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To en, for the New Year's Eve, I went out, and I had heard that the gay bars were in on Westheimer. I was living with my parents at the time. And I just drove from vigla mountain spring branch, I drove down Gessner to Westheimer, and then just start driving until I could find a gay bar. I had called one of the gay hotlines and asked them for addresses. And they gave me a whole bunch of addresses now just trying to find an address of a gay bar. And the first one I came to was the locker which became chutes which became the drum which is now



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it's a restaurant. People realize were there. Yeah. Yeah.



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I remember.



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Right, we're in this there belong to



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many a different dish. And I that was my first bar. And I think that's why I'm really attracted to the masculine attitude that goes with the the leather community. I was just blown away because up in Canada, all I knew were the very feminine older men, chicken hawks, and all that kind of all I knew you had you had those stereotypes all in your mind. Exactly. And so when I came down, so you mean that there's something other than just you know, the fairy queen? You know, is there something mother I was very just blown away? Trust me, blown away. All right.





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Well, we'll let that slide on past Oh, okay. Tell us about what you're doing. Now. You're you're a member of NLA ustun? No, oh, no, I



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was a member. If you were a member of student, right, I, I had an eight year relationship that I got out of. And at that time, I was just starting a new life. And I always wanted to know more about the leather community and I had a mentor, his name was Keith Folger, and he no longer lives here. He lives in San Francisco, I believe. And he just took me under his wing. The one thing I really enjoyed about Keith was that I couldn't ask a stupid question. You know, I think that's important to know, there are no stupid questions, right? And he treated me with respect no matter what, you know, I would ask something which may seem silly or, or you know, but he would treat me with respect. And he explained hankies, he had explained keys, he had explained a whole bunch of the stuff that I was very confused yet I was very interested.



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So that's important. I think everyone out there needs to realize, if you do have questions, ask someone as someone that that's in the community, they'll be more than willing to help you because they won't laugh at you. Maybe you're scared to ask a question. But Hal was telling me or an office? Yeah, exactly. We were all were there one time, you got to remember you take your journey, it takes one step. And your first step is information and understanding.



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Well, I think those that are not familiar with our community find it very intimidating, or at least by reputation. And that's really not the case. Most of these guys are just really straightforward, very easygoing. And they'll talk.



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Yeah, well, the history of the leather community being in the biker community and the roughnecks and the HAL Hal writers and all that. A Hells Angels, it gives that impression that someone who is dressed in black leather, don't approach them. And actually, that's not the case I found, which I loved.



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That's good. I'm glad you did something about how you were feeling and learn from it. So what what again, what attracted you to the Houston leather community? What do you like about that?



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Okay. What attracted me to the leather community? For me, the leather community that leather accentuates the masculinity of men and it I think it also accentuates the strength, the feminine femininity in women. I have found that women when leather are just absolutely stunning.



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They're really hard they are and I've met some unfortunately, the Houston leather community is not as big as some of the others like that Dallas has a good showing with the women in the leather community. And they are really, they're really hot. It's important to to get that out there on their part too.



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And that's, that's what I'm attracted to in men is the masculinity and so leather just stresses that for me.



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Alright, let's get into some of your interest in hobbies.



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Let's see. I have two wonderful dogs that keep me busy. a lot but my after hours stuff include rollerblading, anything outdoors, I really enjoy doing stuff outdoors, hiking, camping, going to the beach, just jumping in my truck and going off for weekends for lots of fun. I like to take care of myself now that I'm 40 I guess I might as well start sooner or later. So I've really been paying attention to my health regime and taking care of myself going to the gym, forcing myself out of bed at 5am and arrived and getting there doing that. Watching when I eat, and basically just keeping a good. That's best my hobby me. I can,



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I can probably guarantee this morning you will not be out of bed at 5am



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Definitely. Yeah. And then my other thing is, you know, I guess you could call me a computer geek. You know, I just I love computers, technology. And in this whole contest has brought a new part of that into my life with video editing. You know, this part of the judging is on the



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media, the video fantasy did you make do your own editing for your tape?



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Oh, right. I went up and I filmed it. And actually, I actually flew to Portland, Oregon. To film Wow, it was a, there was an invitation for me to go up there. So I took advantage of it. And, and then I have it and I've downloaded onto my computer and I've upgraded the memory. And I've been editing my film, and it's just been a real challenge. A real headache. Alright, and



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well, I understand Do you have a website? Do you want to? Yeah,



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I actually I actually created a website so that I could get the information out to all my email buddies. I'm uh, I'm, I belong to a web group this for gay men. And I thought what I'd just go ahead and make this website explained the contest explained that the charities which I'm raising money and explain all that and send it out and see if I could get some money in Houston from all over the United States. Well, that didn't happen the way that I had anticipated it. And the money just didn't come rolling in which I thought it would and Well, there you go. But it's tough to raise funds. It is it is we've all seen it. But it's been really good for me to keep that website up to date. It has my calendar on there, and it has an update as far as the the fundraisers that have happened and the you know, what's coming up and explains the contest as far as when because, you know, when people find out, you know, you're in a leather contest. What's that all about? You know, well, you know, here's my website, go and read it. And you'll find out that is about me wanting to help the community. It's about me being proud in the community that I you know, choose to live in. And you know, it's really a really decent website. I think I get a lot of compliments. Can



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you give that out? Forever? Oh, sure.



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If you don't mind? www actually there is that's that's the strength for there is no www Oh, really? Yeah. Its members.aol.com forward slash, Mr. Prime choice. 2k. One word, right, is Mr. Mr. Prime choice to K? And you punch that in and it'll pull up the website?



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Okay, let me get that again. It's it's members.aol.com forward slash Mr. Prime choice. 2k?



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That's correct. I got Yeah. And instead has an IT has photos on it too. But they're very decent photos. Well, while the we don't need to say. No, I gotta tell you, I need to double check. To see I don't I wish I when I set it up, I sent it to my mother. I said, Mom, I want you to read this and let me know what you think, you know, and because she's very good with languages, are there any redundancies and my saying stupid stuff? And, you know, and I thought, well, you know, see what she thinks about the pictures to



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see I could see your David, where's your hanky? Yeah.



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Actually, she was very kind. She was and so I think if it passes the Mom Test, anybody know? And they can open it up on ad work is decent, you know, as and pass the Mom Test first.



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Good. That worked out. Hey, I want to tell you, David, I've known you for many years. And one thing you do at different fundraisers I've seen you at is your assigned interpreter. Right. And how did you get involved in that signing, signing for the Deaf?



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Wow. When I moved down here and I met my first lover, he played the organ at MCC church. And so I went to church Just saw one of the signers there. And I just fell in love with the way that looked, the way the sermon was, which was a good sermon, the way it looks in the air with a sign language interpreter. And I just started to hang around deaf people. And there were there's a whole bunch of more into that kind of story. But basically, I taught myself how to learn how to sign so you didn't go to any classes never took a class, and you're kidding me? No, I would have thought you would have no, I just, again, this is part of that. It was like a gift. And it was all said, and I was bestowed upon the ability to understand sign language, and hanging around deaf people. The Deaf community has really helped because it's like learning conversational sign language and then having them correct you when you're wrong. And they do. And then I just got certified. And I've been interpreting now for 20 years that



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congratulations. That's great. So long.



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Yes, it Yeah,



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congratulation. Well,



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thank you. i Yeah, I actually, I've tried to get out of this profession three times and God got the talent you got to use now want to do something different? Who knows?



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All right. Well, let's get into Oh, you know, I had a little agenda that I had worked up. And I wanted to ask you, then I go back to Jim, if that's okay. A large portion of your scoring 30% is derived from fundraising activities. How have you raised funds this year?



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Probably a little bit different than maybe some others have done it. The music background gave lead to one of the ideas there was a group of us that performed back in the early 90s, called fives company performed at ovations for almost two years did their Broadway review for them. So over the years, people have been asking, would we ever get back together? Would we ever they ever get to hear us again. And it's guy who has the time. We're all I was great friends, we see each other all the time just didn't have the time for everything. While the rest of the group graciously agreed to put a show together again. And we had that event over at Sonoma. We did a Sunday event on in February on 13th. And did a brunch and we couldn't get everybody in for brunch. So we did a dinner show also. All right. And it was great fun. And it was a



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great show. People seemed it was great. It's man can play the piano and sing and just we had



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fun. We had a great time. You know, I hope everybody out there listening had as good a time as we did. We had a blast. It was great fun.



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That's important. And I want to touch upon that, that each of y'all are going to each other's fundraiser. And that's important, because this is a important community. And this is a good contest. And we're coming together. And I think that's just great. So that's, that's been some difference from some of the previous fundraising activities to do something like that. I had never really heard about the dinner.



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Yeah, I decided to try something different. Again, kind of like David and his mom test. Well, this was Jim in the attorneys test. We had a huge cross section of people. And it was great because I look at the audience and and there was some great friends and leather community and they were saying there's a my great friends that are attorneys in the Night Court show and some people from my breakfast club, you know, and everybody was having a blast together. So it was great fun seeing all these people come together and go, you know, this is my life. And they're all sitting out here because I asked them to do this is pretty humbling experience.



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So you'd like you'd like to, in your mind, it worked out pretty well



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then it worked out great. Great.



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I just want to know and for the folks out there, the fundraising activities are very difficult because you're always trying to think of something new. So I admire you on that idea. How have you been able to customize do some of the fundraising activities in terms in terms of trying well, you made them unique, some of yours? Are there any others that you're planning to do upcoming before the contest?



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Well, we did a carwash everybody has to a carwash. Yeah. Did you already have that already? We did okay, yeah, it was the the studs and jocks carwash Well, the only problem weather didn't cooperate. Okay, so it's like well, hey, whatever. But yeah, we watched a lot of cars and it did very well. We also did a truffles and champagne party, which was kind of something that nobody's ever done in leather community before but hey, why not? They the marker room downtown graciously agreed to put that on and then with them late it's been a great friend of mine for years has a company that does events and things. So she just happened to know the people at orchestra X and Versace and and moët and Chandon for the champagne and they put it together and it was it was quite a party against fun.



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Alright, so those are some of your sponsors. Stan



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Yeah. And it's been really gratifying again, and just like we were talking, you know, people will, will come to the forefront. All you have to do is ask,



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that's the key, you have to ask. So many times we're, we're out there and well, they won't want to do this. How do you know that? Right, unless you ask.



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I think everybody, by and large, wants to be helpful, given the opportunity angry. And this is why we've given some people an opportunity to help us help others.



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That's great. Well, David, again, the same question, a large percentage of your scoring is derived from fundraising. Have you raised funds this year?



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Let's see. I've had I've actually had a sit down dinner. It was quite small, actually, compared to gyms and mine had no entertainment. It was just basically food.



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I would have come to Panama for



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your food is good. Food is a good



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Yeah. And it was good food. And I've had gotten I'm having a, I can't remember what I've had.





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Well, I did one for you. I sing it one.



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slave auction. Thank you very much. What did I do? I had a slave auction had to venture in. That was my very first time to do anything of that nature. And wow, what an experience, isn't it?



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You tell tell us how you felt? I mean, I know you were scared, but it to me it worked out great.



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Well, you know, in my, in my experience, my life, I've been been involved with a lot of these fundraisers in my interpreting, I've interpreted a lot of them. So I've never really didn't concern me. But I was never backstage that, you know, I didn't know what was going on behind the scenes. And I found out that that doesn't sound



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right. For some reason.



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These things come together at the last minute. They really do. But they do come together come together. And they work perfectly, but it drives you crazy in the process me nuts, you know, but it worked out perfectly. We brought in just more money than I had anticipated. I thought well, that was really good. For first time I felt you know, okay, that's pretty good. I've got two more coming up. Tell us about God. Now I'm gonna call them entertainment evenings, because they're not only drag shows, although there will be lip sync lip, lip syncing, lip syncing and live singing, that's okay. Next Friday, March 31. At chances. There'll be an entertainment evening starting at 10 o'clock, benefiting the Montrose clinics, lesbian Health Outreach Program, all right. And then the following Sunday, April 2, at the BRB, starting at 830 is another evening of entertainment that will be benefiting the PWA holiday charities fund. And what's interesting about that is that I'll actually be co emceeing my own show. So you won't just be there arranging things yo beyond the day, I got the mic in my mouth, and I'll be up there introducing the talent and everything and, and so I'm looking forward. Okay,



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how can you give us that information again, please? Sure. Chances on next. Excuse me next

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Friday, next Friday, March 31st 10 o'clock at chances



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10 o'clock. Okay.



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And the next one is April 2. That's a Sunday is a Sunday, Sunday evening. 830. At the Brad's is river bottom



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now don't forget,



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that's what della saw. And then is it your show?



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Yes. Okay. Yes.



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That's daylight savings time. So make sure everyone knows to adjust your clock. Spring forward. So



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next Saturday night is is daylight savings time. All right. So



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website.



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So this show will only be two hours long next week. Yeah.



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How have you been able to customize your fundraising efforts?



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Well, I tried to do it over the website, you know, and I actually I got a lot of response from the people around the United States, but no one sent money, which was fine. I just enjoyed getting all that information, and letting people know what I was doing here in Houston. And letting in also, it was really important for me, and I hope you understand this for me to stand in pride of my commitment to the community, in face of the United States, you know, to all these other gay men out there, who you know, whatever they're interested in, this is my interest. And I would say the this is what I'm doing and set it out there. So that's what I tried it that's one thing I did. Another thing I did was I just did a direct mailing to all my friends. And just telling them this is what I'm doing and I want your money.



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That was a cool mailing. It laid the whole story out it was beautiful done



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now and I got some good money profit off of that as well. So



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so that's just Great, I just want to say I'm very proud that you all have gotten up there. A lot of times you tend to see some of the same contestants up there. And it was nice to see your faces. You been there in the crowds. But now to have you on stage interpreted them. Yes, I've been there. And all y'all, you know, Jim and David and Craig to also to be out there, I think it's important. And it's important for everyone else to think about it. When you turn 40 This is a good contest for you to get into what, Jim, what made you decide to become a candidate for Mr. Prime choice, Texas,



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I think it was a whole lot of things. 10 years ago, I would have dreamed I was gonna be doing something like this at all. I think in the the years that I've lived here in Houston, and particularly, people have been so good to me, including me in and I've really felt a part of the

community and I just think it's time to start giving back. And there's a lot of giving back that needs to be done. It's a great vehicle do that. I think the contest itself will be fun. But for me, that's what will be it will be fun, you know, case of raw, whatever happened. But But the big thing has been the fact that we've been able to reach a lot of people that probably we wouldn't have otherwise, you know, I hate to keep going back to the the attorney thing. But those those people are not people that you'd normally think about or have any contact whatsoever at all with the leather case. And they've gotten very, very positive feedback from from who we are, and actually got to meet some of these people I run around with all the time. And they're great, folks. And I've heard exactly that come from a lot of people that are not part of our community.



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Now if we see chaps in the courtroom, we'll know who to thank right? chaps are killed. Oh, yeah,



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it's a great boots.



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David, what what made your decision to become a candidate for Mr. Prime choice,



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I think has a lot to do with my involvement in the leather community interpreting and watching these contests go on and on and on, and then finally turning 40. But when I turned 40, this last year, I had actually gotten out of shape. You know, I was in the worst shape of my life, I



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think you'd never know it by looking at you know, I



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appreciate that. But I I, I had a big ol 40 birthday party is a big celebration. And there was a videographer there and actually saw myself for the first time on video, and I thought, Lord, this guy is big. And so I decided to change and to do something about my health. And when I started doing that, that's when I actually started seeing some results from my efforts. And that's when I thought, you know, I'm proud of being 40 and 40 Isn't delden the least. And I really think I am in the prime of my life. And everyone says you start at 40. And so I thought, well, this would be a good contest to, to get there. Now. I remember, I seen all these things before, but I didn't know any of the rules of what was required. As far as the fundraising, the fundraising was a total surprise to me. And it's just been a total blessing.



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Would you say surprise, kind of define that? Oh, I



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didn't know that, that that, that? I figured you turn 40 You're eligible period, you know, and that you're just I mean, I'll walk across the stage, so we'll walk No, they won't, you know, but I didn't know that there were gonna be categories where they're gonna say, Okay, now you how much my injuries and, and, you know, tell us about the, you know, your involvement in the community, and you need to make a video, you know, I had no idea that stuff was involved. And when I found out after I'd agreed to do it, I really thought about backing out, you know, they were okay, well, maybe. But it as turned out to be a blessing. So much, you know, my life had just gotten really big, and really full. And there's such a depth to it today. And I think it comes from doing something that helps other people. And that's what this contest to me is about these fundraisers just helps other people, and then helps See, that's



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the key. And it's you know, it's a lot of work, like you say to put them on for you to to arrange for all that. But just get people involved and ask for help. That's all you really need to do. All right. A lot of people don't know if it's prime choice Texas contest is a preliminary to Gulf Coast drummer, which will be held this year in Dallas on May 19. And 20th. Should you win, Jim, how would you represent the title to compete in Dallas if your choose so to do so,



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I would plan to represent Houston exactly the way I've represented us our community so far. As somebody that is, is there to hopefully do a greater good because we have more exposure to do that good with. Sometimes you need a platform from which to launch some of these ideas. And it's difficult to do if you're, you're standing in the middle of the crowd. If you're out there in front of the crowd. Sometimes it's easy to get some things done.



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And yourself. David, have you thought about going on further and different content Just after this one you want to take a break?



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Well, I thought about it. I haven't made a decision yet as to whether I will or won't, but definitely, I'll be up there to support Jim. Jim's going to be in the contest and win or lose track. Right. So, you know, I definitely be up there to support. And, you know, I just haven't I haven't

come to that decision yet. As far as whether I will continue. Now you think about Yeah, I think I will.



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We're all going to Dallas and we decided we



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were all just a band up there and wrote



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in Dallas is really great, because it's gonna be held again, May 19, and 20th at the eagle, and they've been so supportive of Houston people. I can't say enough happy things proud things about Dallas.



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In fact, tonight was not in black leather over venture in and was a huge success. And then the guys the eagle even sent stuff for our silent auction for which all right, yeah, it was great. So those guys have been a real instrumental in what we do down here. And hopefully we will be for them if



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they're no Yeah. I was



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looking for the information on if you win Gulf Coast drummer, and I hope you all do compete for that. This year, Mr. Drummer International is going to be held in Florida in Florida. The owners have decided to move it now. There's new owners to the Suncoast resort in Florida. And that's going to be September 14. Through the 17th St. Petersburg, Florida. Yeah, very nice.



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We're gonna have to wear Mickey Mouse ears a



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little further away.



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That is our handles we talked



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we talked a little while ago will go on with this question here. The fantasy category, we explain how you go to videotape that in generalities. Tell us each everyone how your fantasies your tapes are coming along.



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I have no clue. I know that we spent about seven and a half hours taping to get what five minutes or something like that. And it's still in the editing process. I'm supposed to get see a rough cut over this week. So well. Did you you know, it was a just a really good time. got five guys to help me do it. And it was just a lot of fun. And I'm sure hopefully everybody that watches the video go. Wow, that's really hard. There's a lot electricity going there. Well, you know, honestly, we were working so hard on this thing. It's like sexuality had nothing to do with is like, Okay, where's the light coming from? What's the camera angle is like, oh my gosh, you know, I



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had to put a damper on Yeah, it really? Did you really know about planned spontaneity and



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putting a damper on things. The worst part was trying to cram five guys in the shower and just giving them a shower was full of cold water. Not War. Not much.



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That's pretty good. And David about yours. You mentioned earlier, you you've already done your editing. And well, I'm working



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on editing. Yeah, I put it on to the computer. And I've actually rendered one version of it and played it back and realize that there are a lot of mistakes. So I'm going through him in correcting those. And it was lots of fun. I actually flipped to Portland, Oregon. To film it. A friend

invited me out there and I actually got a buddy pass to go up there. And so it's really nice. Portland rains a lot. So I didn't get to see sunny Portland at all. And so but the filming was excellent. I thought it was just a really good time. Did



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y'all have fun with filming it and that's the key is just to have a good time when you do the fantasy.



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Well, I don't know that I had fun. I gotta tell you. I was worried it was work. You know, when it was finished. I like thank god that's over. And I burned out. Erase this tape. Save



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your outtake you know, seven minutes into chin up seven minutes straight. It starts being fun somewhere along the way. But yeah, it was interesting. Let's put it that way. It was interesting.



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Is yours comco



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Oh, I hope they don't think so. Jabba the Hutt and all the pretty boys and



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girls might not Yeah, my mind's not it wasn't intended to be let's Well I understand some of the videos in the past and been a big comic flair in there and you know editing in some of the hilarious stuff and you know, in comedy works with comedy really works but I just I didn't my video is more of a fantasy. Okay. And it has it has a hint of magic. Not like you would see it is Like you go into a fantasy when you come out of the fantasy part of that fantasy is still with you. It's like waking up with leather boots on, you know, in your fantasy was like, Well, you didn't have him when you went to bed but now you had your little dream come out of it. And you've got part of that dream with you.



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I have this mental picture of David Copperfield pulling a rabbit out of your hat.





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That's not my



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that's not my rabbit



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going down here really fast.



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Died died. I'm so glad that y'all are doing this again. A little trivia question here, too. Prior Mr. Prime choice winners have gone on to capture Mr. Gulf Coast drummer and to compete in international drummer contest. Can you name them?



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See, that would be Ken Claude 1997



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Stephen Bayes. 1998 Yeah,



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that's That's correct. And, you know, see when you see them out and about, congratulate them, because you know, now how much hard work that is?



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Oh, yeah. Amen. Amen to that.



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But you know, people have been so supportive. I mean, you know, those that have been through this is like, everybody has been right there. It's like, okay, how can we help you do what you do? Yeah.



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And that's been true, right? Yeah. Went to Craig's one of his first fundraisers at bricks, bricks. And that's where I met crystal Rayleigh love. And at that point, isn't she



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a gas? Oh, wonderful. Yeah,



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it's big hair. Yeah. And yeah, yeah. At that point, I had not yet made the decision to enter the contest. And she just said, Come on, I'll help you. I help you. And then I had the I help, yes. Okay.



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It's like, you know, I say, you can't hit the gym all the time. And it's like, Okay, how's it going? Well, it's going fine. Well, what do you need to know, you know, I can't live without that support. That's great. So



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just like we talked about earlier, all you have to do is ask, you know, when you need help or assistance, or just just have a question in general.



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So people people want to help. Yeah.



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And hopefully we can be that way to next year's crop of contestants. Yeah, I want to be there for them.



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Yeah. And even in this coming year, I mean, gosh, I had no idea that there are selling fundraisers that go on. Every weekend, it seems Oh, yeah.



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If you really look, it's amazing. And Jimmy, I don't think there's a calendar. I wish there was a community calendar. Yes. Yeah. Because there are a lot of events that like you brought up earlier. April's gonna be a busy month,

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Jack Valinski does a calendar of sorts, but it doesn't have, you know, like court things on it, you know, all their fundraisers. And so I just say, hey, go to the BRB every Sunday night, there's a fundraiser there. EJ is chances outposts this is, these are the bars that do fundraisers, so support them.

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Well, you know, I've said for a long time that of course, here in Houston, we have a thing called the Houston Black Book of social events, which we live and die by the special events business. It's like, every fundraiser everything. Our gay community needs it desperately. Yeah.

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And did you didn't you brought it up? You can be the chairman.

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I'm gonna learn say no. I've got a bald chair.

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It sounds like no,

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but we really do need to coordinate those efforts on fundraiser because

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just from, from our perspective, you know, trying to schedule a time to do this stuff. It's been tough. Yeah, I've

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been really, really it is, you know, you want to put on a fundraiser and you Oh, this is going on

that evening. And in fact, tonight, I had forgotten when I booked y'all on here that night and black leather was gonna be occurring and that we participated in. Yes. So it's been a long day.



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And the s&m ball was tonight, too.



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That's right. That's right.



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So much is going on. Cut any final comments, gentlemen, which if you have to say it's your time here on the mic. Any any comments for running for Mr. Prime choice, Texas?



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What about you want to thank your sponsors and things?



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Oh, gosh, I have I ever been lucky. A lot of this stuff has happened in this contest has been online and which has been wonderful. I was in a chat room and talking to this guy in I don't remember how it even came about that. I said I was in this contest. And he said, Well, I'm a commercial artist. Would you like me to help you design a poster? Oh, and I was like, Okay, do I have to pay? No, you know, and he, so I had this wonderful, wonderful poster and he drew pictures of my hands. A lot of my theme throughout my candidacy. It deals with my hands because I work with my hands. So there's leather gloves and there's leather hands helping And, and he just did a wonderful job and that's Bob Porter, RJ Porter design. And well copy.com has helped with a lot of the copying. They're great. Yeah. And all the bars that are offering the places to Ford stage, do these entertainment evenings like the venture in chances, the BRB just receiving a tremendous, tremendous support in that. And I've gotten Oh, one of the other fundraisers I was doing, I'm still doing is I have raffle tickets. Ah, raffling off. I just saw that I'm actually raffling off a three month membership to the fitness exchange, and to dinners for for at hungries restaurant and the West University rice area. And it's just wonderful that these that I can go up there and say, Look, I'm in this contest. Can you help? And they say, Do you want money? No. I say I want money. They said, well, we can't give you money. But we can give you this. That's okay. I'll take that. And then I'll turn it on. I'll try and raffle it off. And it's been really successful so far. To have that, you know, the membership. You know, I think everyone could use a gym. Yeah, that's, I am sitting between two. Sorry, did I have three



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was good, real good.



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So and just a whole bunch of people and then that's my sponsors.



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Well, that is so great. And again, I can't say enough about y'all. Excuse me with your sponsors that you touched briefly on those, Jim, any any other things you want to



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say? Well, one person who's just really bested but for me on this thing is Trisha LAN. Trish has been really involved in a lot of community service things and especially overbearing church. And Trish took the Valentine brunch and dinner by the horns and just made it work. I'll always be eternally grateful besides that being a dear friend. So a lot of people have worked really hard and I'm



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very appreciative of that. Once again, gentlemen, I really appreciate you being here. Don't forget Mr. Prime choice contest, April 14 and 15th. At the ripcord, the 14th is going to be like a meet and greet introduction of the contestants and the judges. And the 15th on Saturday night is the actual contest. So,



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everybody come out. We need to support please, please.



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Thanks, Jim, for having us. Oh,



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you're welcome. Thank you so much. I know I know. You're tired. I can't wait to get home but, but thank you for being here and explaining prime choice and Jim Benton, David Haines and Craig Rutherford. I hope you feeling better. Thank you again.



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Take care. Thanks,



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guys. And thanks, Jim. And cue we'll see you on the fourth Saturday next month for the leather line.



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It's actually Sunday but we'll say yeah,



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it's still Saturday if you if you if you haven't been to bed yet. That's true. Thanks. You've been you've been listening to after hours career radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station. Coming up in two minutes we'll be Big Daddy j with the Red Eye special but for the next less than two minutes you'll you'll be listed