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DIANE HARDY And--

GARCIA:

DIANE Do you think that was the media doing that or do you think they had help from other people? Because I think
WILLIAMS: that-- not having much information about it but my scoop was that members of-- I won't call them-- we decided not to call them the religious right because that implies something. The pseudo Christians, or the pseudo whoever, those freaks, for lack of a better term, use that to say, this is what gay and lesbian people do, this is who gay and lesbian people are. And isn't it terrible what they're doing to our churches, and our neighborhoods, and whatever, and this is what they're going to do.

And they use-- they used our tactics, our very own tactics, against us. And they said, you know, this is who gay people are. A lot of people in the gay community-- in the gay community-- and they also by doing that, by saying that, they created infighting in the gay and lesbian community. The adversaries tried to dissect the gay and lesbian people and population and said-- and got us starting fighting between ourselves. There were people in the gay community saying, I can't believe that this happened. There are conservatives everywhere saying, how terrible this was.

And gay people just totally condemning that action. And I thought about it at first and I didn't know what I think about it. I think that it probably was not effective. But that doesn't mean that I'm going to condemn them for what they did. Because I think that kind of tactic works. And it works often. It just didn't work this time.

DIANE HARDY Well, I'm a firm believer that direct action is-- it has its place. And people who work within the system, depend on
GARCIA: direct action activists to bring a lot of things to the surface. I think the fighting that happened afterwards was certainly divisive. I don't-- of course, at that time, you we were trying to take something to the ballot box. And that's where what I was responding to, in regards to that action, was that the domestic partnership fight is being taken to the ballot box. This was a separate action.

DIANE Right.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY It just was that people wanted to connect it to--

GARCIA:

DIANE Bad timing.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY --domestic partnership. And they want-- they were hungry for it. The media wanted it to be a big fight. And they
GARCIA: blew it up in a lot of ways. But I think direct action has its place and so does working within the system. And we have to work hand in hand.

DIANE Right.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY I hate it when we fight over it because it only hurts us in the long run.

GARCIA:

DIANE Yeah.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY And both are quite effective.

GARCIA:

DIANE Yeah, and if we work together, it's very important to be able to do that and do that well. And I think that when we

WILLIAMS: let other people use manipulating, divisive tactics against us, we are giving up some of our own power. And I think that's just this terrible thing that happened.

DIANE HARDY Yeah, I mean but it's a great technique, you know, divide and conquer.

GARCIA:

DIANE That's right.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY And sometimes, I think we don't--

GARCIA:

DIANE They know it.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY They know it. And sometimes, I think we don't think about it too much, you know. We get so insulated in our own

GARCIA: community that we forget.

DIANE Well, what do you know about the local Houston politics? How are we being represented at-- how are we being

WILLIAMS: represented in Austin, locally?

DIANE HARDY In the legislature?

GARCIA:

DIANE In the legislature, and also of gay and lesbian people. I mean, who do we have working for us as Houstonians

WILLIAMS: working for our cause in Austin, besides of course, you.

DIANE HARDY That's what I've been doing down here for the last five days. I've been here putting together our legislative

GARCIA: lobbying group that will help lobby. We're going to take a whole other approach to how we lobby this session.

We're going to involve a lot of people. We're going to have, hopefully, constituency based lobbying, which means we'll be matching individuals from every district in Houston with their legislators--

DIANE That's great.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY --to help us do stuff. So I'm really pleased about that. We have some great board members from Houston,

GARCIA: Mitchell Curtin, Shirley Pettis. Janet Cohen is from Galveston.

DIANE Right.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY But she's almost from Houston. We have a former board co-chair that was really great, Pat Gandy. So--

GARCIA:

DIANE Pat's been down here a lot. We love having her down.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY She's great. She-- she's just off our board. HGLPC has a spot that they'll be filling with somebody soon. So every--

GARCIA: the way the lobby is set up is that people have a representative per region. And Houston has about four slots on that board. And they help us lobby. But I'm going to be matching people from all over Houston. And we'll be lobbying together. They will--

DIANE That's great.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY They will be trying to organize things according to district. And then they will come up at key periods during the

GARCIA: session. Because we've done better in the state-- in the state Senate. But we haven't done this well in the House.

DIANE In the House.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY And so this will be a way to do that. And it will involve a lot more people in lobbying. So it's not such a foreign

GARCIA: thing.

DIANE Do you think that when-- do you think our representatives listen to us? Do you think that they hear us at all and

WILLIAMS: they listen to us, especially in the House?

DIANE HARDY Houston-- Houston has some great reps, that are really very supportive and have spoken out. But also Houston

GARCIA: has some really horrible ones as well, that hurt the gay community in big ways.

DIANE Purposely?

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY Sure. Yeah, absolutely, but-- and it's funny, with this program, some people will be matched with the people who

GARCIA: are really good. And then some will be matched with the moderates. And then some will have the horrible ones.

But the ones-- the legislators that are very difficult to work with, always say, that they don't have lesbian and gay people within their district. And this program will help prove that they do. And so that should be very, very helpful. And people who, in fact, get matched with the legislators that are hard, almost have an easier job.

DIANE I would love it. I would love it.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY That's the--

GARCIA:

DIANE WILLIAMS: I couldn't wait. I would be like, every day, I would be calling them up, calling, bothering them. And say--

DIANE HARDY: Hi, I'm in your district.

GARCIA:

DIANE Hi, I'm your lesbian constituent.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY: That's it. I'm in your district. And that's almost easier. The harder one is-- the harder ones, I think, to deal with are
GARCIA: going to be our moderates--

DIANE Definitely.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY: --who may have voted with us but have never spoken. And we're going to be asking to speak out on all those
GARCIA: issues.

DIANE All those fence riders.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY: That's it. Those will be the harder ones.

GARCIA:

DIANE And keep them on your side, and stuff like that.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY: Yeah.

GARCIA:

DIANE The lovely, lovely assistant producer person just handed me a pen. So now, I can speak without having to snap in
WILLIAMS: the phone, and whistle, and stuff like that.

DIANE HARDY: [INAUDIBLE]

GARCIA:

DIANE That's right. What else can you tell us about what's happening right now in Austin? What's going to be-- what's
WILLIAMS: your next step? Beside these little field offices, how are you working on a national level? Do we have any national
contacts? Or--

DIANE HARDY: Yeah, we work closely with the Human Rights Campaign Fund and NGLTF--

GARCIA:

DIANE National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY: Yeah, National-- I'm sorry, you know, when you're queer, you have to use all these little--

GARCIA:

DIANE How many different acronyms--

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY Acronyms.

GARCIA:

DIANE --can you-- can you make?

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY We have to get them down. I'm getting HGLPC and all of them down now. But we do work very closely with

GARCIA: National. And they support us tremendously. We work-- we also are doing a lot of rural outreach in Texas because--

DIANE I've heard a lot about that.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY Yeah, we've been to Tyler. We've been to Midland. I'll be in McAllen. And we have to do that. We have to prove

GARCIA: that lesbians and gays, as we know, live in every corner of the state. And it's hard for me to imagine that sometimes because I'm such an urbanite. But I was-- you've got to see how many people were in Tyler. It was amazing.

DIANE Tell us about what happened in Tyler. There was a murder. There was a gay bashing in Tyler.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY Yeah, there was a murder of a young man named Nicholas West. It was a real brutal hate crime, and the first test

GARCIA: of the hate crimes Bill that just passed in the past legislative session, which enhances penalties for people who commit crimes against lesbians, and gays, and all similarly oppressed groups.

So Nicholas West was murdered. He was shot nine times. He was tortured. And he was killed purely because he was gay. But the thing is that, you know, this isn't the only instance of this. In Houston, everyone's familiar with Paul Broussard's case. And there's almost a two-fold issue now coming up with hate crimes. It's that not only are we killed in the streets but once our murderer is into the justice system, they tend to get lighter sentences.

DIANE Right.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY And that could happen anywhere.

GARCIA:

DIANE There's some judges-- there's some judges that say-- there was recently, I heard something-- I've forgotten what

WILLIAMS: state it was from-- but the judge said, specifically, I'm not going to give you a lighter sentence because the person you killed was gay.

And there are some judges before this particular ruling that said-- that was a judge in New York that said that. Previously, there was a prostitute that was killed that the judge got a lot of flack from. Gosh, that's been four or five years, that the judge said we're not-- I think, the exact code was a Texas judge at that time who said--

DIANE HARDY [INAUDIBLE]

GARCIA:

DIANE --we're not going to give you-- That's right. We're not going to give you very much, you just killed a queer.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY Yeah, he said, he put queers and whores on the same level.

GARCIA:

DIANE Right.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY And therefore, he was never going to give a stiff penalty for that. Actually, it's kind of ironic because Judge

GARCIA: Hampton tended-- in the end, gave the stiffest penalty of anyone who's murdered in a hate crime lately. They've been horrible.

DIANE And he specifically, said, that he was not going to give him a very--

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY Well, it was still pretty light.

GARCIA:

DIANE Yeah, it was still a pretty light sentence. And now--

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY Some have completely walked. Some people have completely walked. There's one in San Antonio, Charlie

GARCIA: Resendez was murdered. And his murderer did absolutely no time. He got a deferred adjudication and walked out of San Antonio a free man.

And that's why we were in Midland, Odessa, recently, is because there was a murder of a gay man there last April. And he was murdered brutally. And the defense they used is something we call now the homosexual panic defense. And that is used frequently in the murders of gay people. And it goes like this. I murdered this person because they made a pass at me. And I therefore became temporarily insane so that justifies my bludgeoning--

DIANE Brutal.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY Yeah.

GARCIA:

DIANE That brutal two hour torture death of so-and-so.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY There was a 60-year-old woman I met in Midland. And we went out to talk about what to do. And she said, honey,

GARCIA: I was quite a looker in my day, and if I had shot every man who made an unwanted advance at me, there just be no men in West Texas.

DIANE That's right.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY I wonder why this defense doesn't work for women. It surely would never work. So it should not work against queers.

DIANE WILLIAMS: I want to remind you, you're listening to KPFT, *After Hours*, 90.1 in Houston. I'm Diane Williams, and we're talking with Diane Hardy Garcia of the Texas-- of the-- of who-- who are you with? The Texas lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby, right.

DIANE HARDY That's it.

GARCIA:

DIANE WILLIAMS: And I'm so glad that you're here. We want to talk about a couple more things. Specifically, I want to ask how you think women, and how you think people of color are represented within, let's say, Texas politics right now? Specifically, as representatives of the lesbian gay community.

DIANE HARDY I think, we're-- I've seen in the last few years, an effort on our part within the community to recognize that homophobia and heterosexism is not the only issue that many of us face. We all face-- we have to deal with sexism, and classism, and racism. And that all forms of oppression are connected.

And a woman-- a woman from New York, a good friend of mine used to say it, honey, you ain't going to get yours till I get mine. She was a Black lesbian. And she was saying that to all gay people. Because it is a package deal. I mean, if one of us is oppressed, all of us are. So I think we-- I think people are getting that. I see that and I hear that a lot more. And that's the way we have to be.

When we look at our legislative issues in the upcoming year, the only one we stand alone on is the sodomy law. Civil rights legislation is inclusive of all similarly oppressed groups. When we talk about health care dollars, which we try to get, it's again inclusive of similarly oppressed groups, face the same issues that lesbians and gays do. We also have--

DIANE WILLIAMS: Hate crimes

DIANE HARDY And hate crimes, and people of color are protected under hate crimes, so are women, so are people who are religious and have picked a religious group to participate in. So they're protected under hate crimes as well. So I think that there's a growing recognition and I'm real proud about that. And I think that it's happening outside the gay community as well. I just got an award from LULAC. And if you know LULAC, they're fairly conservative Latino group. And their effort was to--

DIANE WILLIAMS: League of United Latin American Citizens.

DIANE HARDY That's it. And they-- I mean, most of my work has been AIDS related, or related to lesbian and gay issues. So I knew that they're give me that award wasn't really about me. It was about building bridges between the Latino community and the gay community. And they're saying, at LULAC is all for one and one for all. And so I talked heavily about that, at the award ceremony. And it was real powerful. So it's not only happening, I think, with outside-- within the lesbian and gay community, it's beginning to happen outside. And that's when we'll finally achieve civil rights, I think, is when we all band together and work to end oppression.

DIANE I think that that's the best we can all hope for. And it's very hard to even think about standing alone, and think about the people that are working for us right now. I think a lot of the people that are working for us right now, in the legislature period, are people of color. And I think it's important we recognize--

DIANE HARDY We have solid--

GARCIA:

DIANE --the gains.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY --solid support from the Mexican-American Caucus within the house. And that, you know, is--

GARCIA:

DIANE It's not only a large Caucus, it's a growing Caucus.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY Yeah, and it's going to get more, you know. I have a saying. The legislature is only going to get more Brown. And

GARCIA: you know, our coalitions are the key. And so the more we can work in coalition, the more powerful we are. And that's what we have to all do.

DIANE So how long have you been in Houston, or what do you know about Houston stuff that's happening?

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY Oh, you know, it's been really good to be in Houston this week because--

GARCIA:

DIANE I bet.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY Houston has been through-- of course, you know, my heart and soul was in the referendum that just happened in

GARCIA: Austin. It has statewide ramifications. We're going to get a lot of flack, in the legislature, because they're going to say you can't even win in Austin. And so we have to prepare for that. But it was kind of wonderful coming here because Houston has had this experience before in a 1985.

DIANE Straight Slate.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY Yeah.

GARCIA:

DIANE And you know, the people-- I was just talking recently about that the Dr. Stephen Hotsy and the people that

WILLIAMS: started the Christian Coalition and trying to take over the local Republican Party in politics, those are the Straight Slate people. Those are the radical extremists that are now trying to pass themselves off as regular citizens and sane people. And they're sneaking in everywhere. They are sneaking in every single little office, every school board seat, everywhere.

DIANE HARDY I know. They have gotten really sophisticated about ballot box issues. And I think that's what we eventually have to start doing. I think we're fairly sophisticated at lobbying. And I think our political caucuses have certainly gotten more and more sophisticated. But we have not had always the opportunity to learn campaign skills and run campaigns. And that's our next step. There's very few people with that skill, and very few women, and certainly, very few people of color at all, that have had that experience.

DIANE Moneymaking.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY Yeah, and it's really-- it's a real tight knit kind of bastion of people who know how to work elections.

GARCIA:

DIANE You think it's a good old boy network?

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY Yeah, absolutely. And so we need to take every opportunity to learn those skills. And we need to take some risk.

GARCIA: I'm convinced that we need to take some risk and run some people for practice. You know, and try to do that. It's for our own survival. The radical right is doing it like crazy. I mean, unless we adopt some of those tactics, we're going to keep losing at the ballot box.

DIANE What do you think about our last election, where we had-- what-- six openly gay candidates on the ballot and

WILLIAMS: probably a couple not openly gay?

DIANE HARDY Yeah, that was pretty interesting. I think that's the way to go. I mean, I think they identified some voters and

GARCIA: they get people out and excited, you know. And that's the way, eventually, we'll win one by one by one. And so I think that's a great thing. It was so-- it was great to be in Houston this week because Houston had a perspective on what it was like to go through this. And right now, in Austin, there are people that are down about what happened. And a lot of people, who absolutely didn't think it could, are in shock. And so coming to Austin puts it-- I mean to Houston, and then there's a lot of-- what I like about Houston, I mean, it would certainly my second choice of a place to live.

DIANE Oh, good. Well--

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY I'm thinking--

GARCIA:

DIANE Anytime, think about it.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY Yeah.

GARCIA:

DIANE We're here.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY But there's a real family kind of atmosphere all around. And even though, people seem to disagree and people

GARCIA: are having fights, there's also a lot of people--

DIANE That's what I was going to ask you about.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY People seem to like each other and consider each other family. And I really like that.

GARCIA:

DIANE I think, in Houston, we've done our share of in-fighting and we'll continue to do our share of infighting but all in

WILLIAMS: all we know we have to live together. So we stick around and we see it through to the end.

DIANE HARDY Yeah, cause I don't know how many times I heard this week, oh well, that person's, you know, political views are

GARCIA: really screwed up but I really like them.

DIANE Yeah. Well, you know, I was talking to somebody, I was introducing my new boss to somebody that I knew. And

WILLIAMS: I've said, I've known this person for, gosh, about five or six years now, we have disagreed on every subject imaginable and I can't wait for you to meet him. And I really respect him a lot.

I want to ask you real quick what you think about the local stuff that's happening with our Political Caucus, the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus has been recently. I know you're not from Houston. You probably don't have a five year look on the Houston Political Caucus. But what do you think about an Austin perspective of our local political group? We've just had a president resign and a new president, who has previously done an interim term. What do you think our strengths are? What do you-- what do you think happened in that troubled situation? And how do you think we can come out of it?

DIANE HARDY I don't know all of the details of what happened with that. I think Houston's structure of its political Caucus is very

GARCIA: different than the other structures of political Caucuses. Houston's Caucus has a chair of the Board, and then it has a president of the organization. Everywhere else, there's a male and female coach here. And you have a steering committee as opposed to one person. I think when you have one person in charge, it's really, sometimes--

DIANE As opposed to a little latter.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY Yeah, it's harder. I think the heat gets put on a president. God, I don't know-- I wouldn't it be chair of-- I mean,

GARCIA: president of the Houston Lesbian and Gay Political Caucus cause that-- that's a tough job. I know Terry Richardson's a very good person. And I trust her and her judgment. And I got to meet with a lot of the HGLPC members this week. And they're great.

And they certainly have been, of the caucuses around the state, the most in tune with political issues happening statewide, and really one of the most concerned groups that we have, one of the more sophisticated. Now, the San Antonio's fairly new, in general, in this area. Houston's had the longest standing and it's one of the oldest caucuses. So I think they do good work. We all go through hard, hard times. And I hope-- and the fighting certainly hurts-- hurts us all. But I think they'll come out of it strong. And I'm really pleased to work with them.

DIANE WILLIAMS: I'm trying to write you a little note here to ask you a question. I'm wondering if you could give us some names of-- this is a question thrown out in the middle here. I want to ask you one more question, and it's a big one. What do you think about Ann Richards? It's something that I talked with Janet Cohen about. And a lot of people will ask the question, what has Ann Richards done for us lately.

And there's the sense in the gay community that we supported her heavily, and that the gains that she reaches for us, the places that she goes for us, is all kind of behind the scenes, you know. We don't get to directly say, Ann Richards is directly responsible for this, this, this and this. It's not something that we as just your average everyday Joes on the street-- Joes and Janes on the street can say what Ann Richards has done for us.

Is there-- why do you think, if you indeed do, as a private citizen-- I know you can't talk for the lobby necessarily-- but why do you think that we should vote for Ann Richards? Or what do you think that Ann Richards has done for the gay community in Texas that you can talk about?

DIANE HARDY Well, I have to preface this with the Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby does not endorse. We're not endorsing **GARCIA:** organization.

DIANE Right.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY So I can't-- I can't speak for the lobby at all.

GARCIA:

DIANE Right

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY I know what-- on a personal level, I believe that Ann Richards has done more than any governor in the state of **GARCIA:** Texas has ever done for us. She's appointed people like no other governor has. And she has included us. By no means is that perfect. Yeah. She-- by no means is that a is that a perfect thing. You know, of course, we can-- all it's sort of like with Bill Clinton, we always want and hope for more. But given the choice of a governor who-- another candidate who says that he'll veto 2106 immediately.

DIANE Yeah.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY Ann Richards, we have absolutely no choice but to go full force behind Ann Richards.

GARCIA:

DIANE Well, I agree with you and I'm really glad you here to talk about these things with us. Do you think you can stay **WILLIAMS:** for a while? Maybe listen to Janet's--

DIANE HARDY Sure.

GARCIA:

DIANE --little speech.

WILLIAMS:

DIANE HARDY Sure.

GARCIA:

DIANE Great. Well, we'd love to have you hanging around. Right now, and just ASAP, we're going to hear some funky, **WILLIAMS:** funky music. Are we not?

JIMMY: No.

DIANE No. OK, never mind.

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY: What we do need to talk about people calling in to support the station. We are in our three time a year beg-a-thon.

DIANE Jam KPFT, please buy a new equipment.

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY: Or at least help us pay the bills. It costs between \$55 and \$60 an hour to run the station. And we're only talking five paid employees. We're talking about 150 volunteers.

DIANE Volunteer, I volunteer to come down here every Saturday night from midnight until 3:00 am. I want everyone to **WILLIAMS:** know that. I want lots of pats on the back. I could be at home in bed with a woman. But no, I'm here.

JIMMY: Well--

DIANE Now, that I've said my piece.

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY: I see. So--

DIANE And I'm not getting paid for it.

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY: Unless, you want Diane on your ass, give us a call at 526 753--

DIANE And if you do want Diane on your ass--

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY: Whoa.

DIANE --I suggest you call 526-- No, no, it's late. It's late.

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY: No, but I do have a song I want to play.

DIANE Please do.

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY: And it's a dedication. It is dedicated to Evelyn from Jewel. It's one of my favorite, Karla Bonoff, "Pieces."

DIANE I love this.

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY: Yeah.

DIANE This is so beautiful.

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY: You're going to like it. Ready?

DIANE Ready. Hi, Evelyn.

WILLIAMS:

[MUSIC PLAYING]

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[MUSIC PLAYING]

JIMMY: Hello, Houston. It's Jimmy with *The QMZ*, which is heard just about every week right here on *After Hours*, a continuing tradition on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. Got some new stuff, got some old stuff, going to mix it all up together.

But first, I do want to mention that there's a new play in town that's a whole lot of fun. It's called *The Barbecue*. It's written and directed by KPFT's own Otis Hardy McClay. And it's one of the good old fat man productions. It's over at the Houston Skyline Theater. That's the ninth floor of the Houston House. It's a fun, fun funny play. And it's got--

Oh, it might be a couple of people you recognize. There's Bill O'Rourke who happens to be in there and does a fun funny, funny part. Had me in the aisles. Let's see. It's playing like every Friday and Saturday night. So give them a call over at, let's see, 523 1530. And you know, tickets are the usual price and all of that. That's ninth floor of the Houston House, Houston Skyline Theater, to see *The Barbecue*. Just something we thought you'd like so we're promoting it.

And sorry, I missed you last week but I was in New York. I listened to the tape and heard that Scott told everyone I was in Hawaii. No, I did that back in January. This was New York for the pilgrimage to Stonewall. I thought I'd go before the crowds got there so I could do a little genuflect there in front of The Stonewall.

Yes, it's a bar again at number 53 Christopher Street. It's not that bagel shop, or Chinese food, or whatever it was before. It's now a bar called The Stonewall, not The Stonewall Inn, just The Stonewall. And that little section of Christopher Street has also been renamed Stonewall Place.

So if you get a chance to go up there, if you're going next month for the games and the parade, I hope you can get near it. I figure with a million people in New York, you probably can't get within four or five blocks of the place but hey. And New York is a fun time. And it was really pretty, pretty weather.

Coming up on *The QMZ*, that's *The Queer Music Zone*, which means we only play music by openly gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender artists. And it's just for you. While I was in New York, I picked up a CD of choral music, yes, from The Lesbian and Gay Chorus of Washington DC. They've got a CD out called "We Shall Not Give Up The Fight." It's pretty good. And I know that Greg Jeu from *Outsmart Magazine* is a favorite of this kind of music. So I'm going to play a couple of tunes just for Greg.

And if you haven't seen *Outsmart*, it's-- I think, the fourth issue is out now. They are really going strong. It's a great magazine Houston can be proud of. It stands right up there with any of the other National magazines. So from The Lesbian and Gay Chorus of Washington DC, "We Shall Not Give Up The Fight."

[MUSIC PLAYING]

[AUDIO OUT]

[CHEERING]

The Lesbian and Gay Chorus of Washington DC. I thought I'd play another one there too, the-- oh, always favorite, "Over The Rainbow". I thought they did a good job on that. And tonight, well, I already told you I went to see that great play, *The Barbecue*, playing over at the Houston Skyline Theater. And so I missed King Missile. They were here tonight in Houston also playing at Goats Head Soup. And we always like to play King Missile because of that really cute and hunky looking Chris Xefos who's a member of that band. And on their new album *King Missile*, *King Missile*, self-titled, they've got a great song for the community called "Wind-Up Toys". After this, we'll be bringing some old Elton John, some new Black Angels Death Song, and maybe a couple other surprises. So King missile with "Wind-Up Toys."

[MUSIC PLAYING]

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