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Jimmy Carper, Howard McHale, Michael Crawford, Scott Lewis



Howard McHale 00:04

So are you there? Sarah, are you there?



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Yeah, well, hey, what are you doing out there? Oh, well, we're we're busy in conference. And that's all we had to let you go. You know,



Howard McHale 00:14

that's okay. We understand. We've been having some heavy chatter out here.



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Oh, there's just, we're in a meeting. Yeah, that's right. You know, being activists, we have to keep busy.



Howard McHale 00:23

Hey, I've been there. Burning Down the Capitol.



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Well, not yet. They took away our matches. So we're gonna go to the bar and get a lighter.

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H Howard McHale 00:32

Hey, I tell. You have like those, those those those things that you throw darts at George Bush's face? Did that actually is it been there? How many people out there tonight?

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Well, right now? I don't know. Let me see one.

H Howard McHale 00:48

What's, what's going on with this?

J Jimmy Carper 00:52

Why are you at the big party or what? Ah, yeah.

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We're at a party at a fundraiser for LG ARL? Right. Yes. Right. Michael Crawford County put him on the line. Hello,

J Jimmy Carper 01:06

my. Great, great. How's it? How's it in Austin? What's going on?

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Well, right now we're at a fundraiser at Club by 404. Okay, this is the big one for LG ARL right, where it benefits not only out TRL, but also the Texas Human Rights Foundation are Yes. And some of the money is also being distributed to the political caucuses throughout the state.

J Jimmy Carper 01:27

And that is that is to start up political caucuses in smaller towns. Yeah, here. Okay.

H Howard McHale 01:33

Michael, how many people are expecting Austin this weekend?

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We're not quite sure. I mean, for judging from what we see here. I mean, it's one o'clock and we still have a long, long line of people waiting to get into the fundraiser. We're expecting 10s of 1000s of people at the march tomorrow. Hey,

 Howard McHale 01:49

where's the march started that know? What's gonna happen when it gets to the Capitol steps? I can't hear

 Jimmy Carper 01:54

you. Where does it start? Michael?

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It starts at our Palmer auditorium at noon.

 Howard McHale 02:00

What's gonna happen when it gets to the Capitol steps?

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All I know, is some kind of rally thing. I mean, to be perfectly honest, Sarah and I are not going to be marching. I kind of volunteered her and myself to help raise money for our Grl. So we're going to be begging for fun. But I do know that. I mean, I'm sure people have heard about the the trouble with the transgender community. Yes. Well, we are going to offer them a chance to speak to air their grievances. Oh, good. And there could be other speakers. You know, it should be a pretty good event. What we're expecting is that we think that we can get the hate crimes bill passed the Senate. The only problem will probably be in the house. Which of course is where Warren system comes into

 Howard McHale 02:44

the house is where they had all the problems with the six Yeah,

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with the sodomy laws. So what we're really encouraging people to do is to contact both their senators and their representatives and tell them that they support House Bill 165. Could be wrong, could be wrong setup setup. Could be wrong. Could be wrong, but just tell they should.

It's really important that you call up and say that you support the hate crime. So if you've been a victim of a hate crime and say that and make it a very personal handwritten kind of say, okay, okay, listen, thanks a lot for calling Miko, we appreciate it. Thank you. You're a beast.

 Jimmy Carper 03:24

And we'll be we'll be talking about your boy boy later on in the show. No, I was gonna ask about Oh, yes. I want to be pushy and rude. No, but the tapes are already on there. So there'll be hearing you and Scott later. Okay. Great. Thanks for calling. Thank you. Bye.

 Howard McHale 03:40

Yeah. Well, that was kind of fun. Austin connection, things are happening there. No, no, but I feel like I feel like I'm standing here. And there's this big Democratic Convention and I'm in the booths, you know, way above the floor of the convention. And I'm interviewing people can see balloons. I've seen balloons. It's my husband. Okay. Thank you, Michael out there. And Austin. For all of you who are sitting home right now. I hope tomorrow you're packing up and heading out to Austin and where they're going to push for the hates car. Isn't it terrible that they've just taken the hate crimes have taken like a backseat. And we're not actually out there fighting for all the rights we solely deserve.

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Okay, get in your car and go.

 Howard McHale 04:21

Yeah, I'll be gone. I'll be going to the ripcord at 130.

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Hey, yeah. Go and do it. Go. experience happened for you, whatever it might be.

 Howard McHale 04:34

Exactly. Now, let's talk about another experience. Mr. Griffith if you don't know, and I apologize because I said hospice and what Mr. Griffith does is he runs and operates an intermediate care residence for people with HIV and AIDS. What happens is that sir Jim, be fine. Mr. Jim, I don't know if any of you have. I'm sure there are people out there listening right Now who've come to a point where this is the last alternative for people and express express to our audience exactly what Stephens house is in your role in Stephens house.

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Well, I'm the Executive Director, though it's my Roth. I see those stripes are good but they also all the guys at the house by the way, is it okay on the radio to say hi to all the guys in the house because you're listening. And they call me Hazel because I you spend most of my time with the bleach bucket, man, but you don't look like the Siemens house is an intermediate care facility. Siemens has an intermediate care facility, which we really try and provide a home like environment, for people that are dealing with HIV AIDS. We want to address their physical and emotional, social, spiritual needs and yet preserve the dignity. Um, how I got involved in this was never say

 Howard McHale 06:00

ask, but go ahead. Oh, well, anyway.

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I was working, it's gonna be a rough, rough. It's gonna be rough, but I think it's really you lose. Anyway, why don't you pull this crap on me? I know you too. Well, I know we're both from Detroit. It's

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the I worked for the the major retreat kind of a thing, Northern Lights alternative

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mastery workshop. And I ran that for a couple of years and heard a lot of stories. I went from that. And I started working for firm doing congregationally based aids, respite care teams. And what I found was, a lot of people come out of acute care, and they can't go back to their own home. And they just there to acute care meaning hospitals 12 oaks, Park Plaza HCA wherever. And they they're, they're just too tired and bleak and too weak. I mean, let's face it, whenever you have a hospital, okay, if you came out for hysterectomy or a baby, you just you can either make a meal or eat it. But usually you can't do both. You don't have enough energy and time to change the sheets and do all the things that need to be done. And plus, you'd like to have somebody around. And a lot of times, people that have partners, or family or whatever, are working and trying to keep ends together and the person's home by themselves a lot. So this, I thought it'd be great to have this intermediate care level, something transitional in between where they could get out and be

 Howard McHale 07:25

okay, so no, what happens is that a person who has been afflicted with HIV or AIDS, they don't come there to die. Or do they?

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Not? No, not really. They don't not primarily. So although it's not about we've had some very, very sick people. And it's a chance for their friends and family to come and be there with them. And some have gone back to acute care, and indeed made their transition. Others have gone out and they've come they're gotten stronger, amassed some monies because you know how hard it is to get set up on your own. Again, when you have startup costs for utilities, lots of rent things they've been able because it's a free facility, they're able to save a little bit, and then get their own place and get going again,

 Howard McHale 08:16

let's let's mention that F word. Free. Yeah. Okay.

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If we're the F word, the F word free free. Your other F word. My other F

 Howard McHale 08:29

word. We're talking free here. Obviously, someone has to pay the bills. Yeah, I mean, the electricity has to stay on. Yeah, buddy has to come in from somewhere we

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were, we were fortunate enough to get a HOPWA grant to get us a lot. HOPWA how's the opportunities for PW A's. It's now shifting over to city. So we were fortunate enough to get some Hopper grants to get us going. We have a lot of donations from private investors, and people that saw this project and really wanted it to happen. And we apply for Ryan White monies and we hope we get some. And we'll again apply for other grants, but we're just I mean, somehow. I don't want to say this too loosely. But somehow, God made it all happen. I don't know how I mean, it was a dream I had. You didn't tell him what I really did. But so I kind of left to go,

 Howard McHale 09:24

but I did tell him. No, no, I'll leave it. Yeah, later. But anyway, I used to be a proctologist.

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No, no, no, not really. What was

 Howard McHale 09:36

 Howard McHale 09:50

your what's it like to have AIDS or HIV? And live in Houston? What kind of support do you get from the city? What kind of support do you get from this from the state? What kind of support you get from a fellow gay and lesbian people in this city? Is it a lonely isolated route?

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It can be if you're not connected within How can these people

 Howard McHale 09:58

who walk there feel Only they're isolated and lonely come to you. How can they get the services they need in this city,

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they need to call me 5225757 Which Stephens house number, write that down again, 5225757, Heinz 57 easy to remember, they need to call now send them an application, we do an interview process. And we see what happens. There's there's other facilities out there. There's casa, there's Omega house, we don't. And there's, there's lots of places for people to go. But there's not enough. And the interesting thing, you know, I think the the gay and lesbian community in the city, and people's friends and stuff, for the most part, not always, and not necessarily family, but their friends, stick with them. But the Houston community as such, I will have to agree, kind of with you on some on some of this. Because when I go to a national convention, they'll look at my name badge, and I go, Oh, you you're from Houston, huh? And they just look at you like you just don't do it right down there. But of course, you're talking with Pete from San Francisco, they've been doing it for a long while and doing it correctly. Well, it is true. I think all the people that are doing the different sorts of things like housing and transportation and, and case management and all the things they need to get together and sit down with one another and say, here's what I'm doing, here's what you're doing. And when I started this project, I said, you know, I'm not going to apply for monies for a van Red Cross this transportation, they do it really well. Why do I need a van to take my people anywhere? I need to be in concert with them. Is there any given the same case? Why instrument the case without the and I work real well with the people like firm care teams and with with PTB coalition AFH for case management, and there's lots of services, and it's just a matter of plugging and working and doing and shake. Is there

 Howard McHale 11:45

is there? Is there ever a time in your mind to your heart? Will you just say I can't do this anymore? I can't go on does do sometimes feel you're losing the battle?

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Well, in February, I'll have to admit, I buried two friends. The first week had four friends die within 14 days. I was a little tough. And at times you think you know but we've all been there

within 14 days, I was a little tough. And at times you think, you know, but we've all been there. And And just when I think like, God, yeah, this is really getting to be much. And that's what I used to do. Yeah, all of a sudden things kind of have a way of changing and God Buddha's and out here, what you call in some sort of higher power thing. I really think it does connect. And when I feel kind of all of a sudden, something will happen. And it all makes it all better. And it all does become okay, I don't know how to tell you that. And I don't know why. But it's been this project has gone and survived and moves. In fact, today is our first anniversary.

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Howard McHale 12:45

first anniversary. It's kind of you've taken such a large portion of your life and dedicated it all of all, you've dedicated your whole



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life. And I can afford to do that. Because, because why? Because why do you do it? Because well, first of



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all, the reason I do this thing is because I've done I've been doing this for six years here, and I find if I'm a monk, now it's out. Anyway, I'm a monk and I belong to a religion.



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of white girls for group thing. Not a big Catholic religion. You are a woman you hate it. Oh, my mother's Jewish in Africa, but you'll never you know. I don't have to



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hit the bricks and, and, you know, make all kinds of living and support my kids, I can do this. And so, six years ago, I got real tired of giving retreats. And so I said, Hey, I need to do this.

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Howard McHale 13:39

I just tired of the crap. It's frustrating at times, what do you what do you think would make this whole mess easier? What do



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you think everybody involved in HIV service communities sitting down together and working together under an umbrella to make it easier?

 Howard McHale 13:58

Does this city suck? No. No. Okay. Does it work? It can does it just works a little harder as they work in this town.

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Yeah, yeah. Yeah. Yeah. It takes a little more urging than it would in San Francisco, New York, where I have a lot of friends to do some of the same things.

 Howard McHale 14:17

Do you think the gay and lesbian community like community like Allen spoke about? Do you think they're really too conservative? Or do you think they're just they just don't know? What's wrong with the gay community? And

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he's still got I don't know. I have all I can track up to keep Stephens house floating and making it happen and make it oh, I

 Howard McHale 14:34

put you on the hot seat.

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No, I think I think it's a great potential

 Howard McHale 14:40

possibility. How many beds in Stephens house

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right now in this particular facility, and I'm really glad you asked me that. Right now, in this particular facility. I've learned a lot doing this for a year. I don't ever want to double anybody up. So I could do four, but I'm only going to do three because I have three bedrooms. Okay, my dream right now. Oh, yeah. Yes, yes right now I want we're looking for housing as a matter of fact so if anybody out there knows that leads I can find we have a little money not a lot. But I'd love to find his a white knight who would like to make an investment and buy me a five six bedroom house with a number of bathrooms because I want to integrate women in this Okay,

 Howard McHale 15:16
so why can't the state provide this space? Like

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this state? The state the cow, I can if I if I deal

 Howard McHale 15:23
with her? Is it gonna take 5 million gay or 5 million people now straight and gay to die this disease in the city for someone to wake up?

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Now, we've already had an awful lot of something

 Howard McHale 15:35
is something needed that we're not getting from from our government. Is there something that's missing? That's not coming through to this? Is this is this perceived as a gay and lesbian disease? A gay disease?

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I think it's getting a lot better because of the so many women, because that's the greatest percentage of increase right now.

 Howard McHale 15:54
What do you think is actually going to change to where people are falling into go? Pow. This something's gotta be done. For for Joe Blow at the rodeo last of what, two months ago? He's gonna sit back on his riding Bronco and go, You know what? Something's wrong here. What do you think it's going to take to hit that guy in the head?

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What is going to take is just, ah, you're getting close sister when this touches you very personally. That's when it's going to click

 Howard McHale 16:22
What do you think a government's going to wake up?

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With the crowd that's in right now. It's scary. And it's real scary because we know we're probably gonna lose a lot of Ryan White money. We're probably going to hop on grants are going to go to states and they're going to be an that can

 Howard McHale 16:37
Is it a Republican kind of thing?

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Kind of a thing, but I just think it's going to be really tough mess Ryan White, or five years are up and whether it gets refunded or not. It's going to be a big question. Whether the hopple monies are going to end up being block grants in the States. It's going to be tough on a political sense to sum everything go to private funding. That's what I wanted. And

 Howard McHale 17:00
of course, you're always seeking donations. Always give that phone number one more time for

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cash. Oh,

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not for cash. But I mean, volunteers here is cash. Sheets. 25 inch

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TV. Come on a house a little Austin.

 Howard McHale 17:17
Go and spend 40 Nights \$40 A night on a Friday and Saturday. You can give some time and get some valuable resources to Stevens house.



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Well, the thing is, we're small and we're new. We don't have the history that omega Casa so am I and



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you may be small but you're not new baby.



Howard McHale 17:38

with a straight face.



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I watched you at Mentos in Detroit any anyway the speaking of men Joe's baking Avenger.



Howard McHale 17:47

Does anyone know about men Joe's out there? I know it's a short show tonight. So but but if you want to call



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it anybody in this in this whole city listening to this particular program knows anything about men Joe's gonna buy you a cactus. I bet you're a Go Go boy, there was word you with this body? You surely you are toboggan run. Oh, toboggan runs.



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Listen, never really we could use we could use really volunteers. There's a lot of things we could really use. And if anybody has, or wants to serve or wants to be part of something new and innovative and creative and starting up. Give me a call. My name is Jim Griffith. 5225757.



Howard McHale 18:27

And for anyone out there who wants a date with me by phone Listen, jump



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what if you want to do with him

SHOT IF YOU WANT TO GO WITH MIAMI.

H Howard McHale 18:36

I love tonight serious. It's been i Miss Scott, and he's gone in Dallas this weekend. But

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well, Howard, you're cool by yourself. Don't

H Howard McHale 18:45

worry about No, I don't know. Don't know, I love this serious part gang. Because what happens it gives us a chance to cleanse ourselves. There's a funny wild side about each of us. And I really enjoy coming down here and being crazy twice a month. But sometimes I like to just to talk about neat, neat and private things and things that are going on with all this Steven's house. I don't know if any of you know. But, Jim, once again, we've had two dedicated gay men on the show tonight who have given so much of their time. And if if there's a special place and God's heart for these people, I'm sure if the man will shine through any goodness, it'll come to that

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there's a special place in

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God's sight for everybody or everyone when you

H Howard McHale 19:30

listen, Jimmy, I don't know if I'm going now. I guess I'm going.

J Jimmy Carper 19:34

No, not necessarily. Oh,

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what's 130 our clocks? Go ahead. Well, no, Howard Stein



Jimmy Carper 19:41

that I know what he wants to do. It's like spring forward here. He's been ragging about Scott going up to Dallas and now the first thing he wants to do early



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but nobody called



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and we would we were going to buy him a cactus shot. Yeah, they called in anybody knew



Howard McHale 19:59

who Oh opened a concert 30 years ago. Isn't that amazing? Do you want me to tell you? I'll take the mental dinner you take the magic dinner? I will take the fridge. Okay, Judy Garland opened as the main act 30 years ago and the Supremes opened for there were 10,000 people who showed up at the Astrodome 30 years ago. May Isn't that a wonderful visit? Yeah. I guess I'm on here because the next half hours because we bout to head so we're only another half hour, right?



Jimmy Carper 20:27

We are. Listen, because two o'clock becomes three o'clock, Utah.



Howard McHale 20:32

Gemini, we're going to grip at Steven's house and shovel the walk because it's snowing out there, gang. Listen, I want to say goodbye. And I will say Scott, I miss you. I can't wait to see you back next month.



Jimmy Carper 20:43

And we're gonna go to a special piece of music that I picked just for this interview because it's it's by one of my favorite artists, Laurie Anderson, off of her next two brand new album. She just had one come out a couple of weeks ago, and this has been out about a month. But she wrote a song and she did it when she was in concert here in Houston. It is especially about the AIDS epidemic. And it's the way one woman looks at it. It's called love among the sailor.



Howard McHale 21:16

Do not Houston and remember gay pride, because you hate chained to the 25th. Can I Jim?

Thank you



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can I can I use to



Jimmy Carper 21:23

love you. I don't know why. Whoo. Yes, the coming yards, no Bronski beat from age of consent. And that was why and that that was followed. That came after Laurie Anderson's love among the strangers. We're gonna go to a piece of tape now that Scott made with Michael Crawford. While they were both still in town, and that it's about Michael's boy to boy conference coming up. And after that we're going to, I'm going to play a pansy division set. after that. I don't know just several of my favorite Panzer Division songs. There's some guys out there who who requested pansy division for tonight. So I'm going to play it for them. Be sure to listen next week when JJ and the BiNet that group will be here along with I think maybe a new feature, or youth beat feature feature, we're going to have some some kind of younger folks and see the other side of gay life. Okay. So now Scott Lewis, and Michael Crawford.



Scott Lewis 22:45

Hi, this is Scott Lewis on after hours of continuing tradition here on KPFT. Houston, and I don't know the letters of the new station we're broadcasting off of so I'm going to have to leave that to the people when we come back on the air when they come back on the air live. I'm sitting here with Michael Crawford, who you all know from this show. Michael is a former host of this program as well as very well known. Very well known community activist isn't perfect. Your name came up the other night? Where was I at? Some somebody was, Oh, I know what it was. It was at GLVC or Pride Week, and they were doing something both organizations were in the room. So I don't mean which organization was but they were doing something. And somebody brought up some sort of concern or something well, is anybody in the community going to be offended by this or whatever? And I don't even know what it was. But they said, Well, of course Miss Crawford is gonna say someday, you know, but I don't even remember what it was. But I thought it was it was funny that so very well known, but you're putting together boy, a boy, which is a workshop for guys between the ages of 18 and 29. Who, like guys, obviously gay guys to come together and talk about relationships, safer sex, intimacy, and how not to get laid on the first date. And my question that's coming up Tuesday, April the 11th at 7pm at bearing church over on 1440 Harold and 20 Something is sponsoring it. My question is why not to get laid on the first day it seems like in this community that that's a priority to so many people while



Michael Crawford 24:22

in that's that's and that's the thing. The the idea for boiboi came to me because of my concern about the high rate of HIV infection among young gay and bisexual men. And the reason I said guys who like guys instead of gay or bisexual is because a lot of people don't identify as being gay or bi. But I think for me, it's it's really weird the emphasis that we place on sex. I mean,

when a young when a young gay or bisexual man comes out or comes out into the gay community, the first thing he learns is that as a gay person as a queer person, he is expected to have as much sex as possible with you know, as many AP is bull as possible, whether he wants to or not. And I think that's kind of an unhealthy situation. I mean, I'm not being critical of promiscuity. If you want to be promiscuous, that's your that's your business. What I'm saying is, I think we need to be more compassionate and more respecting towards the people who we are engaged with.

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Scott Lewis 25:18

But a lot of people would say that the only difference between guys who like guys is that they have sex with other guys. Yeah. And you're not saying that's a bad thing. You're

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Michael Crawford 25:33

saying it's a bad thing? What I'm saying is that I think we need to be more aware of our partners, we need to take better care of each other. I think I think there's a real concern or real questioning among gay men, gay bisexual men in their 20s. About being in a relationship, everybody I know, it's like, oh, I want a boyfriend. All I want is a boyfriend. And if everybody wants a boyfriend, how come? Nobody has one? Yeah. So it kind of kind of gives him gives me the impression that there's a kind of problem in that we don't really know how to form relationships. Because when we begin to explore our sexuality, we do that by having sex, we start off by having sex and then attempt to have a relationship or get to know the person after the SEC, right. And a lot of times, when you after the sex, you know, you wake up the next morning, and you see, and you get to know the person. Oh, god, yeah. And this would be it would be a little better, you know, to get to know the person first and then sleep with them. And honestly think that would make the sex a lot better,

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Scott Lewis 26:36

do you but that's the model which the straight society or straight community is built on that you meet you date, and you go through this process, and then you have sex, and they have a 50% divorce rate. So what is your model to talk about? When you say you're going to talk about relationships? Do you kind of have some directions or some? Well,

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Michael Crawford 27:00

Bart Loeser, who runs the wellness program with the AIDS Foundation? Houston, it's going to be facilitating the workshop. And by no means am I saying that we should imitate heterosexual people, because as you just mentioned, their relationships have screwed up enough. And for us, who are you know, two people of the same gender in a relationship to try to do something that even heterosexual people can't do? It's would be ridiculous. What I'm saying is, I want us to come together to talk about creating new models, the kinds of models that will work for us. Rather than simply imitating someone else. We need to learn more about what it's like being in a relationship where both people are guys, or even in a situation where the guys decided they did not want a monogamous relationship, but they still want emotional monogamy. The idea is,

I think what's important is that people form the relationships that work for them. The important thing is, though, that we've began to form relationships and begin to understand how to get into relationship, how to make them work, and about dating, because a lot of guys our age, don't know how to date. I mean, it's like, there's no real way to learn. Because, I mean, for so long, we have to hide who we are, hide our attraction towards other guys, because of the intense homophobia that comes from society. And when we come out, and we begin to come out into the gay community, or even before we cannot, we're still kind of closeted, or began to experiment sexually. The first thing we go to is sex we go, we had to have sex in like public places, like the bars or the bath houses, or we go to bars to meet people. And usually, you know, you go, I mean, we've been in those situations you and I, where we have said, Hi, my name is Michael, what's your name? Your place or mine?

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Scott Lewis 28:42

I believe I'm going home now. Are you coming with me? Exactly. I

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Michael Crawford 28:46

mean, I've been in situations where I've met people and slept with them. And then the next day, or, you know, at 3am, when I get home, I feel really bad and kind of empty, because there was nothing there. But then on that same token, I've also had, like, one night experiences that have been very positive, I think the thing to do is that we need to treat each other with respect and with kindness and with compassion, no matter how long the relationship lasts, whether it's an hour, or you know, 1015 2030 years. And I think we need to be aware of what we're doing and you know, and that kind of thing. You

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You brought up

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Scott Lewis 29:27

the difference between sexual monogamy and emotional monogamy.

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Michael Crawford 29:32

Right? When generally when people think of monogamy they think of, you know, two people. In this case it would be two guys who are committed to each other emotionally and sexually, meaning there's no sex outside the relationship. It's just the two of those people. But as we know, in the queer community, there are a lot of different paradigms for relationships. I personally prefer the the sexual and emotional monogamous kind because I'm very jealous Send, I want to be with him and him with me. But other people prefer my open relationships where there are two primary people in the relationship, but they can have outside experiences. And that's what I mean by emotional monogamy. They're together and they love each other. But they go off and had physical. Can you be

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Scott Lewis 30:19

emotionally monogamous and sexually promiscuous?

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Michael Crawford 30:23

I don't think that I personally can. But I think it seems to work for some people. And again, like I said, it's about creating the kind of relationships that work for us. And if that works for you fine. And if not try something different. We really well, I mean, I think one of the problems that we as gay and bisexual men have is that we never really learned how to communicate with each other. And that's a problem that all men have. But we need to learn how to be more intimate with each other how to talk, how to care, how to be emotional, how to give how to share, and it sounds all touchy feely, and and, you know,

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Scott Lewis 30:59

just so different from you. It's such a departure,

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Michael Crawford 31:01

you know, I have to maintain that the Michael Crawford level of cynicism. But it's kind of true. I mean, and organizing something like boy is different for me. And, but I think it's, it's still dealing with some of the issues that I've dealt with before, about helping people to accept the fact that they're gay or bisexual, about empowering people to take control of their own lives, and about preventing the spread of HIV. So while this is not necessarily political, in the usual, Michael Crawford sets, this is still something pretty important. I mean, as we've seen, I've been reading newspapers from all over the country. And one thing that's been coming out is that young gay and bisexual men are becoming infected with HIV at a rate higher than men in the 30s, and their 40s. And one newspaper said that of all the gay men who are becoming infected with HIV right now, over half of them will be infected by the time they're 25. Which means we need to figure out why people are having risky sex, and what we can do to support them in making positive changes towards being safer. And I think this is part part of what goes with it, building the self esteem about being gay. And learning how to communicate, I mean, what I want to do. And to be perfectly honest, I want to do other things besides this, just just this workshop, focusing on prevention of HIV among young gay and bisexual men. But what I want, or what I'm hoping for is something that is both homo Affirmative, that is sex positive. And that basically empowers people to take control of their lives.

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Scott Lewis 32:40

It talks on here, and you've touched on safer sex. And it also talks about intimacy. What is intimacy?



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Michael Crawford 32:48

That's a great question. And, actually, that's what we're going to talk about, in part, what is intimacy, I think intimacy is when you service, establish a level of trust with another person that you feel comfortable sharing with them, you know, all the deepest, darkest secrets of your past of everything. And it's that kind of connection that I think a lot of young gay people are craving. They just didn't know how to get there. And so we're hoping to help them get there, help them have safe sex safely, you know, if I want a boyfriend, and everyone I know does, too. So actually, this is probably going to be a really great place if you're looking for a boyfriend. So I missed a bit. That's one of the ulterior motives by organizing this bringing together guys who are looking for boyfriends that she can find. Yeah,

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Scott Lewis 33:42

I'm getting from you that a model or the model, or the new model, for a relationship that works is one that is custom built by the participants in the relationship.

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Michael Crawford 33:54

Exactly. I mean, there I'm sure there are some like general guidelines, but the fine tuning is done by the people involved. And basically, you need to do what works for the two of you, regardless of what heterosexual society says, or even what the gay community says, because as we know, the gay community has not been very good when it comes to promoting relationships. And I must admit, I feel a bit of anger at older gay men for just ignoring the young gay men among us. And, you know, we're having to do a lot of this kind of work on our own. But I think I mean, and this for me, boy is about young gay men, gay and bisexual men taking responsibility for each other.

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Scott Lewis 34:39

He's going to be at the workshop beside Bart leisure is going to facilitate are

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Michael Crawford 34:43

just going to be facilitating I already know they're going to be lots of Latino man. So if you're interested you can come when is this? April 11. Tuesday at 7pm at Bear Alger there will be there should be men of all races ethnic backgrounds, class statuses, body sizes, you name it'll be there.

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Scott Lewis 35:01

Now, this is sponsored by 20. Something, tell us a little bit about 20 something

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Michael Crawford 35:05

20 Something is a social and support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender all young adults, ages 20 to 29. It holds weekly meetings and actually, I can't give out the meeting, location and all that. But if you want more information on 20, something you can call 3156786. It's a pretty good group. I mean, I've been to one of the meetings. Yeah, and it's a big group. Yeah, and getting bigger all the time. And actually, some of the women and 20 Something are developing a similar kind of workshop aimed at young lesbian and bisexual women.

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Scott Lewis 35:40

Great. So it's Tuesday April 11. At 7pm at bearing church 1440 Harold which is right here in the in the Montrose area, boy boy, sponsored by 20 something and if you need more information you can call 3156786. This is done almost a kinder, gentler Michael Crawford. I don't even know how to act. I'm going to you're listening to KPFT Houston after hours of continuing tradition.

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Jimmy Carper 36:08

And you're also listening to KEOS College Station Bryan. That was Scott Lewis interviewing Michael Crawford on that boy to boy conference coming up. Now as promised for a couple of guys who were hanging out at Charlie's last night. Pansy division set. And this is just a few of my favorites. Door yeah pansy division with Kiss and that's off their brand new album. When else on all that new. It's off of deflowered. That's the newest one. And before that, we had off the first album undressed, we had boyfriend wanted and fam and a black leather jacket two very requested pansy division songs. This is Jimmy with after hours, after hours queer radio with attitude. Now I've got a I've got someone that I want to introduce on after hours. And new artist actually she has been around a while she is referred to as the other Melissa. This is Melissa Ferrick. openly lesbian singer. And this is I've got her first album. I don't have her new one yet. It just came out a couple of weeks ago, but she's kind of a cross for all of you after hours listeners. She's a cross between Melissa Etheridge and horse horse very popular deck band that that gets requested here. So sit back and relax and listen to Melissa Ferrick. Brand new here and the name of the tune is the happy song. Give me a call at 5265738 and let me know what you think of it. In the background, Richard ORed with the east pacific symphony, that's Richard odd. Doing electronic music and it's an electronic version of I am what I am. Yes, we are what we are, whatever it is that we are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, straight. omnisexual whatever. We're all people. You've been listening to after hours queer radio with attitude or a continuing tradition. Tune in next week we'll have Gigi and the BiNet group along with I think a new feature youth beat group and week after that, we're going to have Sara De Palma who will be back with always an exciting show. And then we'll have Stacey the fourth Saturday in April Stacy and women from fist and the fifth Saturday is going to be all music. So until next week, this is Jimmy signing off Have a great week. You are listening to 90.1k P F T Houston and 89.1 k e o s College Station, Bryan K E O S keep feeding our stuff.

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You and I don't have shelter to crawl into like Bert the turtle so we had to cover up in our own way. Paul and Patty know this. No matter where they go or what they do. They always try to remember what to do if the atom bomb explodes right then it's a bomb duck can cover. Here's

Tony going to his cub scout meeting. Tony knows the bomb can explode any time of the year day or night, duck and cover. At a boy Tony that flash means act fast. Sunday's holidays vacation time, we must be ready every day all the time to do the right thing if the atomic bomb explodes, that can cover and that's the first thing to do. Cover and your duck, duck, duck and cover under the table, it's a duck and cover

 Jimmy Carper 40:52

you've been one of the most dynamic precedents that I can remember.

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Well, thank you. I've had a real dynamic board behind me a lot of the a lot of people from other activist organizations who have sort of gone on hiatus right now are getting real active with the caucus and I haven't done it by myself by any means. It's just it's a real it's a real energetic group.

 Jimmy Carper 41:17

Okay, if somebody out there wants a postcard or wants some, some information HGL PC can where do they they

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can call 521 1000 You'll probably get an answering machine, but you'll get it you'll get a phone call returned. The endorsement cards are all over monitors right now. We're going to have actual live people with T shirts that so there'll be easily recognized. At 17 different precincts this year. This is the most pressing week ever covered on Election Day. Cool. So if you get there and for some reason you don't have an endorsement card, look around and someone will probably have one for you.

 Jimmy Carper 41:55

Yeah, I know. I guard mine. Yeah, right. That's great. Thanks for coming. Thank you. And we'll be back in just a little bit.