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Buddy Johnston



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Running a city council member for district C, which includes the Montrose and KPFT. Over the next couple of weeks, I'm going to be taking a little bit of time each Saturday night, just to talk a little bit, nothing structured, nothing formal about the city, and what we're doing about the concerns of the Montrose area and the city at large. And I hope that you will take the opportunity to let us know here at KPFT. The subjects are the questions you would like to help me deal with, when I take this time each Saturday night to visit with you a little bit. I think it's very important, as a member of city council, that I make sure that citizens of this community, all the citizens of this community, have every opportunity they possibly can to visit with their elected officials, and understand a little bit of the various problems and challenges and programs that we are trying and testing and undertaking that city government. These are not terribly easy times for the city. These are not terribly easy times for the gay community. But I honestly believe that if we work together, the various challenges that we confront today can be looked upon 10 years from now, as something that we overcame, and bested together. Among the issues that I would like to talk with you about during the month of September is the question of AIDS. And the very serious debate that we are having about whether or not the city has a larger role to play in that deadly disease. My personal belief is that city government has failed to meet its responsibilities in this area, that despite the resources that have been allocated to date, much more remains to be done. And much of that work must be the role and the burden of city government and the closing of the Institute for immunological disorders, which will be coming sometime during the next 12 months. And the talk by Dr. Peter man Sal, who heads up that Institute as to the needs in this community created by the AIDS crisis, make it all the more imperative that we in city government face up to our responsibilities on this issue, and begin to undertake the programs that will enable us to tell the rest of the country that Houston, the fourth largest city in the United States, has faced up to the AIDS question, and is doing as much as any city in this country to deal with it. And in fact, that we are doing more. I also want to talk during the next three or four weeks about this whole issue that we have called economic development, what it is, what it isn't, how we go about it, how we're doing, how we could do better. Some of you may know that, about three weeks ago, two of my colleagues and I proposed that the city create a Department of Commerce, much like the Federal Government's Department of Commerce, and much like the state's recently formed Department of Commerce. The goal of that department is to focus and bring together all of the

city's current activities in the area of creating new jobs and retaining old ones. Even more important, there are a number of activities which city government does not undertake. Activities, which we desperately need to bring about if the city is to revive a diversify and broaden its economy. I also want to give some specific examples of things we've done right here in the Montrose area, to show how city government working in a creative, innovative and an energetic way can help spur economic growth and economic stability in our city's neighborhoods. Finally, I want to talk of this month, a little bit about that ever present subject of city finances, just as each of us have to worry about our household budgets. So to city government, during these difficult times, has been finding a challenge to balance between its revenues and its expenditures. This year, the city council has taken some rather unusual steps to bring our revenues into line with our expenditures. And some of those steps will have very real implications in terms of levels of service for all areas of the city. Wherever you live, you will need to know some of the things that will be happening over the next 12 months as the city works to keep costs down during these very difficult times economically. Most important, I hope you will take me up on my offer of letting us know here at KPFT. And after hours, the topics that you would like discussed. I very much want to address the concerns that are on your mind to answer the questions that you might have about city government and to hear your views on the steps that we need to be taking in a while variety of areas to make our city government as responsive and responsible to all of our citizens as we possibly can. Recently, I finished up five and a half years on the city council. And I must say that one of the things that has given me the most pleasure, and the most pride has been the very real responsiveness of all the citizens of my district district see, and their willingness to work with me and my office, other members of council, and our city government to make our city a better place. If there's one thing I've learned, during those five and a half years, it's that an elected official, however good, however, dedicated how to well intentioned, has very little chance to get anything significant accomplished, without the help, and the support, and the real involvement of those he represents, to each of you who have helped. Thanks very much to each of you who have thought about helping, but never quite got around to it, I urge you to take the opportunity now to start thinking about ways in which you can help the city by being involved through your elected officials and through your city government. And to those of you who would like to come forward, but a little hesitant. Don't worry. We're all human beings. We're all just trying to get a job done. And we all need each other, if we're going to make the city all that it can be. Again, if you have an idea for a program, or a question you'd like me to answer, or a situation or proposal you'd like us to consider. I hope that you'll feel free to call KPFT. And give us a ring, because we need to hear from you in order to make this program the best possible. Finally, let me thank buddy and everyone who's put together after hours for giving me this opportunity to spend a few minutes with you at this very early hour on a Saturday morning. And I hope that over the next few weeks, we'll be able to build a closer bond, as we talk about various issues that face us, not as a city government, but as a community of folks who want to live together and prosper together. Thanks very much. Have a good evening. This is KPFT FM 90.1 After hours,

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Buddy Johnston 07:14

thanks to Councilman George graininess for taking the time to come by and talk to us, right. Although he is on tape, but you know, he is one politician out of many, and you're gonna go see many in Washington, right?



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I hope everyone is. If they're going to go they need to call at Advanced travel. To make their arrangements, the phone number is six, eight to 200 to and we're suggesting that they do that as soon as possible. Time is running out. Time is



Buddy Johnston 07:51

running out. So come out, come out,



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wherever you are.



Buddy Johnston 07:56

What do you think of the little news? Show and



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then interesting, did real good.



Buddy Johnston 08:01

They all did real good. We're gonna play some more music for you on after hours. It's 24 minutes after three Steve Winwood and the finer things gonna be talking about the March here in a minute. What time is it Mary?



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It's a 331



Buddy Johnston 08:26

What does that mean? What happens at 330 on after hours,



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we are going to listen to the astrological forecast.



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For Aries, you should be able to smooth out communication difficulties with a lover or partner and confusion that may surround your career during the coming week. However, if you were born in late March, this may not be to your satisfaction. For Taurus, this will be a time for you. To improve your knowledge and understanding of your job and matters relating to your health. You need to look at what goals you need to establish for the future and how to accomplish them. For Gemini, this should begin a very pleasant time for you, especially socially, along with this problems that you may have experienced sexually will begin to clear for cancer, the phone may be a little stressful for you. Problems and confusion surrounding your relationship with a lover or partner should begin to clear during this week. For Leo, some of the confusion that you may have encountered concerning your work should begin to clear the need to look into your sexual nature and examine its place in your life. For Virgo, Sunday begins appear rate of several weeks, where you should begin to investigate what are and what are not good investments. This is not a good time to actually invest money just to investigate the possibility to examine your relationship with your partner. And if you are having difficulties work together to bring them out in credit for labor, confusion that may have been centered around your home will begin to clear your job will be highlighted during the period of the form. Have you done all you can to make your job a success. For Scorpio, this will be one of the best times of the year to successfully begin clearing up any problems that may have been imprisoning you. Your social life is a highlight of during this month alone and this indicates this will be a great time to party or just have a good time and relax. For Sagittarius, get involved with friends organizations, people will listen since you can be very persuasive during this period. Look around your home and make a critical examination of what is right and what is wrong. klappas problems you see cat for Capricorn. Some of the confusion that has been bothering you recently will begin to clear your career should begin to level off instead of fluctuating wildly increase your social visibility. Let people see you as you really are. For Aquarius, some of the mental confusion that you have been under recently will begin to clear your assets and finances will be highlighted during the full moon on Wednesday. This may not be to your satisfaction for Pisces, there has been a lot of confusion dealing with goals you set for yourself and organizations you belong to your outer person will be highlighted during the full moon.

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Buddy Johnston 12:12

Our regular astrologist is out of town Jack Marvin, searching out the stars and Jack will be with us on a regular basis beginning next Sunday morning here on after hours. MARY Yes, tell me something gay movements coming or not gay movements. I shouldn't say that like that. Gay events come and go rallies come and go. But there's something that's happening with this March. That's really special. It's it's going to touch everyone. I think we were talking the other night and you said if anything is remembered, you know,



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it'll be the names project, it'll

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Buddy Johnston 12:56

be the names project.



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Yes. It's, it's, I think it's going to be something that it's immortalized in people that have died of AIDS.



Buddy Johnston 13:08

If you don't know what the names project is, we're going to tell you. Now as a kid growing up in Arkansas, the Church used to get together, every once in a while on the church, women would make quilts. And a quilt was real special because it was made from love with scraps of material. And each little each little square square was a contribution from someone in the church. So the quilts are very, very special. But a quilt is being made to take to Washington DC that will be laid out



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is going to be a person's what it's going to be the person Yes. For every person who's not going to be able to be there in body, they'll be there as a part of the quilt. So all the people will be there.



Buddy Johnston 14:05

So the quilt is made up of squares that are three feet wide, by six feet long,



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right? And we're sending over 250 Just from here in the Houston area,



Buddy Johnston 14:18

each representing a person that we have lost to the AIDS epidemic. So when they unroll this thing, it's going to be



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quite large gives me the size of two football fields, two football fields,



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and you'll be able to walk through and have them situated as far as areas of the country. All Texas will be in one area all of North Carolina will be in one area and you'll have a map. You'll be able to go through and look and you'll be like going through remembering I used to go

through old timey cemeteries and try to look at the old tombstones. Well, it's this this will be I'd like a diary of who's who, who we may have lost. friends, lovers, brothers, sisters, fathers mothers, all they have perished because of the AIDS virus



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is a lot of children's names that are going to be done on that also. It's it's not just gays and lesbians that are dying it's it's everyone that has the epidemic. We're asking this be done.



Buddy Johnston 15:28

You know, we're going to deal with the AIDS problem on after hours just like the the entire community deals with it, but we're gonna deal with it with knowledge,



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have a positive mental attitude



Buddy Johnston 15:41

and a positive mental attitude and we're going to rely on facts and not fear. And I heard Jack on laden Stein the other night talking about a couple was it Mary that came in here locally in Houston at Mary's, naturally, they've been real involved in the names project. And every Sunday afternoon, I believe they've been making.



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They've been doing the quilt there, we really want to thank them.



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They're also been doing it over the venture. And



Buddy Johnston 16:11

I understand though, there was something I heard on Wallenstein were an older couple,



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yeah, a couple came in. And they're, they looked kind of out of place, and somebody directed them, they knew what they came for, and directed them to the patio. And a, one of the guys out there asked if they wanted to do a panel and they said, Yes. And they gave told him to go

over and pick out a piece of material to show them where the paints were. And they just got busy right at work. And they were crying as they were doing it. And when they were finished, they signed it love mom and dad. And they said that they were having a hard time, because they had just their son had just come out to them 21 And then turned around and died of AIDS A short time later. So it's very, it's a very moving project, and it's going to touch a lot of lives.



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If that doesn't get you moving nothing. Well,

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Buddy Johnston 17:17

you know, and a lot of people, it's hard coming out. Now, you know, we sit here and say Come out, come out and have a lot of fun and play a lot of music. But it's hard to take that first step right.



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That's right, especially with me. I grew up in the mountains of North Carolina, and an unincorporated mountain Milltown. Where are you going to get when you're a gay man there,

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Buddy Johnston 17:39

you know, we're sitting here talking to you, because you're a very important part of this community. And if you aren't gay, and if you are struggling, we want you to know that we're going to be here for you. If you have any questions, you can call us here at the station at five to six 4000 While we're on the air, or you can write us at after hours care of KPFT radio 419 Love it. Houston. 77006 want to hear from you.



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Let's right. We want to make sure you're going to be able to go with us. Also, if you'd like to go.



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If you need the number for the March on Washington, it's 52361095236109.



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That's here in Houston, Texas. That's right. You know, every

 Buddy Johnston 18:27

week on after hours, we're going to be having different people come in to guest host the show with us and to be a part of this program. We're also going to be taking dedications from you some days opening up the phone lines and taking phone calls from you. We're also going to be announcing anniversaries, which I think is kind of I'd like to hear my anniversary announced somewhere and if you have anniversaries or birthdays coming up we want to hear about them. We've got some right here. We want to say happy birthday to mark we understand that today is Mark's birthday right

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Happy Birthday Mark Happy

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Birthday Ben more.

 Buddy Johnston 19:06

Say good morning and happy birthday not good morning. Let's say happy birthday to Randy his birthdays on the 12 David's birthdays on the 30th Brian's is on the first of October. And then Angie's birthday is the fourth of October. So if you have birthdays or anniversaries, or if anything you want to say we want to hear from you. And this is the place to do it. Also when we do open the phone lines in the future we're going to take dedications I think that can be kind of fun. Oh yeah. So the first dedication, since we don't have any phone lines open up this morning will be mine.

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We want to know what this is

 Buddy Johnston 19:49

sitting here for the first dedication I want to send out to everyone that's listening to the after hours program this morning. All those men and women who are part of the gay and lesbian community in Houston want you to know that we're with you, and we're behind you. And together, we will make a difference. This also goes out to a very special man who's out in the lobby right now. His name is Roger. And without him, I wouldn't be sitting here I wouldn't be doing anything. It also goes out to a very special woman in the lobby. Her name is Angie. And without her I don't think Mary would be sitting here doing anything. Now the The song also is dedicated to two women, one by the name of Bernie. And one very special woman by the name of Kathy. This is a Kathy that I work with. And everybody has a Kathy in their life. Kathy's real important because when you go to work and you deal with people every day, sometimes you just need someone to talk to. And two, three years ago, I was able to come out to Kathy and say, Kathy, my God, I'm gay and I need somebody to talk to. And Cathy's always been there. So

to all those Kathy's out there, we want to play this song to all the people that are listening to everyone that's a part of this community, we want you to know. Nothing's gonna stop us now. And together. We're gonna get our rock we'll get back to the music in just a second on after hours. But right now we have some very special people in the studio with us here at KPFT to tell us about something that's very special taking place on Monday. Good morning.



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Good morning. Good morning.



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How are you?



Buddy Johnston 21:39

Who are we and what are we doing?



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My name is Norman retail.



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All the various



Buddy Johnston 21:45

Welcome to after hours. What's going on this Labor Day Monday. That's so special that I see on this flyer here.



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We're having a party to benefit stone soup. And the AIDS Foundation is put on by the residents of Westmoreland Square Apartments. We're calling ourselves united we stand as the residents were having a barbecue beer. There's a swimming pool for everyone to bring their suits in auction. We're having an auction and also do



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our prices.

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Buddy Johnston 22:23

Like a lot of fun. It should be. This is all taking place on Monday, Labor Day Monday. Yes,

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from 12. Until about 10pm

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Buddy Johnston 22:33

to 19 Marshall. How did this all come about?

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The residents at Westmoreland have gotten together and are very aware of the AIDS epidemic. We've decided to raise money and donate food to stone soup. And I think it should go over very well.

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Buddy Johnston 22:53

Sounds like a wonderful idea.

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I think what's happened in the past, we're thrown private parties. The first party was Memorial Day. And we had 170 Some people there. July 4, we had about 150 people. And we decided this was all word of mouth that we felt that if we threw a party benefiting Stone soup, right. And we advertised we could get four to 500 people there. And we could have a nice contribution

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Buddy Johnston 23:31

to so anybody and everybody that wants to come by and yes, they're well taken the festivities as welcome.

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Yes, we are asking for a small donation. And also don't forget your bathing suits. The pools

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Buddy Johnston 23:43

open. Oh, of course, we open and ready to swim. So we're going to have barbecue drinks

open. Oh, of course, we open and ready to swim. So we're going to have barbecue drinks, swimming pool, lots of new faces according to the brochure. Correct. And this is all taking place when again and were

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Monday the address will be to 19 Marshall. If they have any questions or need directions on how to get there, the phone number is five to 850 to a team and just ask for gene and I'll be more than happy to give you directions

Buddy Johnston 24:11

number again is five to 850 to 85 to 18 Thanks for coming by the station. Thanks. Bye. Thank you. Well, hi. Hello, hello. March on Washington.

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Yes, we're gonna talk about the rally now. The rally is the main part of the March after we finished marching, we are going to rally and talk and ask the White House not ask. And we're not asking. We're not asking anyone, right? We're gonna demand our rights. We're gonna tell them what we're there for. And that's going to be right after the march is going to start at nine o'clock in the morning

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which is You're gonna get all those people up and out there at nine o'clock in the morning so we that's what's gonna be so much energy in that city they won't be able to stand right? I really wish

Buddy Johnston 25:11

I could go but for the people that can't go Pacific is going to be sending us a feed so we'll get something from that right.

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They need to call 5236109 If they want more information on the march barring you want to say a little something on this civil disobedience that's going to take place Sure.

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certainty, yes. CD, it's civil disobedience at the Supreme Court. The one place you're not allowed to be at Supreme Court. We're gonna be there. I think we're all gonna be there. Yeah, ~~we're gonna we're gonna be there we're gonna gonna not arrested I mean they're gonna bring~~

we're gonna be there, we're even gonna get arrested. I mean, they're gonna bring out the plastic gloves, the plastic handcuffs. Lord knows what they can do with him. But, Mary, I

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Buddy Johnston 25:55

want to thank you. First of all, for coming by and being with us this morning. The first show is always the hardest. You're welcome to get that behind us. Next week on after hours. We're going to have Kevin and Roy I believe with the gay and lesbian switchboard in their great piece of fun. We're going to play something for you every week, just before we go off, and a lot of you have heard it and we're playing it for different reasons. So just bear with the snug way we go. Hi, this is buddy again, what you've just heard was the first after hours program broadcast on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM Pacifica station here in Houston, Texas, on Sunday, September the sixth 1987. From two until 4am. This tape has been copied and sent to many friends and family and loved ones and some of you that aren't such loved one. Anyway, the program, we think is a good idea. We've got a lot of support in the gay community. Hopefully we'll get a lot of listeners support in the gay community and become a welcome addition to the KPFT family. We're going to make a few changes. Just for the record. Since I'm keeping an archive tape of what happened. On the first show, we're going to number one, slow down the news man, Brian got a little excited when he was doing the news. Have him record that he doesn't sound as excited when he's reading in a calm, normal tone of voice. Also, the news segment was a little bit too long. I pushed a couple of buttons at the wrong time. Part of that was because working for the police department here in Houston, I was waiting on the vice squad or the SWAT team or someone to come busting into the doors and dragging me out of the building. But after the first hour and a half and I began to realize that wasn't going to happen, I started to relax just a little bit. We screwed up introducing our city councilman George Grinia. So we'll take care of that next week. We're going to split the news and the sports up. Rather, we're going to play the news and the sports at three o'clock at 315. We'll play the community bulletin board at 245. Before the news, we'll play the segment from city councilman George Prineas. So our first program is history. I hope you've enjoyed it. You can write me at KPFT radio 419 Lovett Boulevard in Houston 77006 That's me or the after hours program. Or you can call us at area code 713-529-4636. As many of you know, I love to talk for people like David McCain in New Orleans. David. I wish he could have been here for the first show. It was wonderful. Thank you for the peanut man. To people like Ron Romanowski, Paul Phillips, we look forward to having you on the program someday, hopefully, using a lot of your music, which I don't have any of now but I'll do plan to get some of that. To Kyle and friends in Colorado. We love you very much. To my family, Dorothy and Bruce and Missy and San Antonio. I love you so much. And I thank you for caring about us to David and Paula. My brother and sister in law. And Terry and Janine, my brother and sister in law. Thank you very much for being there, too. My mom and dad. Well, someday hopefully Well, I want to stand by all of this. To everyone else, thank you for listening to the program. I'd like to hear what you have to say about it, what you think we can do to improve it, other than erase it. And to keep PFT I've told them, but I'll tell them on tape. So that's our record. Thanks especially to Dwayne Bradley for taking such a big step with this and taking a chance on me and to Jean Palmquist, the station manager for the same and everyone at KPFT for being such good folks. I've also had a lot of support from people like Sergeant and Cochran, when my supervisors at work from Sergeant David Cutler, one of my supervisors at work, from Sergeant Pam Gray, who's no longer one of my supervisors, she's working out of the jail Division at the Houston Police Department, but a tremendous amount of support from her. A lot of support from Kathy Slusher and Bernie white people that I work with

and just just a lot of good things have happened. This is our first program and hopefully, they will get better as time goes on. Until then, this is buddy Sam. Thanks for listening. I hope you enjoyed the show. And I'll be talking to you soon. Bye bye.