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The venturi I don't have food on Sunday, probably probably might be doing something on Monday to see anything in there. And let's see who else is having food. It's in the voice. Yeah, the one. What is



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with the Voodoo lounge 2151. Richmond in the shepherd Plaza. Now, those are usually straight bars. But they have pride night every Tuesdays. It's like a straight bar that's going gay one night a week or something.



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I have no idea.



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Dance, drink and be merry.



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saying well,



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I don't know. I don't know if anybody knows about that. Give us a call.



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What do you what do you think about at work tonight? We were given these yellow cards. Yeah

What do you think about at work tonight? We were given these yellow cards. I can had to do with the parking situation that's being that's going on here in the area. They're about to pass an ordinance that we're gonna have to buy a permit.

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Oh, I had heard that. But I thought it went away.

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Oh, no. They are putting together I guess some kind of a?

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Is that why Cheryl's Armstrong is putting in that parking lot?

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Of course. Of course, they're gonna have to park somewhere. Yeah, I

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thought he was doing it for to make money.

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Well, he will he'll do that. He'll do that too. But what it says is, is

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they're trying to find out how big an issue is the over spillage problem, which you know, in general, probably 10 block radius. Yes, it is a problem.

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Sure. But this is a bar area.

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Right? It has been that way for years. I remember when it was when it was on Westheimer. And it was a parking situation, a traffic situation,



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everything. The controversy is not with people who have lived in the area for a very long time. It's with new people moving in and decide that, you know, gee, I bought this house cheap. But now I want to get rid of and the reason that it was cheap and gentrify the area. So it's a constant fight. With neighborhood people.



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Well, I got to sign one of these little things that are going on a petition, I got to fill it out. And basically, what they're doing is is they're the with the way they explain it is this is not just going to affect the bars. And the gay bars and the gay owned or businesses here defect is going to, it's going to affect the people that live here, it's also going to affect events like art festival, it's going to affect



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directly impacting that. And that's the reason that's being brought about is going to



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affect bands like gay pride. It's going to affect even to an extent because a lot of that is because it's going in this area, it's not just going to be Montrose, it's going to be a city type thing, if I'm not mistaken, that eventually they're going to try to do it.



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Every neighborhood by neighborhood.



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It will evaluate what goes



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on parking thing,



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right. If you live in the neighborhood, you will still have to buy a permit and you will have to pay for it monthly to park if you have no garage and you have to park on the street, you will have to

buy a permit. If you come out in this area.



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Another way for the city to get money out if you



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if you come out in this area, you have to buy a permit so that you can park in this area. But if you're just visiting someone who lives you have to buy a permit. If you do not have a permit you are written a ticket because the limit will be 15 minutes everything in this area will become a 15 minute parking zone so if you if y'all do not agree with this, you know a lot of people to hell would agree with that now. I mean, that number one that's just one more monthly bill that you'll have to pay. What's so sad is like, no good restaurants, good restaurants in this area. Yeah. Who had little to no parking. It will almost shut them down. You bet. Barnabus Yeah, definitely is gonna have problems. Yeah. Bobby jaegers is immediately problems. Sure. So will la



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mix a lot Mexicana all the all the restaurants in this area?



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Yes, all of them will. And all the business, all the businesses, all the businesses themselves are going to have problems. Because this area was I mean, it was a residential area but before but we have to remember that Houston is not a zoned city. And that's what I love about it. And it was not built on that. No, and I think it probably it



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lends itself to mom and pop operations, little storefront fronts.



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You know what? It's great. What do they want to do? Do they want to take you know what they fought for? Eight to 10 years ago and moving all of that off of the main street, which was Westheimer onto a side street because of traffic problems, do they want to move it back? I don't know what they want. Because I mean, they've got to understand it's, well, it's all it's going to happen is it's going to move is not going to be gone out of this neighborhood, but it's still going to go somewhere.



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I mean, until they target that neighborhood, right?

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Where you gotta realize people have to realize that wherever it is, it's been a proven fact that whenever gay men and women, gay man or lesbian women move into a neighborhood, it immediately improves sure, because they do things. Number one, you have usually two incomes that are coming into that house that help do that. So any day, I mean, it's kind of sad, because in a neighborhood that, you know, gay people end up doing something like that, and is eventually gonna be a nice neighborhood so that the businesses that are put there are going to have to eventually move. Oh, damn.

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it make any sense a vicious circle? Yes.

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And I just don't understand. But you know, I don't understand a lot of things. Yeah, no, you weren't supposed to agree.

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Well, I'm with you on you know, and I live work and play in the Montrose and I can see that all of a sudden, now, I've got to buy a damn permit. So I can park here and go to the places I go to now for nothing. You know,

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that is a perfect reason. I mean, people have never really liked for a homosexuals to get into an area and congregate because then it's known as a gay area. And they always want to break that up. But yet then if that's the case, why don't we have you know, a bar in the gallery over by the gallery and then a bar? Yeah, we don't have to have used an arc. Let them open up anywhere. It's always gonna be somebody else's neighborhood. Ah, we

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could go on about that. Yes, we could, and we wouldn't solve a thing. Let's go to a piece of music while we regroup. This is this is a new queer group called Future Bible heroes. That's not a religious group. Obviously, did they have some dark music? And I think that's the kind of stuff John likes. Let's go to this one. And it's it's just the song I like the song has nothing to do. Future Bible heroes nuclear group fronted by Steven merit, the man who brought you the sixth, and that was death opened a boutique. Kind of a dark song.



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It was actually it was cool. Yeah. That's very nice. That you'd like that? Yes. Let's see. I believe this passed on August. Well, on August 24. Jeffery Bayes, he's our current Mr. Texas, Romer. He is opening a new information type group. Yes, it is. It's the name of the group is Houston. Houston, Oh, shoot. Just have that educate, educates and encourages leather. Ah, and it's, it's, I don't think it's going to be based on a like a social type club. It's going to be more an organization like NLA. Oh, because he's doing he'll be doing seminars. Their educational seminars, the first one is supposed to be on September 21, from three to five, and that's going to be at Pacific street. A donation will be made to the holiday fun. It will be I believe they're going to be doing like a 10% of the net profits. So it with it being something that's going to be going on continuously. It'll probably be like an annual thing. Whatever they do for the year, they may do it on a monthly basis and then let everyone know what they gave that year. I'm not sure because I haven't sat down and talked to him about that. He had both the Dons Dawn and Dawn Dawn nailed on down. We're cutting hair at Mary's



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Yes. I didn't want my hair quite that short. To make that.



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They raised \$220 Yeah, good haircuts. I want to also congratulate Stan Harrell, he is the newest titleholder I'm not seeing where he's from on here. But he is. He won Mr. Gulf Coast. bootblack



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he had the Cut. He had a he went and had his hair cut by one of the dogs. He had it completely cut off. He has no bald Whoa. Yep. That's you know I did that. Guys did that. I did that it was a scene. It was it was a fantasy.



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Whoa. I did find out that several people are doing it several bars are doing food. venture in is doing a Labor Day cookout on Sunday, August 31. Oh, cool six until they're serving. So it doesn't guess BB guest bartenders are THE COLT 40 fives and a Colt 45 show at eight o'clock. Now I saw bricks. Are they doing food there is doing food on Labor Day. On that Monday. Yeah. So you can do the hot dog and and stuff over at Brix?



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Is that what they're doing is hot dog. Yeah. Well, that's cool. That's cool. I know you were saying the BRB is doing something



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and the BRB is doing something on Sunday is



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and you were saying chances are Wait



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a minute. Here we go. Oh, Monday. No, no. Bar. The BRB is doing free date light Labor Day barbecue buffet. Oh, cool. Monday, September 1 2pm. And you know, they always have a show. Oh, Jackie Thorne is doing the show. Cool. And the peak is the PWA holiday charities present. We have arrived. Jackie hasn't decided yet whether she's going to be running for Empress. So I don't know. Maybe this show is, you know, help her make up her mind.



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Who do you think is going to run?



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No idea? I'm not I don't know the court. People with the court on a on a real personal basis. You know, I have great respect for the court. Oh, yeah. For the work that they do. And I you know, I try to get to as many court shows as I can.



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It's it's been a pretty slow wait on what's going on here? What do you think about this guy in New York, this Haitian immigrant that is bizarre.



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That has just undermined it. Everybody's everybody's faith in the police with this?



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Because this isn't a this is just a cruelty situation. It has nothing to do with as well. It has nothing to do with gay sad.



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No, it has nothing to do with restraining or anything like this. This This is torture and cruelty.



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So the man is probably going to have to wear bags, cloth and urine bags for the rest of his life with



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no, I did not know that.



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What are you reading there?



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Oh, all kinds of different things. Lovecraft is a bar that's over on 406 Barco it's not necessarily a gay bar. But it's an alternative bar. You know, you're gonna have gay skinheads. You're gonna have goth folk, right? You're gonna have ska folks. And I'm Sunday nights. One of our own here rad. Richard does Scott's Sundays from 10pm till 3am. So you can hear Scott and reggae music? And scooters and mods are welcome.



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What is that? Exactly? Scooter in law?



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I don't know. Oh,



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forget it. Forget it. Forget I said anything? Yeah. No, but that was that's just an amazing little thing that's going off in New York, or the last event or when I'm talking about Omaha, Nebraska. I was doing a workshop on Hanbali. Yes. And somebody brought that up what we

thought about that? And of course, our immediate response was, Well, you know, there there are two totally different aspects, you need to look at that situation at number one that was not a consensual situation, not at all. And number two, they were not they didn't care about that person's. They didn't care about this Haitian immigrants failing for or whether he wanted it or not, not even close. And it's so rare at this day and age for something like that to happen. And in an s&m scene. I'm not saying it doesn't. I wouldn't do something like that. The idea of sticking a plunger up somebody's reran just really doesn't appeal to me. But they're there to test their abilities. They could do that alone.



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Yeah, I mean, there are still those are other things that or that are made for that. And if they, you know, want to extend their boundaries in that manner.



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Oh, yeah. See, but there are amazing things like that happen all over the country last year there was a straight couple from Canada, that there are it was either Canada or New York. But they were trying to take away their children. And they Yes, yes, they may have taken away their



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jobs. They lost everything they owned for lawyers fees just to try to keep their children. And I don't I don't know that they did.



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Yeah. I don't know that they did, either. The thing is, is that when they did psychological tests on these children, there was no signs of abuse. No, there were no signs that they had been either no sexual or physical abuse at all, or mental abuse.



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And no, and this is one of the reasons that straight people are so in the closet about leather.



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They didn't even know their children really had no idea. Actually, now their children probably know more than they needed to know. Yes. Because because that's too soon. Yeah, because of exactly what you were talking about earlier with how far the press will go. And a lot of that had to do



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with ignorance, and the way it's portrayed.



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I know that the couple got a lot of help from the s&m community with their lawyers fees. We did. There were people all over the country, they did fundraisers for them to help them raise money. And



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and I'll bet the gay community probably contributed more. Because the s&m can straight, s&m community is so close, they're not going to, they're not going to fundraiser,



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a majority of a majority of the straight leather community is not going to get involved, for fear that the same thing was sure to them.



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Sure. So,



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and we lose, we're used to losing stuff. So we get involved at the drop of a hat. And I've always, I've always, when I've been talking to the people I do the seminars with, and the people that I do a lot of my fundraisers with, and so on, that it's important for us not only just to do things for our community, or the people that we think that are in our community, because we have to realize when you're doing stuff on a community basis, you should be doing it. For every brother and sister you have out there, you got it, whether they're gay, straight, black, white, Hispanic, whatever,



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that's what I like about the leather community, there's no gay straight know, you know, for the most part,



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we, you know, we're fighting for something, I've always said, This, in the past, on the show, we're fighting for human civil rights, everybody should be treated the same, regardless of their

sexual sexual orientation, with the color of their skin, the you know, whether they're male or female, it shouldn't matter. So anytime when something has to do with rights, and you know, especially with the leather community, not only being turned away from by the, the basics, you know, straight community, we had to deal with the fact that even our own, our own brothers and sisters, people that are dealing with being gay, didn't understand. So a majority of the people in the leather community are or have no problem helping. And I think, in order for people to get a positive outlook on our lives, that it's not bad for us to do things that don't generally just affect our community, right? Go outside of your community, get involved in, you know, whatever you can, even if it's going to an event that is outside of our community, and supporting another gay community. So you know, me and my other half were talking about the other day that you know, we live over by the University of Houston, we just bought a house there. And we were just talking about Dawn recycled aluminum cans. And we were talking about going and dropping off aluminum cans to our school. There's a school right there in our neighborhood, which would not affect us at all, because we don't have kids that go to that school. Never will, but it will help them but it will help our neighborhoods. And a lot of people a lot of people honestly believe that. We're not we don't really care about everyone else's rights that we want something extra now and so far from the truth. Yeah.



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I would just like to have the same rights everyone else has. That's, that's it.



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You know, there may be a few people out there who are a bit greedy You'd want more, but they'd have been that way. Anyway.



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That's right. That's anywhere, anywhere, anywhere, anywhere. But I want I don't want to let a week go by that I don't talk about. A nice Parker. Yes, these parks are running for city council.



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This is great.



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Now she could use some help. Yes, she could, if you want to put out signs, if you want to stuff envelopes, if you want to talk to folks on the phone, all you do need to do is given a recall.



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Is there a number with this somewhere? There's not on here, maybe on page 15?



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The number is 5217338. That's the one. So if that's your campaign from time,



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yep. That's something that is for where they cause we always say we want representation.



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And and I think a nice is the one. She has been in the community. She's worked with not just the gay community, but other communities. She's been a police liaison. She has just been there. When anybody had a problem or a question. She has been there for the community for years and years and years. She knows how the system works. He knows how politics works. And she's going to be there for us.



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No, it would also be a perfect opportunity for people to get to know how she does things. Yeah, if you if you really don't know that much about her perfect way to get to know if we're going to have the type of representative representation that we'd like for her to give. Or if you're just not sure if you're a straight person out there want to know what we're trying to do here. The best way to solve any of your questions or have any a mansard is to go to one of these things,



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you know, and she would proudly represent the community and and you know, as the first openly gay or lesbian official in the city, I think she would be a great representative of the community.



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That's cool. That is very, very cool.



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And so she's not going to get elected on solely the gay vote.



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No, she's not.



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We have to talk our straight friends into voting for a nice.



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And that's one reason why I was just saying a minute ago, a lot of people you should not judge this woman on the fact that she's gay. No. If you would just, you know, do a little bit of homework, read about some of the things she's done. See if she's really, really qualify, qualify, very qualified. And if she is, then you should vote for her for those reasons.



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She has been working in the system for many, many years for free. This is the opportunity to put her at the table and let her get paid for it.



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Yeah, because she's probably going to be there anyway.



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Yeah, that's right. That's right.



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She does she does strike me as a type of a woman that's just you know, not



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going to now get involved and at the time if you if you're wanting to do some volunteer work in that area, and you know, if you're, you're closeted and many of you out there are you can stuff envelopes, there's a lot of things that can be done behind the scenes. Oh, yeah, you don't you know, you don't have to be an act up person to get involved. Oh, no, no, not at all. No, not



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at all. Speaking of closets Yes. I found this little thing on this is cool.



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I brought her here. I love gay ziens and I was seeing if some of the half people were here tonight we're seeing if any of them were interested in doing maybe a show on scenes



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without actually is not a bad idea. But you know, first of all, I saw this and I read through it actually my friend read through it first. And then I got it Have you heard the new song out by Aqua? That Barbie world song? No. Yeah, she's a it's a Barbie song and this girl heard of it? It's it's cute song. Yeah, it's a cute song. Well, in here is the thing about Barbie it's Barbies gone bad. And it's a I guess it's a it's a interview with Barbie. But they have I guess closet as the magazine Barbie talks to closet. And the first thing is closet. Closet ask the question. Are the rumors true? You have injury you have a drinking problem. And Barbie answers you know a girl cannot let her hair down and have a little fun. Just because I go to a lesbian bars does not mean I A lesbian. Hmm, I don't understand how that had anything to do with drinking but okay. And then the next one is closet asked is the relationship with cat over? Wait, I'm sorry. I'll start again. The relationship with Kin over these years has been troublesome. Where do you both stand now? And Barbie answers? We're good friends. I have. I was the one who introduced him to Billy. They are now building a dream house in Key West. And the next one is are you happy Barbie and Barbie answers yes or no? Yes, my career is wonderful. And now I can't seem to keep a man in bed. And then the next question from closet is your new porno career seems to be going well. Anything you won't do Barbie. And Barbie says up to that I save that for kin. and cause it to the next one from clauses are you telling us that kid will be making porno movies and Barbie says you will have to let can tell you that. He did make a pilot with Jeff's truck with a dress tracker guy. But he couldn't walk for a week. I'll bet and then the last one is thank you Barbie for your time and good luck and she says You're welcome. Got a joint



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Barfi has gone bad. And we're all happy to hear



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it. Yeah, it's about time. You're speaking of this of can you know they have those new anatomically correct?



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I went to a party where somebody bought two of them.



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Gifts you could almost use what he has is a sex toy. Tell me. It's I mean it. It's really big. It's like one of those named Jobert. That's



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right. It's like somebody. I read an interview with the guy who designed the doll. Who said if if this if this Billy were life size, he would not have a free moment. Be 18 inches long.



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Oh, yeah, that's about right. That's about right. Yeah, it gets me though. It's like he's got no neck. Well, but I guess you know, if they had 18 inches, you wouldn't be looking at their neck.



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No. It's funny you say that because I didn't even notice.



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Okay. Okay. Make sense to me. I probably actually I think I had to look at it a couple of times before I decided to make was to be.



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I was in fact, I was at Lobos last Sunday. saw the dolls there. Also, I talked with Frank parsley for a while. He have the fabulous refrigerator. Magnet photos.



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Oh, those are good. The ones they have. Are they the same ones that they haven't leather by booth. Yep.



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Those are good. He's got my new ones out.



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My friend likes the one with the light beer.



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I have. Frank knew that man. Personally,



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I think I may know that man. It's Hey, they get together. You could have thought you had too long necks, right?



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I know. Gosh, well, anyway, he has some some new new ones out and cards, greeting cards too. Those are original photographs that are on the cards. And he signs them personally. So I mean, it's like original artwork.



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And the photography is good to there. It's it I think, are they flowers and Mardi Gras. Yeah, that was a picture of southern decadence and Mardi Gras. Okay, yeah. Because beads are involved. Yeah, could people Yeah, we know it's New Orleans. Either that or it's a Folsom Street Fair in San Francisco.



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But his photography is excellent. He also does flowers and buildings and things like that. But you know, they don't sell quite know the other things don't know. So the magnets are a biggie but the cards are there to cards are beautiful. I collect cards so I've got a lot of his stuff. He also has new this time, I believe is the, you know, the this the curb, along the curbs at the corners where it says like West time. Yes. He's got Westheimer and he's got Montrose, one of each in cards in a photograph. And in the cards and the Mac. Oh, that's cool. Yeah. That is becoming very rare. And every time they put in a new and new new RAM, it goes away. It's gone and they're not making anymore so



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I'd love to get my hands on one of those curves. To get upset if I wouldn't cut one out probably would probably you're gonna find a Montrose or Westheimer one is still intact. I don't think you will probably not with all the tiles in it near April. When are you now? There



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are two things coming up in the next next couple of months in September, September 20 at the Houston women's Festival,



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and where we said. Well, this is

and whereas he said, well, this is



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at garden in the heights. Oh, cool. That's that's where the, the after the pride day Yeah, thing was, yeah. At 3926 wagon. Now this is open to all it's the women's festival. And the the entertainment is fabulous. Linda Lou Lesley would therapy sisters, Diana Jones, our own Diana Jones from Austin. Cowboys nightmare. Jamie Anderson and zoo Raizy that we've played, and I'll be playing crazy in just a little bit as we go out. And National Coming Out Day, which of course everyone knows is October 11. Yes, empower 97. It is a business gay and lesbian business seminar. Oh, cool. Going on. Yes. This is exciting. This is very, very exciting. And it's going on? Yeah, here's the brochure on it. Is there a date there? Yeah, October 11. October. Yes. For National Coming Out there.



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If you if you want to put ads in that they need to be in by August 15. They did give a number here. It's Eric at 713-523-2521. And you can get all the information you want. Yeah. Good from them. Yeah, they're also going to have boots. So that would be that's gonna be really



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cool. Yeah, it is. Two things to look forward to human. The Houston women's festival and empower. Oh, yeah. 97.



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That's been a busy mom. It's gonna be it's gonna be yes. Because Folsom Street fairs in September. In San Francisco, there are things going on everywhere.



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And September marks the this September marks the 10th anniversary of after hours. Oh, cool. This show started September 6 1987



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was almost a child. I was just noticing your Twinkie shirt. Yeah. That's cool. That's cool. I like there wouldn't be wherever I came like a label came with a label like that.



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So we'll be celebrating in our own little way all month long. Since there's so many co hosts, you know, we want to give everybody an opportunity to do whatever they want to do. You'll be back

KNOW, WE WANT TO GIVE EVERYBODY AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO WHATEVER THEY WANT TO DO. YOU'll BE BACK with us next month. For Saturday.



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Yes, of course. I'll be here. Are there five Saturdays and next? I always say yeah, it's last Saturday. Your mom did you know that always changes every time I think to myself, it's the last Saturday of the month. It's not I have a fifth.



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And that's okay. We're fluid around here. We can work around it. I kind of didn't you know because Peter and Connie had had to switch because Peter was going to have last week so I just did the fifth Saturday music show last Saturday who worked out I'm so glad that you know things come up people stop by they want to talk about this talk about that. So it all works out.



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It usually does. Just like just like so much of what we talked about tonight or



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Oh yeah. You've been listening to after hours career radio with attitude heard every Saturday night at midnight right here on KPFT Houston, and ke o s College Station. Coming up at the top of the hour will be the return of the sons of musical chairs with Billy Gilbert and Elmo and Randy. Right now you've got Jimmy Carper and John Bennett VTEs giving you the straight scoop. So to speak about the about the gay leather community.



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Oh, yeah.



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Straight skirt. Yes. And John's straight. John is fresh from Pacific.



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Oh, yes. As fresh as I can get.



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What was the crowd like tonight?



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It wasn't bad, considering like I said earlier, it's going to be a slow. So again, I think for everybody. It wasn't that bad.



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But still, if you're here in town, there's a lot of fun things have barbecues, free food on Saturday, on Sunday and on Monday yet at various places. If you didn't, if you don't remember what we told you about that. You can pick up that information in the voice map or even the twit. Yes. That stuff is available so until next week we'll see you have a good one



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until next month I'll see you