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Oh yes, it's time for big Roy and Chris with the after hours news and views.



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You mean we got some views? Yeah. Welcome everyone to this week's edition outdoors news and views and want to give a shout out there to Randy way down there in Beaumont, Tony up there and Midway. And to all of our other listeners scattered in the far flung reaches of our KPFT. We've got more than just our captive listening audience we actually have actual Well, there's only ones that write to you. Eddie Ray did I was our lead story tonight is going to be wild the upcoming primary elections and what it means to gay and lesbian people. While it is true that, for all practical purposes, the presidential primaries are a foregone conclusion. George Bush with Republicans Al Gore with the Democratic side. There's a lot of other issues on the print on this coming Tuesday's primary ballot. Plus, there's a lot of other candidates and other races that are involved in there. And for such things as precinct Council judges, state representatives, state senators, US congress people



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even as simple as Justice of the Peace for us out in the suburbs.



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So folks, please do not think that just because Bill Bradley or our what's his name, Republican



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edge, as with McCain,



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McCain, right, Arizona, just because those who have dropped out, does not mean that your participation in this upcoming primary election is not important. It is very crucial. Going along with that. Going along with that. There is after the elections after you, after the polls closed at 7pm. On Tuesday, two different primary, different political parties are going to have a caucus meeting in their different precinct areas. And if you voted into the Democratic primary, you will go to the Democratic precinct caucus, if you voted in a Republican primary, you're going to go to the Republican precinct caucus, if we voted in a libertarian primary or some other political, I don't think they



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have a primary and libertarian, whatever, they just throw out their sacrificial lamb and go from there. They don't go through the primary functions.



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At any rate. After that, you have your precinct caucus conventions in which issues that are important, locally, are brought up. These are issues that are going to be put in on the upcoming election in November. But before that, during the COC during the primary caucus, the local precinct caucus, they also decide who's going to go to the county caucus convention. From there you go to the state, Democratic or Republican caucus convention, from there, you choose who's going to go to the national conventions, and in addition to electing delegates is also that's starting at the grassroots level at the precinct level. That's where the party planks, the party platforms are formulated. So there are many issues. And this coming election is very important because the presidential race is going to be very important to the gay community, because the very next president is going to be appointing about four more, or four new Supreme Court justices. And we have a chance here to either move forward into the 21st century or throw ourselves back into the stone age. You know, the big ugly days.



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Did I also read that on the Republican primary ballot only? There's a non binding referendum on leave it was gay marriage.



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Yes, that's correct. It's a non binding referendum. inhibiting gay marriages



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at a local kind of DOMA for them just to test the waters



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a local. The local version of the California is prop 22. And in the forefront of all this is a Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus. Contrary to what people may think it is not a Democratic, controlled or a Democratic Party. Organization, it is a nonpartisan, we do have Republicans, we have socialists, we have libertarians, we have people from all kinds of different groups. Right now we have a mailing list of over 18,000 people, but 600 registered members. And our new President of the caucus, Shawn Carter hopes to increase membership by over 1000 By the end of his term, and he hopes that and it's my hope, too, that many of these new members who are repelled Republicans, be of the Republican persuasion, the Republican belief



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or at least maybe a little bit of a lean to the left there to



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lean to the right, right, I'm sorry, oops, I love them. If there was only one, bass backwards.



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That's just to give a little bit more of a flavor of different opinion. I mean, you need one side to go against the other side to have that little bit of a raucousness.



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And, you know, for instance, people think that the caucus, we only endorse Democratic candidates, well, that's not true. We send out, we send out questionnaires and invitations to everybody to screen with us to for our endorsement. The only people who get our endorsement are those who respond, and come and screen with us. I will give you an example for Harris County school trustee. And I was a member of the screening committee, John Buchanan, who is a Republican, and he's going for the at large position number three of the Harris County school trustee. Democrats just did not have what we felt they just wouldn't be right. The Democrats didn't have the the knowledge, the understanding, it wasn't necessarily that the Republican was gay, friendly. But Republican was just more knowledgeable about education. And what we really wanted was somebody who was strong on education and educational, so that our kids really can learn some so that we don't have kids graduating from high school who can't locate the United States on a blind map. You know, we try to do something about saying that for the governorship, you know, contrary to a lot of people think there are a lot of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered parents whose kids attend school. Now, in addition to that, we also have election judges. And the Harris County Democratic Party needs election judges to run elections all over the place. And you actually get paid for this, you get paid a minimum wage of \$5.15 an hour. Yeah, and what the election judge does is, you know, that's person you show up to vote, you show me your, your little voter card, and they make you sign your name, you know, on a big old book, and all that sort of stuff. And you can show your driver's license, if you don't have your, you don't have your voter ID card with you. And that could be you sitting there behind the desk, and the polls open at 7am. So it's gonna be like a 12 hour shift. Also, you can also get extra money by running supplies to and from the voting booth. For more information,

contact Francisco Sanchez, at 713-943-8212. And he will get you all set up. Also, there's going to be training for websites for Democrats, and you can email training for training at websites for democrats.com and they will send you more information on getting involved on the precinct level. Now talking about elections. We the Prize Committee has come up with who has won this year's election Yes, the



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Friday committee of Houston has announced the grand marshals for the 2000s Pride Parade. Over 350 individuals voted by mail ballot and by poll in the group of 20 nominees for female Grand Marshal Tory Williams, a staunch activist and supporter responsible for leading and founding several area organizations. For male Grand Marshal Richard Weider Holt, owner and operator of basic brothers clothing store or and member of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, as well as many other support groups for honorary Grand Marshal. It was former bearing Memorial United Methodist Church and active pleat. PFLAG speaker, Don Sinclair. And for the Grand Marshal organizational is the people with AIDS coalition. grand marshals will provide over Houston's fourth nighttime Pride Parade on Westheimer on Saturday, June 24, at 9pm also there'll be at attending the pride kickoff party Friday, June 9, and various other pride events throughout the month of June. For more information on the 2000 Pride Parade, or other pride committee activities, call the pride line at 713-529-6979 or email at info at Pride houston.org



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And folks, these are the people that you voted for for pride marshals.



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And you'll be seeing them right at the beginning of the parade.



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Okay, now, the Houston game lesbian community center will host the St. Patrick's Day eve party on Thursday, March 16, from 630 to 930. Now there's a \$5 donation which will include entertainment and refreshments and will support the center. You can call the center at 713-524-3818 to buy tickets in advance and the center is located at 803 Hawthorne, Hawthorne at Stanford and talking about St. Patrick's Day parade. Folks, this is a first the First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will march in an alternative St. Patrick's Day parade this coming weekend that will include gay organizations I have never known the first lady of a sitting President to actually march in a gay parade never has. And what's gonna happen this time, the sponsor of the main March 17 St. Patrick's Day parade up Fifth Avenue in the hat and the ancient order of the Iberians has, for years refused to allow the Irish lesbian gay organization also known as Bill go to march under its own banner. Hillary Clinton who was running for senator from New York will march on this in this weekend's parade in Queens. I could



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I can say somebody just works out dandy does. Sure. And



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rest is Queen Mary of Scots,



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said campaign spokesman Howard Wilson. And while that's not a local news event, I think it is significant that the First Lady of a sitting president be marching in a gate parade. No kidding is very significant. I wanted to share that with you folks.



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I've been talking about how Monday night Dudley Saunders is going to be here in person and chances eight at 1100 West timer at eight o'clock pm and also another thing is happening Monday night the 13th is that the Houston Center for Independent Living invites you to register for our American Sign Language classes. And it begins March 13. And it runs through May the third that as that's at the Houston Center for Independent Living 7000 Regency square Boulevard Suite 160. I have a telephone number here of 713974 to 703. Cool,



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I didn't tell like your phone number. Hahaha.



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And don't forget tomorrow night, Sunday night, Sunday, Sunday, Sunday be at the BRB because you know every Sunday night the BRB is a charity show. What Shawn cooking up man, Shawn and Della. This week have a benefit for the Lean on me foundation show at 830.



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Well, I'd like to lean on Shawn. It was happening over the Counseling Center. Chris,



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for those who want to kiss little bit of the Blarney Oh my are bringing in the green on Friday, March 17 St. Patrick's Day.



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Speaking of Shawn Carter.



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I promise Shawn, we would we would plug this



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this is the bringing the green Montrose Counseling Center event. It's the 12th annual St. Patrick's Day celebration. It's from 530 to 8pm at 703 East Seventh Street donation to the doors \$25 There's entertainment by Jerry Atwood open bar on d'oeuvres, silent auction, complimentary valet parking. And the crew of Olympus will be celebrity bartenders Wow. The host for this event is Jerry Reeves and Jeff Brown, and that is benefiting once again, the Montrose Counseling Center. And if you wanna get more information, you can call them at 713-529-0037. And also I was able to attend a a cast party this evening. Oh, for love valour compassion. Yes, yes.



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Yes. The valor not vulgar, whatever as



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a you and that's it means English. Surprisingly, you don't know that. Where's that going? Is that the bends a new theater ah, and it's going to be from March 10 to April 15. Friday and Saturday nights and an eight o'clock performance and Sunday's a six o'clock performance?



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No, I know, Randy Job's in that.



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Yes. That's why I kind of snuck in over and saw and ah, and spoke with at the event. For reservations, you can call the Benvenuto theater at 713-426-2626. And it is located at 3722. Washington.



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And please be advised that there are adult situations and nudity in this production,



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which explains why I've actually seen the play before and I've rented the movie a couple of I broke my pause button this past week. Thank you did



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well, moving right along, folks in the late 1960s. Those of Jimmy's in my generation we had the real Woodstock and Nazis here corporate make believes that they have nowadays Yes. This time, there's going to be a gay type of Woodstock at the Millennium march on Washington. And folks, even though I know it's Human Rights Campaign, and all this sort of stuff. This is very significant that there be any quality rocks. And one of the things I wanted to bring out about in addition to everybody else, that's going to be there. Garth Brooks is signed up as being an entertainer. Isn't that incredible? This is a first time a mainstream country western singer who happens to be straight and has a very loving



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wife and a very lesbian sister. I know about his Okay, and she's in a she's in his band.



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And anyway, this is the first time a mainstream country western singer be coming out at a gay event. No kidding. Some of the other people that's going to be there is going to be Queen Latifah, George Michael, we can get him away from the restroom. I mean, bad shot boys and a few of the others. And so folks, if you're in that neighborhood, head on over there to the quality rocks concert, which is going to be on that Saturday, because that's really going to be something this is the first time that there's a major rock concert, gay rock concert, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender rock,



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actually, that's what's getting the people into Washington's this concert.



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Hey, whatever works, whatever brings them in. Okay, and what do you got on the men's net?



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And once again, stepping back to the Montrose Counseling Center. The men's network on March 14, that's Tuesday, we'll be discussing gay male spirituality, as condemnation of homosexuality been organized by organized religions stolen or reinforced our spirituality? How

does the gay or bisexual males experience spirituality differ from others? Join us in this discussion of spirituality as experienced by gay and bisexual men. We will also do some exercises designed to explore the possibility of reclaiming and renewing our spirituality. That is at the Montrose Counseling Center. 701. Richmond from seven to not 715 to 9pm. On Tuesday, March 14, part of the men's network



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folks, you heard of the RSVP vacation which people lease out an entire ocean going. Boat. Yeah, ocean liner. Sure. And it's always packed out, folks. Guess what there is now a gay airline. Former British Caledonian air stewardess has leased forward steward has leased four jets and will launch the world's first gay airline in April flying out of Manchester, England. I can't read the other one because there's a hole to the name. There's one of those computer holes, right? Sorry. Anyway, Freedom airways, 750, sevens and 760 sevens will fly to North Africa. Gran Canaria, Thailand, Indonesia, Burma, New Zealand, Australia, Florida and Los Angeles. And the companies and couplings in Sydney will be the rainbow flag. Ah, it founder is Martin Langham who's 34 and said the idea came to him when he was flying to Bali. And a stewardess told him to take his head off his lover's shoulder. And the source of this is from now Lockner news service. That same with



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the name of that new airline is going to be



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freedom airways freedom, freedom airways,



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I thought it'd be nice. We're gonna plug everything about it. Rather than just driving around the airport there. I mean, flying it to Manchester. Just driving around going. I think that's a rainbow flag up there, Henry. Yeah, let's go



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to North Africa, Africa, or Burma.



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Thailand apart on Rio, that's about



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the big game. Popular place. pinga, Pingu, boo. I can't say that name. Someone like Putin, don't try. I've never been there, folks. What else we



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got? Well, for those of you who wish to chat about I



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liked what you said out in the lobby about that. I forgive you forget how to talk to her.



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You're tired of talking dirty on AOL. We got a new way for you to talk to him. And may have to may be able to avoid the flaming from the conservatives. chat sessions about hand net or better yet the community issues is available at Houston gay web.com. You can go to http colon, slash slash Houston gay web.com/chat Anyone? Okay, signaling a touchdown.



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All right, I got one last story that I promised I would give them okay. I promised him again that I would talk about the community awareness, transgendered support what you just heard from the cats cats for short, and it's a peer led volunteer organization. You can reach them at 409-762-2243 or at 1-801-315-6764. You can send letters to cats at PO Box six to Galveston, Texas 77553. You can also contact cats on the website at hglelp@yahoo.com and folks don't forget about the upcoming unity banquet. And that's gonna be on



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April the eighth April the eighth is Chase Tilton.



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Right. And if you



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have the paper in front of them,



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talking about it in this last segment,



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they twisted my arm and made me promise that I would talk about it.



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We're going to talk about it every week until until April. And I



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have no contact info on here on who to call



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at houston_unity@hotmail.com



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Also, if you don't have a computer you're prejudiced against



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No, no, you can get a ticket from from any transgender member.



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Now, just like the Supreme Court, it's time to come to the 21st century. There you go. If you wish to send us any news information, story ideas, pictures, hate mail, anything.



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Chris. Chris always liked the pictures of the weekend.



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Especially now I'm having a look at my parents house. It's so much fun opening that mail. Oops, you can email us at after hours kpft@hotmail.com.



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And that's a wrap for this week's edition of macro resumes interviews for Chris Jimmy on big ROI. Catch you next week folks.



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Doug Stephens in the out band with you can probably pronounce it better than me. Last don't just Mexicanos. Candy. There you go something something very new from him on an EP called from Christopher to Castro. And that's it. This is the kind of a growing trend. There's a new group the lesbian and gay Country and Western Singers Association. So yes, yes, a lot. A lot more of these folks are coming out of the closet



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controlling if you go to like a place like BRB or something and you go to like a benefit show. We've got a lot of talent we do



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we do and singing in their own voice not doing right. Just limited thinking. Yeah, it's amazing the amount of talent we've got out there. And I'm



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glad we're making



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this where you're listening to after hours and Jimmy and Francisco Sanchez is here. I'm here. We're gonna go. Good. And you've got with you tonight as it gets special guest



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big Roy. Yeah. We just did our news and views segment is going to do I guess a retrospective Given a news event, he was at Stonewall. And he's going to share with us a little bit about what happened there. And Roy, he's got some wonderful background in terms of some of the stuff that we don't always talk about, or we may not always have a very good handle on in terms of, you know, the the type of folks that are still in law, and I guess he's got a very good sense of the role that the minority community has played in events like Stonewall and leading up after that. So,



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right. I know. For a long time people like to mention how that Stonewall people had this idea that Stonewall was a white male type event. And a lot of people in the community really were very prejudiced against a Hispanic. And to this day, there's a lot of people in this community that are very pregnant and bigoted against the transgender. The Stonewall Inn was not your proper club. It was a dive. Not just not only was it a dive, but people like myself. Back in 69, I was not a very nice person. I was a street hustler. And that was the kind of place where people like myself would go, I'm half Cuban and half Irish. There's a lot of Puerto Ricans, Cubans, Dominicans, who were there. And it was mostly hustlers of various races, and your ethnic minority and transgender and drag queens. And we're the ones who fought there. I was not actually inside the in when it got raided. I was crashed out on my boyfriend on my boyfriend's couch across the street in his apartment. And he was because I was spending the summer with him. He was getting ready to start his first year at Columbia University in New York, and so I was going to spend the summer with him. Say what an interesting summer that was.



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You, I guess mentioned I guess, the crowd I guess being rather eclectic. What? There's so many different accounts, I guess, when you read different accounts of Stonewall, you know what actually happened? And I mean, by some accounts, for example, out of the 200 people that were you know, taken out of the club, only about five were detained because they were transsexuals or transvestite is. I know you weren't there that night. But



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what sort of I was, I was out there on the street, within five minutes after it started,



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how many? How big was the transsexual like, clientele that



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it was probably a quarter of the other people that was there was was transsexual drag queens, and then transgendered. The difference here is drag queen is the male who dresses up for entertainment purposes, right? The others are 24/7. Right. And that's what we had there were those two groups, as well as the hustlers. And as far as the they were the main part of the, of the group that was getting arrested, they were the main from what I can remember, they were the at least one quarter to a half of what was present at the Stonewall Inn. That night. I remember seeing not four or five, but maybe 10 or 12 or more, being arrested and put into paddy wagons. What the NYPD would do to us a lot of times they would tell you to cross the street and go over and sending US law and as soon as you cross the street, you get a ticket for jaywalking. The cop there We ready with a ticket for jaywalking. I mean, it was all kinds of crazy games. If you were a man dressed up as a drag queen or transgender, you had to have a minimum of three items of gender appropriate clothing on that was the law. That was an actual

law. It was totally illegal to serve alcoholic beverage to known homosexuals in any club. That was a law in the state of New York. So it was all kinds of crazy stuff going on. And I'm not sure just how it started, but I'm not sure if somebody threw one of their high heels at a cop or some say it was a coke bottle. And I've heard that was a break put somebody through a high heel, and it bounced off one of the cops head. And that's when all stuff broke loose. I mean, I was there as that actually happened to come across my my boyfriend blocked my lover woke me up told me they they're reading the Stonewall again. So we went out to watch. But then summary through the high hill. And, and there you go. And there we go. And it didn't take long for crowds to really get going real big. The funny thing is that there was two different types of lesbians that were at that at Stonewall as well. You had your politically correct lesbian who kept trying to cause her to quiet down and don't don't get the cops upset. And then you had your your diehard Bulldog. You ready, you know, ready to take on and help us fight? And so it was a grassroots effort.



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Now, following up, I guess sort of on the lesbian community that was there. Were you there when I guess my understanding is that part of it also started when you know they were trying to get one of the lesbian patrons into a cop car who kept getting out of the car.



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Yeah, yeah, those were the tougher ones. One of them. I know personally, we used to call her mother Mary. She was six something 200 And some pounds. And she was she sometimes was the doorman at at the Stonewall. And she had this baseball bat to Louisville Slugger hustlers like myself. We were not always the nicest people to have around. Sometimes we cause fights, you know, and to take out that Louisville Slugger and she was. She kept on her mother Mary kept on her nap, please let me tell you. We will never forget Mother Mary. She got her name Mother Mary because she started doing being a doorman at the Stonewall Inn at the same time. The Beatle song in times of trouble mother, Mary watches over me when I first got released



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Let me hop in here because I think we need a little explanation. In 1969, the gay community was very, very different than it was now. And that the people who were out out of the closet in public were looked down upon by the most of the gay community quite despised, quite despised. Yes, if you were out of the class, that that means that all you could do was work in bars and things like that, and you were low life to the rest of the of the being out was not at something people did back in 1969. So this really was revolutionary. When when people stood up to the police.



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And I'm kind of curious, either I guess me, Jim, or, or you can answer I guess I'm curious what the community response knowing that what what it was after the race. I mean, there must have been a huge dialogue or controversy with community do we want to keep? Yeah

have been a huge dialogue or controversy with community as we want to keep. Yeah, protesting these raids, because it'd be quiet and hide out for a while. I mean, I



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know, unlike amped up, you know, we're a few, raise a lot of hell, that's what happened here. Because most of the people most of the gay community and lesbian community were like the magazine society who wanted to be like everybody else. And, you know, we're just like you and, and, and did not care at all for the folks who stood up.



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And I'll say this, though, too, is that I had been asked many times, if something like Stonewall could happen again today, and I say, I sincerely doubt it very much. You had to understand the whole political climate and where everybody's head was at at that time, we had the Vietnam War going on. So everybody was already in a state of protest. The year before we had the disastrous police riot in Chicago, which had at the Democratic Convention, which handed the presidential election to Richard Nixon. And people saw all over the country. They saw newsman getting yanked off of live TV by the Chicago Police getting beat up. I mean, this isn't I'm not making this up. People like to whitewash should now but this. It was a very radical time for both liberals and conservatives. I mean, we were quite literally butting heads. And for a whole year, I mean, there was this tension that was so thick, you could cut it with a knife in the air. Plus you take New York City. It's not like Houston is hot, it's humid, it's sticky. You have these huge tall buildings, you get maybe 10 minutes, 20 minutes of sunlight a day. And it is hot, the heat and humidity gets reflected off those buildings in the asphalt.



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And, and it's still hot at night, and it's hot, sticky



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at night, and you're just miserable, and you're on edge. And to top everything else off. Judy Garland had been buried earlier in the day and 1000s of us could even make like we were talking about earlier 1000s couldn't even make it to the, to her wake or funeral whatever. I was to stone, really I actually understand that earlier in the day. But it was just as whole people were ready. Plus, there had been these race riots going on. Because within that year, we had lost Dr. King, Bobby Kennedy. Few years earlier, we had lost President Kennedy and all this kind of stuff and all of our hope all of everything had been taken away. And when you take hope away, all that's left is anger. And we were ready to fight it as gay people we felt it was our it's now our time. And so that's why Stonewall blew up.



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You're and you're talking about you and you're talking about a very small minority actually, because in 1969 I was in I was right here in Houston. I didn't even hear of it. The riots at all.

Didn't know 20 years later, in 1989. I was new at this radio station. And I did an interview, a 30 minute interview and I would Ray Hill and I interviewed leading gay and lesbian leaders of this town. Every single one of them was closeted in 1969 6919 69 Every single one



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and welders people like myself. I was out of the closet because I had no choice. I lived on the street. I was a street hustler. I don't look like a look now. You know, I wore Daisy to cut off, you know, 501 jeans that were shrunk to fit. Flaming pink tank top shirt. You know. And I worked the streets, you know, and work the bars and always the Nelly ones. The hustlers the drag queens, we've always been at the frontline of the persecution.



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Because you were the most visible.



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And I think, as you pointed out before, Jim, how that we had nothing to lose. That's right. You didn't. So we had the most to gain by. We were not trying to start a gay revolution. We just wanted to get the cops off our back. We were sick and tired of if I had met you in a club and I wanted to go home with you. You ran the risk of if you so much, just give me a peck on the cheek. If i i could whip out an NYPD badge. I'm Vice You're under arrest on moral started with your picture, your name, your address, and where you work in the very next day's New York Daily News for all to see.



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Yes, going to a gay bar was very risky for anyone back then. How?



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And then like I said, it was a lot of it was a big chunk of the people better than better than 75% of the people were Hispanic or Hispanic. And to this day, they tried to make it white bread they did they try to bleach it out and make it like white hustlers. And now they're going in for White House. No, no, no, no,



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it was, especially in New York. It was not only human but lots of Puerto Rican



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Puerto Rican Cuban Americans and black men. Actually, only a few black Cubans involved Puerto Rico. Puerto Ricans, blacks had a hard time in New York City



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was Was that probably the was that a large percent of the clientele as well on any given day?



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Oh no. Well, yes and no, it's kind of difficult. You had a job to get good jobs or guys to John's, the John's who would, who did business with me. I had borough presidents, police captains, rabbis, priests, not me, but another guy named angel who was another Hustler, a good friend of mine. He had a couple of movies. I mean, we had business people who would dress down, but we'd have the big fancy stuff. We had record producers and newspaper editors and television people. We had the power people, but they were all closeted and that



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after Stonewall, what sort of relief was that? If any, for



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for folks that, okay. It was mostly oppression to stall, okay. The Stonewall Riots lasted for three days. Very first night of it, I lost a piece of my skull out there on Christmas Street.



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It was a relief, to get a lot of the tension out and to let people know how we felt but it wasn't enough. We that was the first time we really realized the powerful political potential that we had as a community as a united community with one focus. And, as a matter of fact, what a lot of people don't realize is that the very first gay pride parade took place a week after Stonewall. No, I didn't know that. It took place one week after Stonewall. And it wasn't so much of a commemoration of the riots as it was a commemoration of who we were. It wasn't until a year later that commemorating the Stonewall riots, became our gay pride parade.