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Pacifica national programming daily recaps on analysis of the convention to stations across the US. Here's award winning broadcast journalist Larry Bensky who will also be back later with CO anchor hatachi Aziz, they homophobic



Larry Bensky 00:15

and anti feminist rhetoric of the Republican platform and some of the speakers here has an immediate effect both here in Houston and nationwide. All week long outside of the Astrodome, there have been demonstrations, some of which have become battles between progressive activists and the police. Meanwhile, all around Houston people have been defending abortion clinics under siege from representatives of Operation Rescue and other anti abortion forces. Joining us now from Los Angeles. He's here in Houston for the convention is Josh wells, one of the national spokespeople for act up the AIDS coalition to unleash power. Josh was in the middle of this some of those demonstrations that have taken place outside the Astrodome. What's been going on?



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Basically, act has come to Houston from all over the country to express our anger at the Republican Party for what we consider perpetrated genocide to people living with HIV and AIDS in this country. On Monday night, we had a rather large demonstration to the dome at the end of the Houston Police Department, without notification of disbursement or any warning whatsoever, charging the crowds on foot and on horseback. Several people were clubbed three were hospitalized, and there were six arrests. We have 12 active members in jail and \$48,000 bail for interrupting Jerry Falwell speech here in Houston.



Larry Bensky 01:37

There are very few out of the closet homosexuals represented among the Republican delegates.



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I personally have a problem with any gay or lesbian being a Republican. I basically the Republicans have called it open season on gays and lesbians, traditional so called Family valued being their big issue since they're so desperate and they have no others as a direct assault on gays and lesbians and people with AIDS in this country. And I think the AIDS activism, especially if this administration is reelected, is going to become much more aggressive. I myself am HIV positive, and want to live I want to have a life. You know, I find myself hitting my 30s now and thinking about wrapping everything up and just at a time where I should be kind of figuring everything out. And I'm extremely proud to be gay. I always have been and always will be and when I hear such disgusting things and such hate crimes coming out of the Republican Party, it swells inside me and I will continue to confront that.



Larry Bensky 02:36

Josh wells lives in Los Angeles and he is a national spokesperson for act up the AIDS coalition to unleash power.



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To many the concept of gay Republican is difficult to imagine. There is however a growing group of openly gay GOP supporters. They liked the party's economic ideas, they tend to view the family values agenda, which is inherently anti gay as a less important part of the party's overall agenda. And if enough of these gay Republicans come out in party circles, they could contribute to a radical change in the party's attitude toward gay and lesbian people. Marvin Wedeman has spent much of his life raising money for conservative causes. He's in Houston for the convention. For two years he has been open about his sexuality to be gay conservative Republican is not a contradiction. I am proud to be all three faiths as it is on the inherent rights of the individual over the state. The Republican Party should be the logical home for gay and lesbian Americans. It is not this year. He wants to envision a party that lives up to the often quoted Big Tent party of Lee Atwater in the 50s and 60s with the John Birch Society that attempted to take over the GOP. The purchase failed. For the sake and future of the Republican Party. I pray that the sanctimonious creatures of intolerance and bigotry masquerading under the banner of traditional family values will prevail. Nonetheless, the Marvin Neiman's of the Republican Party are rare occurrences at this occasion, the platform battles have fallen in favor of social conservatives, and it seems an unlikely place for more gay and lesbian delegates to come out. This is Shaun King and Gilson.



Larry Bensky 04:24

We're in Houston, Texas at the Republican Convention and we are joined by Frank Ricky Ozzy, one of only two gay delegates. He's actually an alternate delegate to the Republican convention. Frank comes to us from Sacramento, California, where he is Assistant Director of

the Department of Motor Vehicles. He's also executive director of the log cabin political action committee. The other night when Pat Buchanan was addressing the convention. Many of us are watching it even if we'd watched Pat Buchanan before. We're shocked by his vitriolic attack on Hillary Clinton for one but also on gays and lesbians in the United States and on Bill Clinton and Al Gore for supposedly representing the most pro lesbian, pro gay ticket in history. What was your reaction when you were watching Pat Buchanan speak.

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I was really angry because I knew that the Republican National Committee, as well as the president of United States had to have seen a copy of what he was going to say before he said it. For me, a leader in this country in particular, a president is an individual who should immediately stop anything that has the slightest veil of bigotry. That to me as a leader, and that is not what George Bush did. George Bush has sat down with people like a Beverly lay, a Lou Sheldon, a Jerry Falwell, and the rest of this so called evangelical movement and spoke for an hour on nothing but homosexuality, Milan cabinet, Republican clubs, there's 26 clubs throughout the country, gay Republicans are a significant factor within the Republican Party and many states have said to the President, we are loyal Republicans, we expect to be able to take that same hour that the other side had to sit down with you What is he said back they refuse to meet with us.

 Larry Bensky 06:12

Now as he just counting votes here, you know, Pat Robertson is claiming 20 million people, all of the evangelical Christian movement in the United States, even if that's exaggerated by a factor of two 10 million, that's a lot of votes.

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Let's go another route, just in the state of California. It's conservatively estimated that we have roughly about a million gay voters in the state out of 14 million. I that 1 million somewhere in the neighborhood of between 350 and 400,000 are gay Republicans. 40% of the gay population in California is registered Republican. George Bush carried California with a very weak opponent, Michael Dukakis by 310,000 votes. Log Cabin sits on its hands, George, you're dead meat on November. The third is log cabin going to sit on its hands log cabin is sitting on its hands. George Bush is not inside the big tent. We look at him and say you're not a good Republican. George, what are the images that you have that you can take back to the gay lesbian bisexual community about the Republican Party? I think what has happened is they have turned around and said, Here, here's all the rope you want, right wingers take it. But on November the third, if we go down to a crashing defeat, there's gonna be a lot of hanging. And there's gonna be a new direction in this party for 1996. And it will be exciting that the log cabin Republican club, the game Republicans will be part of this new movement to take back our party.

 Larry Bensky 07:40

Frank Rick vazar Thank you very much for joining us. He's an alternate delegate here to the

Thank Rick yazar thank you very much for joining us. He's an alternate delegate here to the Republican Convention, one of only two openly gay delegates here in Houston.

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We all best wishes for the day thanks for choosing this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. This week Cindy Friedman, Brian newness Kevin Costello, Eileen alfen dari Dahveed Mendell, Mark, VITAS, Derrick Ward, Larry Penske, Hitachi Aziz and Sean Keenan Gilson contributed program material. Thanks also to Mike alkaloid, Christopher David Trentham and Pacifica national programming.

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The Beatles and Amanda McBroom performed some of the music you heard and Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music.

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also love to hear from you with any comments, suggestions or questions you might have. Or just to let us know you're out there listening right to this way out post office box 38327 Los Angeles, California 90038. And please be sure to include the call letters of the station. This way I was produced by Lucia Chapelle and Greg Gordon and we thank you for listening on CFR Oh Vancouver KPFT Houston and W E are you Blue Hill falls among others. and for supporting this local community radio, stay tuned.

 Kay Harper 10:07

Well, that was this way out. And we've got a disgruntled Scott back here who got aced out, apparently from doing his little piece on the Republican convention. He was on there last week, they thought we we thought we were going to have a follow up piece and it didn't happen. Unfortunately, we seem to have developed a new piece to our format. You know, we do the opening, we do Q MC, we do an interview, we do this way out. And the last few weeks, we've been doing a memorial immediately after this way out. And unfortunately, this week, I'm continuing that tradition. Jeff Cochran, who was somebody I've known for, as long as I've been

out, which is five or six years, died on August 29, at omega house. And Jeff was just an incredible person musician. He was one of the founding members of the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston. He directed the Montrose singers for a little while, was very active in that group was very active in integrity, which is gay and lesbian Episcopalians. Just an incredible man, very, very friendly, very open. Did lots of electrical kinds of things because he he did a lot. He was an electrician. I guess that's what the proper terminology is. Always ready to help people who needed help. And so I want to play for him arratia off their wild CD, a song called piano song. That song sounds kind of familiar to me. Ah, yes.

J Jimmy Carper 12:10

Well, this is kind of strange. First of all, you're back with us after hours a continuing tradition on KPFT Houston. Yeah. And we are playing music from the very first show. As a matter of fact, that was music. The first song that was ever played on after hours.

K Kay Harper 12:32

The first song, the very first, who's breathing heavy and here he's breathing.

J Jimmy Carper 12:38

September 6 1987. When buddy, push those buttons, that was the first song that he played, and it has special significance to does it. He and Roger were lovers at the time. And then long time ago. Yeah, well, they're still roommates, and still the very best friends. Well, that's good. Yeah. And that was the song that was playing when they met at riches.

K Kay Harper 13:05

Oh, sweet. I didn't know that. Yeah,

J Jimmy Carper 13:09

plus, I think he played it for that reason. And plus, buddy's hero in life is Harvey Milk. Yeah, so that part of the show was not only playing a lot of Harvey Milk but looking for the next one. Yeah, we're still waiting for hero. Oh yeah. Absolutely.

K Kay Harper 13:36

God heavy breathing from the boys what an exciting night

J Jimmy Carper 13:40

well it's kind of funny me being a guest on after hours you know after so long. I know. It's weird,

isn't it evil you

K Kay Harper 13:49

got your your normal chair back. I'm sitting here like I'm supposed to be shorter and furry are a whole lot better on this board.

J Jimmy Carper 13:58

A that'll come in time. No problem. But I do have a whole selection of memories from the past that I want to play in the next hour. Oh, good. That's what you're around for what I'm around for tonight? Because this is our Happy Birthday. Five years. Yeah, that's coming up in about four and a half minutes. Four and a half minutes.

K Kay Harper 14:22

We're gonna do a countdown. Well, we're gonna get the people in the lobby to come sing Happy Birthday to us.

J Jimmy Carper 14:28

What I want to do pretty much is kind of start the show. The very first show right around two o'clock.

K Kay Harper 14:41

Oh, okay. Do you by any chance bring any clips of one I used to be on the show way back in

J Jimmy Carper 14:48

the day that remember that's when you were the dancing Tang. And Jeff Mackay over here was the blonde bombshell. I remember those days very well. He still was a bond bombshell as a matter of fact,

K Kay Harper 15:03

and my tongue dances on occasion. I'll have to ask Elon, yes. You will. Okay. Actually, I like my theme music. That was the best part of it. Whatever happened to that? I don't know. I can't find the album here. Oh, and I can't find my tape. That was the name of that group. The group's name was deuce,



J Jimmy Carper 15:26

deuce. That's right. Because I've got a piece of their music somewhere. I was looking for it the other day and I couldn't find it.

K Kay Harper 15:34

But I don't remember the name of my my theme music. It was not listed his case the music on the thing? Oh, well, that, you know, I don't know why they screwed on

J Jimmy Carper 15:44

theme I see. Okay, well, let's go to a couple of messages and we'll be right back with the very first show.

K Kay Harper 15:56

Okay, here we go. If you think queer nation is a bunch of radical queers, think again. We're doctors, lawyers, teachers, parents, politicians, students, and radical queers. Cree Nation is a group of people joining together to end discrimination in all its forms. Many people are interested in queer nation because queer nation addresses ideals and issues particular to them. Affinity Groups of queer nation include shop suburban homosexual Outreach Program, a program to be visibly queer places where lesbians and gays would not normally be visible. Pissed people with immune system disorders. That's why cue fine young queers United Colors of Queer Nation, Q patrol the eyes and ears of Montrose and many, many more. We meet Tuesday nights at 7:30pm 1505 Commonwealth in Nevada at the Montrose palace. For more information call 5292969.

B Buddy Johnston 16:56

Johnston what you're about to hear is the after hours program, which was broadcast on KPFT FM 90.1 in Houston, Texas, on September the sixth 1987 between the hours of 2am and 4am. The guest host in the studio with me that morning was Mary with the National march on Washington committee here in Houston 90.1 FM KPFT and Houston Steven Edwards were the and this is the new hour for musical curfew here in Houston. And we'll be back next week for marathon J Lee will be hosting my alternate and he also hosts Blake of coffee free blog there freely guy okay, I'm hosting his alternate next week we got a nice show coming up next and it's called after hours and it's gonna be a show that you'll really dig a lot so stay tuned for that 390 4.1 Sunday September the sixth that to me, it's coming your way. The show is called after hours it's radio celebrating life from the heart of the Montrose there'll be music and news Collins dedications and much much more. Sunday mornings from two to 4am beginning September the sixth and it's right here on listener supported the cynical radio can be empty 90.1 FM where else putting Houston Orioles but the Montrose and where else but on the listener supported Pacifica radio. Join us Sunday morning September the sixth at 2am. For radios celebrating life from the heart of the Montrose after hours Morning his son, it's 207 My name is muddy the show's called after hours is radios celebrating live from the heart of the Montrose. And we're glad that you're with us. Good morning, Mary. Mary's with the March on

Washington, and we're going to be telling you all about that later on. So what do we do now? Married push a button. Push a button. We're in control now. Hi, this is Kevin. This is Ron. And we're for like gay and lesbian switchboard Houston. And you're listening to after hours on KPFT Houston.

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 Buddy Johnston 21:55

Well marry, that's it. This is Whitney Houston. 207. And we want to dance. So pull up your car windows, turn the music. Let's see what happens for the next two hours because this is after hours on TPMT. strikes. Whitney Houston, she's coming to Houston and she marries you Sarah, Whitney Houston. Coming to Houston. She's coming to Houston, are the show's called after hours. We've got a lot planned for you for the next two hours at 230. Every week we're going to do a thing called before stonewalled. You know what that means, Mary. That means we're going to play something. Well, that you would have heard before Stonewall, we got a song tonight from 1936. That's going to be kind of fun. At three o'clock. We've got news coming from the gay community sports coming from the gay community. Yes, there is sports in Montrose and our resident sports directors kind of tell you all about that. You got a community bulletin board all the community churches and gay churches in the Montrose area going to be represented on that. What else is gonna happen at 230? We already said 230, didn't we? Yeah, my poor little hearts just going pitter patter pitter patter pitter patter. At 330. There we go. 330. At 330, we're going to have a segment called Star scope, or Astro scope. I think our resident psychic is going to come in and tell you all about what's happening. In the meantime, we're going to be talking about the March on Washington and playing some music for me, we hope you enjoy that. And I've been thinking about what to say all day, and there's only one I only one thing I can say Mary. Do you remember when you were a little kid and used to play that game? Come out, come out wherever you are. That's what we want to say to the gay community this morning. You've got something to be proud of. We're good people were decent people. Were people that they have right next door and we're going to talk about the March on Washington coming up October the 11th 12th. And let's get back to some music. I'm getting excited about the March.

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Hi, this is Scott. It's a beautiful morning in Montrose out walking around seeing all the nice people. And you're listening to after hours on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM

 Kay Harper 25:36

Well, that was kind of interesting. I liked the fact that that he never did bother to change his co hosts name even though several people warned that seat between you and her.

- J** Jimmy Carper 25:49
I know. For years people thought, or called me, Mary, cos he I guess he got got that the first night and stuck with it. Yeah, it wasn't sitting in this chair. It was gonna be married.
- K** Kay Harper 26:05
Aren't you glad I don't call everybody, Jeff.
- J** Jimmy Carper 26:09
Yes. Matter of fact, since
- K** Kay Harper 26:12
since that's the people, the person who sits in the chair for me.
- J** Jimmy Carper 26:17
Anyway. I didn't get any takers on that. That was the very first show.
- K** Kay Harper 26:26
Yeah. And Kevin and Ron were the ones who first uttered the gnl words.
- J** Jimmy Carper 26:33
Yeah, that's that's kind of funny. I never quite understood that. But it was it was sort of like a spell was broken. When buddy played that, that promo for the switchboard, and the G and L Word. were spoken. And there we go. Yeah.
- K** Kay Harper 26:53
I considered asking Kevin to come come in and see us tonight, just because he had been the first.
- J** Jimmy Carper 26:59
We traditionally have Ron on next week for the anniversary of the first guests. The second show. Yeah. Yeah. I haven't talked with him yet. So

K Kay Harper 27:13
expect a phone call?

J Jimmy Carper 27:14
I think he should he knows that. Hey, this time of year, he's the guest on after hours.

K Kay Harper 27:21
Well, you know, you always it's like, transferring birthdays in your date book for the next year? Well, right. September 6, is after hours anniversary, the show closest to the next week? Yeah. The closest to the 13th. I have to plan on being there. Okay, so we're on your forewarned, okay, I've got another piece of tape, you've got another piece of tape, you've got lots of tape. I've seen your house Ah,

J Jimmy Carper 27:47
well, over the years, but he did so many things that were my favorites. It was really hard. Hard to choose,

K Kay Harper 27:57
which time he was asking for short for a man.

J Jimmy Carper 28:00
Really, in going through a lot of the past shows I thought, you know, there's no way that I can do a representation of five hours of after hours in one hour. So, five hours of after five years

K Kay Harper 28:17
of after hours, he's gonna say there was more content to it than just five hours were

J Jimmy Carper 28:23
five years of after hours in one hour. So I pick my favorites. Hahaha. And we've kind of been kicking around the idea of doing maybe a little 510 minute piece each week. This was after hours two years ago, three years ago.

K Kay Harper 28:43

This is what happens when I miss meetings. That's right. Say,

J Jimmy Carper 28:47

Oh, get me. So we've been kind of kicking that idea around. Okay, B works for twit Hey, what the hell?

K Kay Harper 28:55

That's true. They do finit fill up a whole page. Well, actually,

J Jimmy Carper 28:59

they don't do it every week anymore. They do it once or twice a month. Which maybe what we ended up doing Hey, you know, that's kind of work. Yeah, but anyway, this next piece that I've got is one of my all time favorites. Those of you who have been listening in since the very beginning here tonight at midnight. Know that we did our 9092 After hours of continuing tradition opening. And right after that we did after hours radio celebrating life in the heart of Montrose opening.

K Kay Harper 29:38

See a continuing tradition is easier to say than radio celebrating life in the heart of Montrose.

J Jimmy Carper 29:43

Well, you say that that's that was buddy's baby. And I thought Harvey was his baby. Well, that's true, but I mean, that's something that that buddy originated and when he left I just didn't feel right, continuing that. So we came up With the phrase, a continuing tradition that I thought fit very well, yeah. Anyway, you heard the old opening. And every once in a while once a year, buddy would set aside some time and explain all of those little pieces that you heard in the very opening, you know, all those little clips and who said them and what was going on at that time, the curl reciting when in fact, yeah, yeah. So I kind of got that piece of tape that I want to do now. It's a little bit on the long side, so we barely get to it. Okay, well,

K Kay Harper 30:40

I've got three buttons for it. Okay. Okay,

B Buddy Johnston 30:44

it changes. So that's what we're going to do this screaming that you hear in the background. I've always threatened to play this for four hours. I'm not saying anything else he has. That's

when I get real nervous. Wait a minute. It sounds better if you're listening to it under our theme music right. Listen to me if you don't like this. Play for now, right about there. Right about there is our cue to start something that comes to us from the National march on Washington, in Washington DC in 1987. Right, right. It was the second time that the gay and lesbian community took our movement to the streets of our nation's capitol. And boy, did they take it almost? I don't know over 750,000 Almost 800,000 people by the time we got finished, right,

 J Jimmy Carper 32:08

the official count was over 500,000. So

 B Buddy Johnston 32:14

this is this is the very first thing they said from the platform. And one of the reasons I like this is that our sister station KPFK, St. Lucia Chappelle and Greg Gordon to Washington to anchor this March because specific radio carried it for five, Count 512345 hours. While you're looking for it on CNN and CBS and ABC and NBC. It wasn't there, girl, five hours. So that's right here on Pacifica. They did the what people Goldberg thing will be Goldberg said the F word. Whoa. She talked about the president. And it was live and everybody went oops. But anyway, we use that because of what said and I guess I'll let them say it for you. To give you the idea. The theme for the march was for love for life. We're not going to that kind of goes like this. Remember, this is the first thing they said on stage to a crowd of over 750 800,000 people the largest March of any, any the largest March ever in the history of our country. It's really something that you should be proud of. And trust me when 1000s and 1000s and 1000s and 1000s of gay and lesbian people standing in the Capitol Mall heard this their blood boil

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I think that's Robin Tyler on the stage. The cat for lover for life. We're not going back.

 B Buddy Johnston 34:01

See that was losing Chappelle. She thought it was Robin Tyler Oh it was a well known comic Yeah, because they were back behind the stage like radio people are I never knew that was Lucia and she couldn't see that it wasn't from Lucia Chappelle every time I see her says please cut me out of that tape. Because she's been telling that awful lie from us for years but then the tape continues disease so yeah,

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As a