with anything one direction or another. And I'm, I'm a little dismayed that we're not kept more informed on this the community itself. I would like to see someone have direct liaison from the

informed on this the community itself, I would like to see someone have direct liaison from the DHS office into the community. Being aware, kind of like our the patrolman who took off and did the secret little wandering through the neighborhood after this happened and learned firsthand experience about how what it's like to live in the area and be thought of and be attacked on the streets. I'd like to I'd like to think that the DHS office would come down here and acclimate themselves to you know, our feelings and the, and the, the fear that this this instills in a community and to know that and to think that someone may or may not get a just punishment from this kind of thing. Do you know the judges name?



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The judges name is Brian Raines. He's in the 176 district court.



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Okay, people out there, this man is an elected official. There will come a time when he will come up for reelection and you remember that name? Brian rains, okay. So that's our job our job is to is to promote those who, who promote our lifestyle and to let those people know by election or spinning our money that we don't like them, condemning our lifestyles that we don't want extras. We just want a people. Speaking of equal, I think you had something also to add up to Randy earlier about Randles.



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I think Randy covered Randles. Very well, I just think it's very important that the people realize as I mentioned last week, I met with Randall on stage just a couple of weeks ago, the Randall on status very blatantly another a fluent white, wealthy, powerful man, using his influence to attack another innocent minority. And we have got to by stopping going into Randles by not spending our money there anymore. By writing letters by calling we have got to let him know that this community is not one that is willing to be abused any further. And I know he's getting that message loud and clear or else I wouldn't have sat in his boardroom I'm with him two weeks ago, but he's not getting it clear enough because he's not ready to agree to our grievances.



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On one of our shows in the future, I hope it to be my show, we'll have a tape of Randall Armstead,



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actually, it's one of his representatives representatives helping the Houston press that the G word has to go from their personal columns. And if it doesn't, that the paper will have to go.





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And it's not a pleasant day, though. And we will play it when we get our hands on it. To let you know about the people that you you shop with and make you let you make an informed decision about how you want to deal with this. Well, Scooter, I guess the last and the best. I know you got some surprises up your sleeve coming up soon. You want to talk about that?



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Well, I'm very, very, very excited about queer city, which is going to be the first gay and lesbian television show in this city. It's going to be on access Houston. And Diane Williams, who does this show, and myself will be the host of it. And basically, it is just going to be probably a twice monthly show that access has very generously underwritten. They have evidently been wanting to do a gay and lesbian television show for about the last four and five years, have not been able to get anybody to do it. And when I was approached with the idea, of course, I was very, very excited and more than willing to do it because I'm already my face is seen across TV as a queer anyway. So you know, at least now I have the control of what I want to do with it. And I plan, I think it's important that our community has a television voice and some kind of power that you know, somebody has the power to grab a TV camera and some people and run down to wherever the problem lies, be it at Randles. or be it. Chief Sam Nucci, who has refused, you know, refusing openly gay and lesbian officers on the police force are refusing to recruit at the Pride Parade. It's very important, I think for somebody who is a queer to go down there and pull the camera up and say, Chief Nucci why is this This doesn't make sense. Explain it to me, make me understand, make me agree that this is a valid reason why you are not recruiting at the pride parade. And, you know, when we say that it is or isn't, I'll be able to put that on the air. And people will be able to make their own choices and their own decisions. And I'm very excited about it very, very ready to get going. We go into production next week. And so it's probably going to be about a month and the first show is going to be on the air.



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And, and I'm proud to say that one of the shows you're going to come down here we are, so you can see what we look like I have to dress to get dressed. I have to wear some clothes that have no holes in it. So I'm looking forward to that I'm looking forward to seeing this program. I know you and Diane are have a lot of young and creative ideas, that's something that really excites me about it is that your creativities just blows me away sometimes. And I'm excited about the courage it takes to you know be the first and to step out there and do that. So I'm looking forward to it and I know everybody that knows about it, it's just like drooling waiting for



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I don't know if they're gonna be drilling once they see me



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while I'm I want to see another place where we can see gay people in their positive you know, light and as role models and as as you know, normal human beings so that people listening

who may or may or may not be gay will get a broader view of what it is like to be gay and it is not just a it is not just a sexual thing we do not all bars. That's right. As a matter of fact, some of us some of us never make bars and and and I'll share a fact with you that there are some people who've never had sex that are gay, because gay is a lifestyle and it's an attitude. It is not a sexual desire. That's right. So so I just want to throw that out there my personal little tidbit for the meeting. I think yes, we are. One of my favorite songs in a long long time. Is a k.d. lang song off of absolute torch and 20 I believe it is the album pulling back the reins and this goes out to Rick You