

HORSE: [HUMMING]

I hope you had a lovely evening. I did, thoroughly. Thank you for having me. Thank you.

JIM: One of the biggies of 2000-- that was Horse from her latest CD called *Both Sides*. That was God's home movie. She was here at the KPFT studios during after hours. We had a blast interviewing her and got to listen to her do some live music right here on the air. That was really something.

Before that, what did I have? Hello? I played something else. Oh, yes, Mark and Dean-- absolutely, Mark and Dean, "Your Spirit." That is such a nice rousing anthem. I like gay anthems. They just the-- gay anthem-- they just energized me, I guess,

And now it's time.

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Yes, it's time for after hours news and views with Big Roy and maybe Chris.

BIG ROY: Yeah, Chris is on here somewhere.

JIM: OK, before I-- I got a couple of things that I may talk about later. But I want to leave you with this to remember the after hours motto. Beer-- helping ugly people have sex since 1862. Yes, indeed folks.

[LAUGHTER]

BIG ROY: Oh, God. All right, I want to welcome everyone to this week's edition of "After Hours News and Views." I'm Big Roy. With me this evening will be Chris.

And before we begin the news, I do want to give my regular shout outs to Randy down there in Rosharon to Tony up there midway, to Rafael out here in the Montrose, to Tony here in the Montrose, and to all of our listeners all over the far flung listening area of Southeast Texas.

We want to start off this week's news and views with a little bit of a somber note, which is that I have a couple of obits to give.

JIM: Yeah, Crad Duren-- we talked about him earlier in the show.

BIG ROY: What people do not know about Chad Duren is that--

JIM: Crad.

BIG ROY: Crad Duren is, in fact, that he was also the owner of the *Houston Voice*.

JIM: Yes, he was.

BIG ROY: And he did many other things here in the community. And he is definitely going to be sorely missed. Also passing away this past week was Chuck Drake, who was the owner of the Ripchord.

JIM: Oh, I didn't know that.

BIG ROY: And he passed away on the second day of this month, and services are pending. And they are both going to be very sorely missed. OK, moving right along with the "After Hours News and Views," we have-- Nights in Black Leather are going to make it 7th annual presentation on March 17 at Rich's.

And NIBL, the Nights in Black leather, has been going strong under Don Gill's direction since 1995 and has raised thousands upon thousands of dollars for different aids organizations in the Houston area.

And this year the beneficiary is Colt 45 Stone Soup and will also make-- be the final event produced and directed by Don Gil Productions. Mr. Gil has plenty of tricks up his sleeve folks. And he promises to make this production a memorable. One so make sure you go by and check it out.

Also, coming on down the pike here from the community center, we have crowds of attractive eligible men, who are going to attend the first three power dates for men events at the community center.

The next event will be held on Thursday, January 18 at PowerDating-- Men sit in chairs, lined up in facing rows. When a bell rings, each man has seven minutes to chat and charm the man opposite him. When the bell rings again, the men get up and move one chair down and continue the flirt, charm, and chat with the next minute.

Men may continue any friendship as they wish. And tickets are \$5 a person. Powerdate for men has proved so successful, that many women involved in the center have become inspired to launch a similar program for the women.

And in case you don't know, the community center is located at 803 Hawthorne. Their telephone number is 713-524-3818. Also going on at the community center-- the Houston lesbian and gay community center will throw a party on Thursday, January 25, both to honor its dedicated volunteer course and to recruit prospective volunteers.

The 7:00 PM event at the center is free for volunteers and individuals who might be interested in working at the central resource for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered communities.

The center will have refreshments and provide surprises for everyone. Door prizes and music will keep the event lively and entertaining. Volunteers are the lifeblood of the community center, said President Tom Brooke over. We are thrilled to begin the new year with an appreciation and recruitment party.

JIM: Oh, oh, oh, have you talked about the penis workshop yet?

BIG ROY: We were going to. We were going to--

JIM: Can I do that?

BIG ROY: Well, Chris is going to do that. Well, you can go ahead because Chris isn't here.

JIM: OK, it's too bad, Chris. On January the 23rd, the penis workshop workshop-- oh, the penis worship workshop-- that's even better. We will begin with a lively and humorous discussion of the workings of the male member.

We will also discuss penis worship from ancient pagan rituals to current gay venues-- the symbolism of the male member in the history, and art, and dream analysis. The male member has long been, so to speak, held holy as a symbol of power, as well as worldly pleasures.

Join in this interesting and entertaining discussion about the penis. And that's going to be at the Montrose Counseling Center, Men's Network, January the 23rd. And the Montrose Counseling Center is located at 701 Richmond Avenue.

BIG ROY: And their phone number is?

JIM: 529-0037. I know that by heart.

BIG ROY: OK, also I do want to mention how the Greater Houston Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce--

JIM: Yes?

BIG ROY: --is going to be holding its general meeting. It's going to be the first meeting of the new year. And it's going to be held this coming Tuesday at 6:00 PM.

And they want people to join the new board and members in a discussion on how you can get involved with the Chamber and how the chamber can work for you and for your business. If you'd like more information, please call 713-523-7576. And call by the end of the workday this coming Monday.

JIM: Oh, oh, really?

BIG ROY: I mean, I just got this today, and this is-- it's a quickie.

JIM: Oh, I haven't had a quickie in a long time.

BIG ROY: Oh, OK.

JIM: Speaking of quickies, how about the KPFT membership drive information? Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes. We've got phone volunteer training if you want to answer the phones. And that's going to be held at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, January the 16th right here at the lovely old historic KPFA Studios at 412 nine Lovett Boulevard.

So that's 6:30 PM, Tuesday, January the 13th and 6:30 PM, Wednesday, January the 17th, so one of those two days. So if you have never taken the phone volunteer training, we ask that you do before you answer the phones.

And the drive begins Thursday, January the 25th through Tuesday, February the 6th. So we will be asking you for your donations to help support this radio station and this program.

BIG ROY: And have we got anything else in here?

JIM: What? About what?

BIG ROY: That's it on-- as far as--

JIM: What do you mean that's it?

BIG ROY: Well, my co-host-- my co-anchor is not here.

JIM: Well, where is that queen?

BIG ROY: I have no idea. She's got all the news stories. And just before she came to the news, the other gems that-- you got a phone call.

JIM: Oh.

BIG ROY: And she hasn't been here since.

JIM: Oh, OK, OK. So let's see. Let's see. Let's see. What did you talk about at the community center? Did you talk about the Hawthorne Men's Club?

BIG ROY: I did not even get anything on that.

JIM: The community center invites men of all ages to the Hawthorne Men's Club on Friday, January the 19th, beginning at 7:00 PM. The tremendous success of the November 13 talk by Harold Kooden, PhD, on his book, "Golden Men-- The Power of Gay Midlife," inspired the creation of this new group.

Participants will continue the dialogue on the critical subject of men and aging.

BIG ROY: I know why I didn't mention that, Jim.

JIM: Why?

BIG ROY: Because we have Jason here. He is the age queen.

JIM: Yeah, no kidding. [LAUGHS]

BIG ROY: Or the ageless queen.

JASON: Look at me.

JIM: Well, we're talking about--

BIG ROY: She is going to be-- she is going to be the gay version of Dick Clark.

JIM: The Hawthorne Men's Club-- it's a group of men talking about gay men and aging and. You seem very knowledgeable on that fact. Because every time you're on the air, you talk about it.

BIG ROY: That's OK. We also-- we had this thing. Last week, when we were talking about a discussion group on relationships.

JIM: Yeah.

BIG ROY: And we said, oh, Jason'd be perfect. I mean, after all, he's had so many.

JIM: I know.

JASON: Yes, I do have quite a bit of experience in that, don't I?

[LAUGHTER]

JIM: Anyway, that group will be at the community center at 803 Hawthorne. And that's January the 19 at 7:00 PM, talking about aging. Yes, Jason?

JASON: Which I'm going to do gracefully, of course.

JIM: You are doing it gracefully, of course.

JASON: Of course, everybody thinks I'm in my 30s when I'm in my early 20s.

JIM: Ouch.

JASON: That's OK.

JIM: Ouch. Ouch.

JASON: But, see, I look like I'm in my early 30s now. And then when I'm in my 50s, I'll still look like I'm in my early 30s.

BIG ROY: That's what you think, Darling.

JASON: That's what I hope.

BIG ROY: She doesn't plan to grow gracefully. She's going to fight it every step of the way--

JASON: It's the fact that I was a lifeguard for five years-- all that sun damage.

JIM: Yeah, that can do it. That can-- and you have been sickly lately.

JASON: Yes, I have been sick lately.

JIM: Because people have missed you. They're used to hearing you once a month. And it's been kind of touch and go without you. In fact, it's been close to critical.

JASON: Yes.

JIM: We can talk about it now that it's over that. But at the time, I don't want to get people all upset when--

JASON: Well, I'm doing much better now. And--

JIM: If you want to talk about it?

JASON: Yeah, we can talk about it.

BIG ROY: Does that mean that I have to cancel my bon voyage party?

JIM: Oh.

BIG ROY: Oh.

JIM: So what was it that was wrong with you?

JASON: I have a degenerative disease called diverticulitis or diverticulosis. And when the diverticulae get inflamed, it's called diverticulitis. And then that can cause rupturing of the large intestine. And that's what occurred. And me, not going to the-- I ignore my aches and pains.

So I didn't go to the doctor until the last minute. And I got rushed to the hospital. I had gone septic at that point. You know, I spent about a week in the hospital. Then I had to go through the process of-- I had a colostomy for a couple of months.

And then they sawed me back together and undid the colostomy. And so now my large intestines-- just 18 inches shorter than it was. And I've still been--

JIM: Oh, that cuts down, doesn't it?

JASON: I still been touch and go as far as the recovering process.

JIM: Well, yeah, I mean, because this is a--

JASON: Very major.

JIM: Very major, yeah.

JASON: And my body is still adjusting to the shortened large intestine and everything. And was it last weekend that Margaret Cho was in town?

BIG ROY: A couple of weeks ago, I believe.

JASON: A couple of weeks ago-- well, a couple of weeks ago was the first weekend that I had actually had a good weekend all weekend, where I felt good. I went out Friday night. I went and saw Margaret Cho. And then I went Sunday and watched queer as folk up at Guava.

And then last weekend, I felt pretty good. And then this weekend's been a pretty good weekend so far, too.

JIM: Good.

JASON: So I think I'm finally--

JIM: And you're a very young man to have this.

JASON: Yes, it usually occurs in people 40 and above.

JIM: My ex landlord had that problem, and he's 15 years older than me.

JASON: Right, but, actually, I found another friend of mine who's in his early 20s, who has the same problem that I have. And it seems to be a problem that's more prevalent in the westernized country, where we have more processed meats and stuff.

JIM: Yes, yes.

JASON: White bread and all that.

BIG ROY: I do want to say that the straight community has a very warped idea that the only medical problem facing gay community is HIV.

JASON: No, I know.

BIG ROY: No, you know--

JIM: I know.

BIG ROY: Gay men, just like straight folks everywhere and anywhere, are subject to the same medical maladies that could face anyone. I don't know how many times I and Jimmy have-- Jimmy and I have talked about men getting-- the possibility of men getting breast cancer.

You have to go in for breast screening. Everybody thinks that's a women's disease or lesbian's disease.

JIM: No, no, no, no, no.

JASON: That's actually something-- I've got a new doctor as a result of all this. Because my original doctor misdiagnosed the diverticulitis several times.

JIM: Oh, no.

JASON: And so it got critical by the point. Then I got critical, and then they rushed him to the hospital.

JIM: That is not good.

JASON: So I changed doctors after that, needless to say. And my new doctor told me about-- checked me for the breast cancer and told me how to examine myself, as well as all of this all these years, I'm in the prime age group for testicular cancer.

JIM: Yes, you are.

JASON: And all these years I had never known that I needed to be checking myself and how to check myself.

JIM: Here, I'll show you.

[LAUGHTER]

BIG ROY: And Jason, I'll tell you, one thing about the testicular--

JASON: Testicular cancer.

BIG ROY: Yeah, that thing-- the fact that it's one of the curable cancers.

JASON: Yes, it's a very curable--

BIG ROY: It's a very curable cancer. And, in fact, we just had a gay bike rider when the-- [INAUDIBLE] or something like that.

JIM: Yes, twice.

BIG ROY: Twice. And he had testicular cancer.

JIM: Also the ice skater. What's his name? Oh, gosh.

BIG ROY: Except for--

JIM: Scott--

BIG ROY: Hamilton.

JIM: Hamilton. He had testicular cancer.

BIG ROY: Right.

JIM: Yes.

BIG ROY: And--

JASON: It's a very treatable disease, that it's something that young men--

BIG ROY: Regardless if they're gay, or straight, or undecided.

JASON: They need to check themselves. And I've--

BIG ROY: And they say--

JASON: Chances are you should start checking yourself as early as like 15 or something like that.

JIM: Now, when you say check yourself, what does that mean?

JASON: Basically--

JIM: No, let's talk about it. We've talked about-- We have to talk about how to do the breast--

JASON: Index finger, middle finger, and your thumb--

JIM: Index-- wait a minute. Index finger, middle finger, and thumb, OK.

JASON: Right. And then you feel around the testicles and feel for any abnormalities, any lumps.

JIM: I think most men kind of know what their testicles-- the size of them and all of that.

JASON: And you look for any swelling that may occur.

BIG ROY: Lumps.

JASON: There's generally a lump on top, that the vas deferens-- or I forget the actual term of what it is. But any lumps besides that and just anything that feels abnormal. It may feel like there's a third testicle, which some people also have a third testicle.

JIM: That's right.

JASON: And you know swelling, just feeling for anything that doesn't feel like--

BIG ROY: Like it belongs.

JASON: And you ought to check yourself about once a month.

BIG ROY: And--

JASON: Watch for most--

JIM: You can do it in the shower, in the bath.

JASON: For more adolescent men, this is-- not a problem.

JIM: No.

JASON: They check themselves once a month.

JIM: No, in fact, they Checked themselves several times a day.

BIG ROY: Probably. And I do want to say this. In spite of the fact that we do really harp on making sure that people go and get their aids tests every six months, people from 40 on up or my age 50, need to have a good physical exam, at least, once a year, preferably twice a year.

JASON: Prostate exam?

BIG ROY: People can laugh at that. But we've lost some really good entertainers through prosthetic--

JASON: Prostate cancer.

BIG ROY: Prostate cancer. And it's a curable cancer. It's one of the very easily curable cancers.

JASON: It's another one of those very curable cancers. And I found out also that due to all these digestive problems that I've had, that I have to move-- basically, I have to move all my tests up 10 years. So generally, men have to start getting a regular prostate exam at 40. I have to start getting a regular prostate exam at 30.

BIG ROY: Wow.

JASON: And I've got to get the colonoscopy at 30. And so I have to move everything up 10 years because I'm at high risk now.

BIG ROY: Well, I'll tell you something. Even though you move up those tests 10 years, in the back of your head, there's always that question. There's always this gnawing fear. But once you go in for the tests and those tests come back negative, oh, you are on top of the world.

Let me tell you. It is so much better to get tested. And, folks, after you get tested-- Chris and I did a news story on this about a year ago on how the CDC, the Center for Disease Control, in Atlanta had reported that a third of all the people who have HIV in this country do not know it.

JIM: Wow.

BIG ROY: And how do we know that a third of them? Because a third of the people who get tested don't come back to get the results.

JIM: Oh.

BIG ROY: So go back and get the results. Just somebody sticks a needle in your arm and draws blood, that don't mean squat. If you don't come back and--

JASON: It's really a relief.

BIG ROY: It really is.

JASON: It's a relief. If you come back negative, it's a relief knowing. And if you come back positive, it's also a relief. Because you can begin to seek treatment through overall wellness.

BIG ROY: And the nice thing is the earlier-- HIV cancer, the stomach problem you had, the earlier it's diagnosed, the easier it is to manage or control.

JASON: When it's caught early on, it's very treatable. And don't ignore your aches and pains. Take it from me. I learned the hard way.

BIG ROY: We're not so much so after all.

JIM: That's right.

JASON: I learned the hard way. I mean, when I was in the doctor's office-- but when they rushed me to the hospital, I was in the doctor's office. And I literally could not sit in the waiting room, and I almost went home.

JIM: Oh, god.

JASON: Because I was in so much discomfort. I almost said, screw--

JIM: Yeah.

JASON: Forget it. I'm going to go home. And if I'd gone home that night, I would have died. Instead I went to the nurse, and I said, I'm just in so much pain. And I had to lay down. And they were putting blankets on me.

JIM: Gosh.

JASON: And they booked me straight into the OR. They operated on me at like 2 o'clock in the morning. It was a real big deal.

JIM: So what are you and Chris going to do in just a few minutes?

JASON: We are going to be discussing, ironically enough, trying to have successful relationships.

JIM: OK.

JASON: And I say the irony because of the fact that so far--

BIG ROY: Well, you've got a lot of experience.

JASON: I exactly-- I haven't had exactly a successful relationship.

JIM: Hey, you know--

JASON: And I'm currently single. And so if there's anybody cute out there listening, I am looking.

JIM: OK, I guess, we're pretty much done with the news, huh?

BIG ROY: Oh, we're-- stick a fork in us, we're done.

JIM: OK.

JASON: You didn't get to say Sunday, Sunday.

JIM: I know-- never got to say Sunday, Sunday, Sunday.

JASON: Sunday, Sunday, Sunday-- tomorrow.

BIG ROY: Well, folks, for our absentee Chris, Jim, Jason, Rainbow, I'm Big Roy, I want to thank all of you for stopping in this week for this edition of madness known as After Hours News and Views. And I promise it will never, ever, ever be nudes and views.

So thank you all for listening and tune in next week. Because who knows what kind of craziness we're going to be doing next week.

JIM: You got that right.

JASON: This is my debut on the news, by the way.

JIM: Yes, it is.

JASON: I've never done the news.

JIM: You never done the news. See?

BIG ROY: Oh, well, everybody else has done news.

JIM: You've never been news before.

JASON: I've never been in the news-- well, that's not necessarily. Moving right along--

JIM: We're moving right along.

BIG ROY: It is time for the [INAUDIBLE] show.

JIM: Yes, I know. I know you've got your music you want to play. But I've got two particular songs that I want to get in tonight. And they are songs that were made famous by other people and people who were divas to the gay community.

So you'll recognize both songs instantly. And they're done by queer artists-- first by Trinity and second by a group called Y'all. And you're hearing it all on After Hours Queer Radio with Attitude on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station.

Coming up will be Chris and Jason with relationships.

CHRIS: Scary.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

JASON: All righty.

CHRIS: OK. What was that?

JASON: That was-- Bryan Adams is the vocals on that, and I'm trying to remember-- you know how horrible I am with the name of the group.

CHRIS: Yes I do.

JASON: But this is actually a compilation CD and the Ministry of Sound-- and they do the [INAUDIBLE] and all that.

CHRIS: Oh, OK.

JASON: Oh, this is Ministry of Sound 2000.

CHRIS: Oh, OK.

JASON: So it's their latest--

CHRIS: Dance stuff.

JASON: Yeah, latest dance compilation they got out. I'm back.

CHRIS: It's good. It's good to have you back.

JASON: Jason is back, and I'm feeling good. I'm not up to my old tricks, fortunately. It's probably best that I'm not.

CHRIS: Yeah. You've got-- we've been-- people who have listened to this show for many, many years have kind of followed your life from Hatch through to club scenes and maybe some excesses there. And--

JASON: I did go through some excesses there.

CHRIS: Some health problems, and now you're-- old are you?

JASON: I'm only 22.

CHRIS: See? Wow.

JASON: But I put a lot of growing into this 22 years.

CHRIS: No kidding.

JASON: And now, like I was telling you, I've figured out what I want to do with my life. And I'm going to become a certified paramedic. And so now y'all are in the adult years of my life.

CHRIS: [LAUGHS] I don't know that I had any adult years. I just--

JASON: Well, for once, I've just kind of been treading water and existing, kind of get caught up in the party scene there for a while. And it's fun while it lasted. But you got to grow up sometime.

CHRIS: I guess you're right you have to, in some ways, you can kind of keep parts of your old self, you know? But since you're from Hatch, I look upon you as the future. I look upon every member of Hatch as the future of queers, right?

Because that's where you're coming from. You're going to be the one paying the taxes to pay my Social Security.

[LAUGHTER]

JASON: And I'll be the one without Social Security when it comes time for me to get it.

CHRIS: And you'll also have to pick up the standard for queer rights. And because-- I'm tired.

JASON: Y'all have paved the way. And y'all have done the groundbreaking. And we've got to pave the way for the next generation and keep it going. And it's really neat to see, especially in Europe, seeing all the advances that are going on in Europe. And then you've got--

CHRIS: The Netherlands now instituting every-- just making marriage between same sex and opposite sex just about the same-- just about the same and very little difference.

JASON: And even though George W has been elected president, it doesn't look like it's going to be the end of the world.

CHRIS: No, know like I said earlier, we're going to have to probably just fight to hold ground.

JASON: Right, we'll have to hold ground. But I think he'll be a one-term president because it was such a close election. But it's not the end of the world. And it's just really fascinating to see.

CHRIS: But it's a maturation not only of you but of the gay community. Because now I see people taking their relationships a lot more serious.

JASON: Right.

CHRIS: Rather than just who I'm going to be with for the next couple of weeks.

JASON: Right, which oddly enough, is what we were going to talk about today.

CHRIS: It's like somebody that I really want to spend life with.

JASON: Right. And we know I've been in and out of relationships. And now I'm actually getting to the point in my life.

CHRIS: You lead with your heart.

JASON: And I wear my heart on my sleeve. But we're getting-- I'm getting to the point in my life, where I'm looking-- there's one person in particular who I kind of have a thing for. And I've known him for four years.

And it looks like we may start dating or we may end up being friends. But he's the kind of person that I'm looking at as a relationship. And he's the kind of person-- I'm looking further than skin deep now. I'm--

CHRIS: Somebody more than just to go out with and somebody to that looks pretty young in your arm, yeah.

JASON: And you know, granted, he's still a cute guy, of course. But I am looking beyond just the skin. Because beauty is only skin deep.

CHRIS: Well, there's going to be an interesting conversation. Because you are young and have had some relationships and a lot of failures. And I am much older and have had two serious relationships-- one that lasted for four years when I was young, your age and the last one that's lasted over 22 years.

JASON: Right.

CHRIS: And the difference is-- I mean, it's two entirely different relationships. And it's because I was at 18 for the first one and 30 for the second one.

JASON: Right.

CHRIS: So I was in two different places. And the relationships were so different.

JASON: And I look at my first relationship, which my first relationship was my longest relationship. And that it was about a year long. And we ended up breaking up because he had been cheating on me. And he'd been cheating on me, so we decided to break things off.

And since then we've become friends, and we've talked about what went wrong in the relationship. And then I've had several failed relationships since then, mainly because I was looking only skin deep. And the people just weren't right for me.

And now I look back on my first relationship, and I see why things went wrong, and I see how things can be made better. And like I said, now, I'm looking for somebody as a soulmate and not just somebody to be with for a week or two.

CHRIS: I see what you mean because I kind of went through the same thing when I was 18. I fell in love with a guy for the first time. And it was also at a time-- we're talking the '60s. And it was my first realization that two men could actually have a relationship together.

So I was young and naive. And he was-- what? I was 18. He was 21. And by the time-- four years went by. I was 22. I was a different person.