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He died. He took my love with him. But he left me here alone to fight. And I thought I was fighting alone. And tonight I found out that I have a lot of people behind me fighting with me. Y'all just made me that much stronger, and the humiliation is gone. But the pain is still there. And I don't want anybody else to feel that



S Sarah DePalma 00:22

couldn't end in a better note than that. Thank you, Christy Phyllis, both of you, thank you very, very much. Appreciate it. Well, that's, that's a heck of a heck of a way to end our hour and a half. No doubt about it. This has been an incredibly fast hour and a half. I want to leave this with the piece from Boy George, and which is titled she was never a he, which seems extremely appropriate. Well, there you go. And before we sign off, we always have an expression that we use here. And it seems even more appropriate. After all this. When decorum becomes repression. The only dignity free people have is to speak out. Folks, thank you for joining this section of after hours. We're going to go to the news. When we come back. We're going to be with Francisco, right Jim Signia. Ken making sure Francisco is here. And Francisco will be talking about Hispanic gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender. Thank you very much for listening to after hours.



R Roy McCarthy 01:46

Welcome, everyone to this week's edition.



C Chris 01:50

I don't get Robert. Can you hear him?

R Roy McCarthy 01:52

No. Can you hear me? Hello? Hello. Okay. Well,

C Chris 01:59

we are I'm sorry. I can't hear him and I was afraid. I can't hear him through the earphones and I was afraid I was the only person in town they being able to hear him and I don't want to be that lonely, lonely person.

R Roy McCarthy 02:09

All right, like to welcome everyone to this week's edition of backgrounds news and views. I'm big Roy. And this is Chris next to me as we all know our arrow. Okay, our top story this week is it comes to us from the caucus. Metro Katyn spoke to the caucus and to the general public this past week. This last Wednesday. At the I love it in and Metro Katyn is the attorney who's defending the two guys that were arrested on the 2106.

C Chris 02:40

What a coincidence, I had someone asked me today what was the status of that case?

R Roy McCarthy 02:44

And the status is pretty good. Pretty, pretty good. The judge is hearing this case is has asked the state's attorney is there, you know, compelling reason for that 2106 law.

C Chris 03:03

What level of court are we at right now?

R Roy McCarthy 03:06

We're at a we're at one of the appellate courts. There is one more appellate court. And after that, it will it will go to the US Supreme Court. Okay. So

C Chris 03:19

we're still at the state at the we're not we're not in New Orleans. No, we're still in Texas.

R Roy McCarthy 03:25

We're still here at Chequers. Okay, but it's looking real good. For that to be that law to be struck down by the courts. And it has to go through the courts like mutual continuous hand because the legislature the Texas legislature does not want no one in the Texas legislature wants to be responsible for taking 2106 off the books. Yeah, it's too much of a political hot potato for all the religious fanatics who get all their panties all in a bunch because of who someone loves,

 Chris 04:00

especially when you have a certain governor who occasionally makes an appearance in the state running for president. It kind of looks bad that this if something like this trying to go through the legislature on his watch, that would be something that could come back to haunt them. So it's kind of everyone wants a hands off approach on Delete on deleting this error from

 Roy McCarthy 04:23

code. Well, it looks pretty good for getting getting thrown out. Also at the caucus. Another transgendered person Jessica Redman has announced her candidacy for the for board position number nine, she is running unopposed at the first Wednesday of every month is a caucus meeting and it looks like she will get that position at that time. This will make the second person on the board right now. This will make the third person and I Our history, transgendered persons or

 Chris 05:02

transgender member of the board, right?

 Roy McCarthy 05:05

And that's what I have we from the caucus. And now, Chris, what's happening with the internet

 Chris 05:12

is on the internet. The big topic is always filtering and censorship. The McHenry County commissioners voted to limit Internet access in their libraries that would block adult oriented sites. And a move that will often lead to intentionally or not to a blackout of get of all gay websites. The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation was preparing to issue an updated report on the impact of internet filtering products on non adult oriented gay and lesbian websites. A report that says conservative groups are leading the push to filter public terminals. Commissioners in McHenry County, we're voting to limit Internet access at public libraries. An ad hoc president of it doesn't say what organization it we think the internet is somewhat defective product that needs to be fixed up. And the fix is filtering. Information was given to the McHenry County commissioners from organizations such as adults helping out children, a mix of right wing groups like the Republican leadership council and Christian coalition. A lot of people see good points with this filtering. But we've already seen in some instances where if

the controls are set too tight, you limit your access. With certain filtration systems on the internet, you can't get information on breast cancer. If you were to type in breast cancer survivors at one of these sites, you wouldn't get the information on how to recover and recoup there because it would be blocked out because of the word breast. Personally, I've seen it in my place of work, where I used to work. One of the major internet's free email systems that we use, in fact, we use your for our email for the show Hotmail, sometimes when you try and send an email using that system, it puts in spaces and spaces are translated to x's. And so if there's three spaces in a row, it puts three x's, and it will activate as being a porn site. And you could have a perfectly clean I mean, we had people coming up to us going, why was this thing blocked by surf watch, when I'm writing a letter about my Lord and Savior. And that was a problem, because somewhere in there, it threw in a code that was blocking someone from sending a perfectly benign letter. But it was coming up as being possible. If somebody

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Roy McCarthy 07:51

was to download was to put the King James Version of the Bible on the on the internet, it would be blocked? Well, we because it has, it has some graphic sex,

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Chris 08:06

well, actually where this comes from, of what how the filtering occurs, is when you create a website, you have to put in a code in there of certain key words of what you're looking for. So what happens is it filters off of these keywords that it finds more often it's not, it's not exactly in the text. It's in this header of information that gets sent. So what happens is, if you look through some of the search engines, and you type in a certain word, you pull it up, and it'll say, Okay, here's your link to get your your website. But here's all these words, that if you typed in that as well, you would get this. Some of them are very, very broad base. I mean, some of them you cannot say on the air, some of them are more name. Some of them are just crazier, that when something occurs of some importance, they slip one of these in so that when you're looking for this other site, you'll come across it. I mean, one of the one of the filthiest websites you'll find on the internet is considered to be whitehouse.com. Because people are trying to get in touch with a White House, and they don't really they don't realize that there's five extensions on Internet addresses. So instead of whitehouse.gov, which would get you a website on 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. You just put in the calm that everybody thinks it is. And you get one of the raunchiest websites. Also people have done that with a friend of our community. Dr. Laura you spell Dr. Laura a couple different ways are typing her name incorrectly. You get some other raunchiest websites, and that's part of where she is been a strong advocate of filtering in the library system. As for I heard a lot about her from the beginning because of her stance against the American Library Association. And they're going to be coming here to Houston, the Texas Library Association to have a conference in the next couple of months. And it'll be interesting to see how the librarians who everyone thinks is the tight pinch faced Heron abundant everyone going to see what their stance is on this and we'll keep you apprised on anyway of trying to shut down what we're trying to say.

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Roy McCarthy 10:28

Okay, moving right along. This is now officially April 9, and it's begins. Today begins the National Crime Victims Rights week, and in accordance with the National Crime Victims Rights

week. The COC at the community center the Houston lesbian and gay community center is sponsoring violence and hate exploring the causes and solutions that we'll be offering two programs profiling, violence and hatred in our society. And again, this is being sponsored by the Houston lesbian and gay community center and the Montrose Counseling Center. On Wednesday, they're going to be showing the movie frontline assault on gay America. This movie was produced in 1999. This is a PBS documentary and explores the roots of homophobia in America and asks how these attitudes beliefs and fears contributed to the recent rise in violence against the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities.

 Chris 11:29

That was the story you may remember we covered a few months ago. It was a frontline is the TV show special. It deals heavily with the Billy Jack Kathy air incident in Alabama, and also a look at at the especially Jerry Falwell and some of the other religious right influences on homophobia and kind of stirring the pot of hatred.

 Roy McCarthy 11:56

Right. And I did see that

 Chris 11:59

I taped it and I just never got back to seeing

 Roy McCarthy 12:02

the next day on April on April 13. They're going to be showing the movie Breaking the Silence confronting same sex domestic violence. You can join the staff from the Montrose Counseling Center for a presentation and discussion of the prevalence of domestic violence in the gay lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community resources available in the Houston area and the link between animal cruelty and domestic violence. Video clips will include scenes from my girlfriend did it breaking the surface, the Greg Louganis story and investigative report animal cruelty a predator predictor of violence. Each program will run from seven to 8:30pm and will include time for a short discussion. Some content may be inappropriate for Senate's sensitive viewers. And both programs folks are free and open to the public. And the

 Chris 12:59

committee that's being held at the gay lesbian community lesbian and gay community center

 Roy McCarthy 13:03

at 803 Hawthorne if you'd like more information, contact Melissa Martin or Gary Norman at the Montrose Counseling Center at area code 713-529-0037.

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Chris 13:19

And I'm going to try and get down to at least one of those events. The Houston gay and lesbian parents H GLP. Will be venturing outdoors for their Sunday, April 16.

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Sunday Sunday Sunday I

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Roy McCarthy 13:32

thought I slipped it in Jimmy that is

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Chris 13:36

April 16 family activity grassy hill sledding and spots park for time and meeting place information call 713-284-4939. The group will also be holding his spring camp out during the weekend of May 12 through the 14th at double Lake recreation area north of Cleveland near Cold Spring. The group has reserved the same camp around a campsite used last year on a small peninsula that isolates the group from other campers traffic and noise.

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Roy McCarthy 14:06

Okay, just want to give a little bit of a positive note to the earlier segment that we had. And to get the positive note I had a stretch I'd really go into a stretch here all I had to stretch all the way to Atlanta, Georgia. The Atlanta Georgia City Council voted on March 6, to add gender identity as a protected category in the city's employment non discriminate non discrimination policy, along with age, color and disability. Atlanta defines gender identity as, quote self perception as male or female and quote, marital status, national origin, race and center and so forth. We're already protected. The measure was introduced on January 18 by councilmember Michael Bond, Jr. at the behest of Mayor Bill Campbell's administration and When was co sponsored by all other council members present at that meeting, only about 20 other US cities have protected transgenders from discrimination. And I'd like to tell you about our own group here in the Gulf Coast area called Cats. This is a new group that has formed that CIT s and that stands for the community awareness trends for transgendered support. And that is down in the Gulf Coast. And they have meetings the first Friday of every month. And if you'd like to contact them, you can call them at area code 40976222434 vet for fax and voicemail, you can call them toll free at 1-801-315-6764. Their mailing address is Pete Katz, pillbox six to Galveston, Texas 77553. Again, that's the community awareness for transgendered support.

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Chris 16:04

on behalf of que patrol, we would like to thank the crew of Olympus for their very generous

contribution to our organization last week, last Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, the group Olympus handed out \$20,000 worth of checks to six or seven organizations here in Texas, along with Q patrol, assisters, hatch Houston Buyers Club. There was an organization out of Dallas and I know I forgot some of the organizations. But it was a tremendous check we received it was a lot more than we had expected. And we hope to put it to good use in the community getting members out and trying to keep the streets safe. So once again, on behalf of all of us with the patrol, we do appreciate that crew and we hope to live up to the standards you gave with that check. If you're interested in joining Q patrol or want to get some more information you can call us at 713528 safe that's 7233 or email us at Q patrol inc@aol.com We are looking for people to come out and walk the streets with us at least one one night a week a month. Just keep an eye out on everybody considered a three hour tour of the neighborhood.

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Roy McCarthy 17:30

Okay, moving right along the Royal Sovereign and Imperial quarter the single star they have sent me their calendar for the week. And I want to thank them on the 14th the Imperial Prince Royal 13th. Shawn Carter will have a fundraiser for the Montrose Counseling Center at AJs at 9pm. Then on the 15th barren 16th Jane Fulton will host a benefit showed called The Gong Show review the thicker, the better. And that's for the coronation 17 at chances which will be at 9pm. On the 16th Emperor and Emperor show Larry and Selena will host a benefit for the coronation. 17 at EJ is at 6pm. And this benefit is very important because it Susie's coronations that these people are able to raise huge amounts of funds for the community.

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Or any of those dates on Sunday, Sunday Sunday.

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Roy McCarthy 18:30

I have no idea. I just got to take dates, not the dates and say I got a Sunday the 16th the Shawn Carter is going to be doing the Leon me benefit at Brazos River bottom at 8pm. And that will be on a Sunday, Sunday, Sunday Sunday. And talking about the Brazzers for bottom.

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Chris 18:52

No I mean just cover something with Shawn Carter that was the South that was the south of the Garter

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Roy McCarthy 18:56

and all that that's a different thing. That was that's a special power.

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Chris 19:00

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Okay, it's something I was only halfway listening to him. I was reading something here and I'm going to read it in a second. It confused the hell out of me so

R Roy McCarthy 19:08

well. You were born that way. It's proof have been downhill ever since.

C Chris 19:12

Yeah. keeps showing up. At the BRB on Sunday, Sunday, April 9 at 8pm Shawn Carter will presenting a benefit show for the gay and lesbian archive Museum. It was different I like I knew the BRB is located at 2400 Brazos and

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isn't about time you start getting into the women's news now.

C Chris 19:40

Okay, now here's the part that confused he

R Roy McCarthy 19:41

didn't get the United skate that I brought it in

C Chris 19:45

positive personals presents. He gave it Roy gave it to me because he couldn't say positive personal is presents a bunnies a baskets and bunnies party. All those guys are so hot. It's sponsored by positive for spindles in the resource center of Dallas. Tuesday, April 18. Now here's the part that confused me. It's at the brick bar, which is next to the brick bar. It says, Now is that bricks? No way. That's bricks too. That's here. The Dallas event completely.

R Roy McCarthy 20:23

I don't assume that you gave me

C Chris 20:25

like I was paying attention then. Okay, stop by bricks too. And if it's not correct that next week,

R Roy McCarthy 20:34

go to Dallas and go to bridge barn seats in.

C Chris 20:38

This way, if the people who are in this ad show up, it's worth the four hour. Wait a minute, it's the same guy. As the person who's in the ad shows up, it will be worth the drive. All right,

R Roy McCarthy 20:51

come back here to Houston. the rip cord on the 14th and the 15th is going to be holding a contest for men over 40 known as the prime choice.

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I'm sure one of those is on Sunday, Sunday Sunday. It has to be

R Roy McCarthy 21:07

okay obviously. Anyways, the rules are you must be 40 or over before data. What are you looking at Chris? You still got the hour how long you're gonna take on it here anyways, it's and there's a \$25 entry fee and you make that out to the stone soup. And they have four different categories. The Dress For Less than the via Western. Category number two is fantasy, leather or Western. Now fantasy must be pre videotaped or playback the night of the contest, three, personality and attitude, and an interview with the host for Spock. The fourth category is sponsors. They want the number of people and total amount of dollars you can get donated to a 5013 C three charity. All sponsored contribution checks out to the appropriate charity. Now if you'd like to have an appointment to have your fantasy videotape or to get additional information, you can contact Gary at the record at 713-521-2792. Again, that's going to be on the 14th and the 15th on Friday and Saturday at 9:30pm. And they're going to have the singer Johnny Montgomery and special entertainer John Michael Gordon who's also known as Mr. Gay USA MCs for that event will be done Gil and Robert Harwood and on Sunday, the 16th day we'll have the closing ceremony and a brunch Sunday, Sunday Sunday and the reporters at 715 Fairview you can get them at www.dotripcord.journal.com.

C Chris 23:04

I read I was just looking forward here on the Women's Network and I'm not looking forward to doing the next show. On April wealth. The Women's Network of the Montrose Counseling Center is doing preparing for financial independence A Woman's Guide to prudent investing, investing. Join us this evening in hearing Laura Reich financial advisor she will help us recognize and address unique financial concerns and show us how to develop a financial plan and distinguish

between different investments and types of risks. This is Wednesday, April 12. from seven to 9pm at the Montrose Counseling Center 701 Richmond room 15 For more information call 713-529-0037.

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Roy McCarthy 23:50

Okay, finally, to wrap it all up we have the biosci boys club incorporated will hold its annual junglers party at the Polo Club on Sunday April 22. At 9pm sunday sunday sunday preeminent dance party is one of Houston's most anticipated spring events and will feature DJ Joe gets through from Oz nightclub in New Orleans. Beneficiaries for this year's party will include the assistance fund, the Houston challenge Foundation, the Montrose clinics next program, the Montrose Counseling Center and Stephens house, and the wham foundation. Tickets are now available. And for the first time students under the age of 21. With the valid student identification will enjoy a discounted admission price at the door to buy the city boys club is a nonprofit organization that raises money for HIV AIDS service providers, research and education and has since its inception eight years ago, raised and donated over half a million dollars to the Gulf Coast region organizations. If you'd like more information If you can call them at area code 713-523-1143, or find them on the web at WWW dot bio cities, boys club.org. And that's it for this week's edition of news and views, like to thank you our listeners for listening in. And if you wish

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Chris 25:21

to send us email, fan mail, hate mail, love mail, dirty pitchers, whatever you want to send to us, you can email us at after hours kpft@hotmail.com

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Roy McCarthy 25:34

Oh, before I go, I do want to mention that as part of the International Festival at Mundo Resendez, who's the program director here at KPFT and I were down at the Houston festival today we had a our booth there at the at the Texas stage singers we KPFT is the sound of Texas. We were down there we are one of the official sponsors of this year's event. And I was we were there from Pro to closing and I was there from 12 noon to four and I will be there again next, next Saturday from 12 to four giving out all kinds of freebies. We have. Oh, bumper stickers, we have program. information we have all kinds of Yes,

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Chris 26:21

right. We understand you once again. You're giving it away for free. national festival.

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Roy McCarthy 26:27

Station is KPFT is proud to be a sponsor of this year's International Festival.

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Chris 26:34

And now our station it break.

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This is KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station.

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Roy McCarthy 26:42

Texas. Just

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trying to get in there all this time.

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Chris 26:45

I was what I was watching the clock. I thought you were cute. Had something queued up I thought we were gonna go with the official This is the sound of Texas sort of thing.

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No, no, no, the lady voice now.

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Chris 26:57

I was we need to get out of here because there's another group Wait, yeah,

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Francisco is waiting in the wings, chopping out the belly to play a song in between so

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Chris 27:06

so you don't hear a stomping out of here.

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Roy McCarthy 27:07

Yes. That's why they do that folks, so they don't hear us. Goodbye. See you

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Chris 27:11

next talk to you next week.

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Hi, good morning. This is Fransisco Welcome to the second half of after hours. Our once monthly Latino segment. We've got Sandy and Brian with us today. They want to say hi, hello. That was Brian. And that was Sandy. Sandy is a local church that people can't hear him but he can We can hear you, Sandy. We're gonna talk about a few things today, including a little bit of what the University of Houston global is doing with gay Awareness Week next week, and a little bit about some gay issues in Latin America. And Sandy is the president of Global I think right? Yeah. Okay. And Brian is a member. He's the first lady. Sandy's

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First Lady, he's just a member. Very, very active.

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I'll be president. Next semester, I'll

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get a nomination. And my vote, of course,

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Sandy sauce about yourself.

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Okay, my name is Sandra Lopez. I'm 24 years old, Honduran American, also Moroccan. It's the I came to the States eight years ago. And I discovered myself here in the United States. And when I said to score myself, as I just accepted that I was gay, I already knew I was gay. And believe me, it wasn't easy until I came out. You know, and it's been good after that.

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I guess certainly. Now, we're talking a little bit before about the show. It's just very briefly on some gay issues in Latin America. And the fact that I guess Mexico is the only country that has addresses gay and lesbian civil rights in their constitution. Perhaps not necessarily in the best

addressed gay and lesbian civil rights in their constitution. Perhaps not necessarily in the best way, but I guess it's the sort of making an attempt.



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Well, they just recently, like four years ago, they their parliament, or, you know, came up with some laws that actually do address the issues and do mention homosexuality, and but the fact that they do have laws and are not enforced, you know, make it even hard for, you know, people to get protection.



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Can you talk a little bit, I guess, the gay lesbian community or the gay lesbian movement in Honduras? Because you're probably 16 When you came over here?



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Yes, yes. One of the first things that I can say about the country where I live, it said, homosexuality is an issue that nobody wants to confront an issue that is totally in a closet, for not for an individual but for an entire nation. And that is really, really sad. However, we do have, you know, gay people in Honduras, and you know, we have gay clubs, and we have lives. But the hardest thing is that you can go to a club and you know, you can be gay, and people are gonna shut you out. That is that it's sad. And that's why I never came out when I was back there, because I've always I was always afraid that my family was shutting me out, or that, you know, my friends were going to be mean to me. And, you know, I didn't make it my choice at the moment.



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How comfortable with were you? How comfortable were you with yourself at that point, and knowing that you're gay.



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One of the things that I found out is that it was easier, because people knew I was gay. But if he, you know, I was gay bash, of course. But, you know, nobody ever did anything to me. Or, you know, people just looked at me and didn't even I don't know how to explain it. Well, okay, an anecdote or, okay, I had a boyfriend when I was in junior high, just like, I was 12. And we had a relationship that was really nice. But everything was, you know, I had my mannerisms that I just can't hide. And people notice, and people started calling me names and everything, but I never really cared. And I just live my life the way I wanted to live it. But, you know, I never got beaten or called names, because you do. You know, that would mean that if you call somebody gay, it'll put you on the spot. And you don't want to be on the spot. So I don't know if that answers your question.



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What I guess for us, how long did it take you to get in? I don't know that necessarily. You felt more comfortable when you came United States about being gay, but where you're working for? Was it not?



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No, I wasn't. Because when I was back in Honduras, I didn't have to deal with issues like AIDS. That was a thing that I did. It's a terminology that I learned in the United States. And, or condoms or stuff like that, or so protection. I mean, I practice it now. Because I understand what you know, what it means to be safe, what AIDS it's doing to, you know, gay population and the whole world population, the population of the world as a whole. And in here, it was hard because I had to adapt to all the terminologies. When I was back in Honduras, I was only gay, I was a homosexual, I hoped or whatever you want to call it. And here, there were so many different people, you know, gay, bisexual, lesbians, transgendered others. And, you know, it was it was sort of hard to adapt. But you know, I did.



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How was I mean, I guess, the community in in Honduras? Is it to what levels that organize? I mean, even if it's just social, or in terms of, are the gay clubs down there? Is that mostly concentrated in



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is most? Yeah, it's mostly social. And it's mostly like, Shut up, you can say underground. I mean, you just go out to a club, and you have fun. And, you know, sometimes they do have gay nights. But it's not as specifically said, the, you know, it's going to be a gay night, you know, like in clubs here on Houston. So you just go in and you go with the flow. And if something gets to happen, you're become a drag. Well, good for you. If not, you know, sorry. Going home by yourself



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all week, right? Well, perfect to receive from Sydney,



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from the northern part, state of Atlanta. Let's say Bob. And it's a beautiful city. I love it. I missed it.



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Like a metropolitan area, or is it? It's the third largest city, which is helping, which is how big above



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200,000 people. Honduras is a population of 6 million people. So



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you came directly to Houston? Yes, yes. Directly to Houston. What kind of change was that?



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A big one. I mean, I was 15, even 1516. And I came straight to high school. And my English was really bad. And you know, that just the fact that I knew that I like men. And back back in Honduras. That's the hardest thing that for me was the transition. Like if I wanted to have sex or have a relationship with someone, I could do it in an instant, because I was a commodity. You know, young teenagers back in, you know, Latin America. They want to have sex want to experience it no matter what. And if you're a game and they know I don't seek you out in here. It's a total different ballgame. And that's hard. because you have to discover yourself before being able to establish anything with anyone else. So



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as you come with your family who are yourself



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with my, my mother was came here first as a volunteer for this nursing program, and then she decided to stay. And my dad was a Puerto Rican American. So it was easier for all of us to come in afterwards. I didn't want to at first, but then it just hit me. Oh, God, I want to stay here anymore. And I came to join my mother.



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And how did your How are you with your family? And I guess, how did they accept



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you? The first person I told that I was gay was my grandmother, because she was the one who embrace me. And two, very understanding and I come from a family that is not much oriented, but a matriarchy. If my grandma said, some go, it goes. And she was very supportive. And because of she the way she raised me, and she knew that I was in a bad person. And she knew

that whatever I was going through, I need love and support, not hate. And my mother took it harder than anyone else. And I remember the night I told him, he was on my birthday. And I told her mother, you know, you know, I'm gay. And she slapped me. And she told me Don't blame me. And I feel saddened that she felt bad. And you know, it's been like three and a half years or so. And we moved on, and we've developed a relationship, but she's still not as accepting as I wish she would be. She's very tolerant. And tolerant, doesn't mean anything to me, because I want that love and acceptance. And you know, taller, you can tolerate somebody. But if you don't really love what that person is, and what that person represented, because tolerance means that you're just tolerating it that you expect to change, that you can act a different way, whenever. And, you know, that saddens me that she tolerates it and not accepts it as it is.



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Why did you lie to your grandmother?



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I've actually called her and I went to visit her and I had original Honduras, right? Yes, yes, I was in my senior year in high school, it was the 1985. And I went home for two weeks. And I had already come on to a few people. And I was at a stage where I needed my family to know. And since she was a person that I care the most about. She was the one that I told first and my family, and she loves me. And then I'm glad that I at least I had that come along with one of my family members.



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Has that opened the door for the rest of your family to be a little bit more accepting or?



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Not really? Because I mean, we were letting Latinos you know, and Latinos don't want to deal with the subject. And the fact that religion is a big step. We're Protestant. We weren't Catholics. And I still have a Muslim side of my family, too. It's like, it's not a big picture is not a good, a nice picture. And, but just the fact that my grandma has accepted, it makes it easier. But still, it's still a taboo subject. And my family.



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Has your family being here, your mom, your dad. Your dad is in the United States as well.



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No, my dad died when I was five years ago, five years old.



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I guess was your mother's still in the United States? Yes. Has not that our attitudes here are not necessarily always better. But is that help?



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No, no, no, because he already has her mindset. And she's a very religious woman, and she still believes that God will make the final miracle. And it saddens me because I Torah and you know, God doesn't make things, you know, wrong, you know, he makes things the way he wants them to be, you know, so if he wanted me to be gay is because he's teaching, you know, that's the way I'm supposed to be. And because he wants my family to learn, and I think that I have that kind of power to teach them. But at some point, what I mentioned before my mom is tolerant, and he was it was my own. I put myself in a position that I accepted her told her as a tolerant person, and not try to educate her into what it means for me to be gay. What it represents the fact that I already accepted that I am gay that I want to leave a gay life and that this is not a face. She'll see