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Oh yes, you've tuned into after hours queer radio with attitude right here on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. The crew of after hours is ready to bring you news interviews, dialogue and music geared for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people and their friends. Hear it after hours, we may be diverse, but we have one thing in common. We are all out of the closet and urge everyone to come out of their closets. That means standing up for yourself taking responsibility for your own life, and being proud of who you are. Realistically, we know not everyone can do that because of age job or frame of mind. That's okay, we're here for you too. So sit back, relax, and enjoy this week's edition of after hours.



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Hello, Houston and welcome to after hours queer radio with attitude and a big hello to college station out there to your listening to the June 20 episode. And Jimmy Carper, your producer for the evening, and I want to tell you what you heard in our opening music sequence that was preceding was net, our own Nancy Ford, who was on the show last week. And that was of course, we didn't start the fire. And it was kind of a dated version. She sang an updated version at the opening of Pride Week festivities that was held at Picassos last Friday. And but see before that we had a new one by David Marr ma H R from his EP Lost and Found called more each day. And we started it off by a great great great song by Jerry Richard Jr. who is a local gay guy who has put out CD called the regeneration project. Jr's vocal number one, okay. And it's great Christian music that was called groove around the world. We'll be bringing more stuff from the CD to you in the future. And tonight, I want to welcome a whole bunch of folks. But just right off the bat, we've got Jim and Jewel who this is their show, which was June, which was July it's hard to tell. I can't tell just by looking



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at I think it's not the hair now.



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They both got lesbian haircuts. That's right. Yeah.



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Well, I'm thankful to get into town this week. So hey, guys, okay, there she is. You and I spent some time together last weekend, but I haven't seen you in a few months. There you go. Sorry. It's good. Pretty good. Pretty good.



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I'm just going to engineer and let you go with it.



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Okay. Okay. And the I'd like to Can I admit, you know, hopefully in time, Ray, one time, Ray Hill told me never admit when you're wrong on the radio. I love Ray. But that's the only thing I've ever heard Ray say that I disagreed with. And what, what why things are a little different than I was because we had some problems with the thing, right? Yeah. So that's why things will different. And we're rushing right into talking to some people who come here to talk to us tonight. And they're from let's see, the age coalition of coastal Texas. I know. The Bay air AIDS Alliance of the Bay Area incorporated and you know, I actually rehearsed this out in the lobby to ask her about 500 questions. Yes,



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yes. Yeah. Never Never rehearse. Yeah.



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That's right. And they're kind of they're a small organization located in Alvin, Texas. Yeah. And they are. It's, they do some case management out there. It's kind of a smaller version of our own neighborhood AIDS foundation around here and helping and being there for people out in the coastal



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area. So Well, David and Scott are no strangers to these airwaves



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well, and they brought some friends Is that are going to be doing a fundraiser? The 21st Monday night at the Grand Opera House at 94 Grand Opera House, you know, I've never been there where the Grand Opera House, you'll be



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there Monday night? Of course. Of course.



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Of course, it's a PM. I'm saying that because I live 4550 miles from here. And that would even just be so it's pretty hard. But it will be a pm at the Grand Opera House. And it's a musical theatre cabaret artists show and the guys who are doing this to for the fundraiser are the AIDS line to the Bay Area. And they're doing it in conjunction with the AIDS coalition of coastal Texas. Right, right. So you are David Right.



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I'm David Martinez. And



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you're Lou. Right. Okay. Okay, David, can you tell me just a little bit about your your organization out there, let people know that it's out there and thriving and can tell me a little bit you. You told me briefly that you did some case management, what kind of thing would that be? Well, I



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was gonna say I've been on the talking the last couple of times, and I want my boss to let him explain all that. So I'll just turn it over to Luke.



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Well trained in the Bay Area was formed in May of 1993. And we've been plugging away ever since it was formed initially in the Clear Lake area to service the Bay Area communities because there wasn't anything out there that you had to come all the way downtown Houston, or go to Galveston. And we felt like there was a need there. And it turned out there was a definite need. A year a little over a year ago, we moved to Alvin little redneck town and we were a little bit leery about moving over there. But they've received this really well. And we've done well over there and we have a lot of clients in that area. We service Galveston resort in Matagorda counties. David sometimes goes and picks up clients all the way as far as police has Texas Whoa. So we have quite a speeding our people to the our medical facility courses UTMB in Galveston, all of our clients are treated there, except a few fortunate lives with insurance that can come over here to more to see, well, Patricia savato Maria's Joe gaff



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those folks so you guys are just kind of in the middle of the desert, so to speak of gayness



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or the what you call a rural ages. But we do same thing as foundation Houston does or PWA coalition, we offer exactly the same services, except that we don't have a housing facility



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right within your means. Right, right. Yeah. Yeah. Well, that's a great thing. So you're, you're doing some fundraising we asked earlier, you were 501. Right. So we're gonna be able to tell how much the tickets are. We were deciding that in the lobby, right. 501, we could talk about oh, we



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can? Yeah, we can.



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And you're going to have fundraiser with Marsha Carlson. And it's Scott Mackay. Tada. And as Your Honor, that would be Scott right there. And Scott's coming to talk about the what's going to be offered at this fundraiser.



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Well, I guess this would be my cue, okay. Um, well as from what I understand, and I have had nothing to do with putting this thing together. So I cannot be blamed for it. It's going to be a little bit of everything. There's going to be a quartet. There's going to be everything from jazz, spiritual gospel, I think, cabaret I'm personally doing to musical theater numbers, go figure. And showtunes Shelton's? Yes. And there's going to be a little bit of BOD. There must be a WD



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you said somebody's going to do stuff. Sophie Tucker,



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Tucker. I think that's Marsha Marsha Carlson will be doing her



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great. Sophie Tucker. Craig,



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I'm sure our Houston audience is familiar with Marsha. They see her Sunday nights they can see Jr's as grandma doing the karaoke. And she's also done numbers with she had a show called Baba and bear in the early part of Houston earlier you just



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recently she finished playing Mama Rose and gypsy Wow here on the stars production. Martha's Morris has been around she's done a lot of things. And we're real fortunate and having her because he does a good show. She's doing I think a total of five numbers in the show. He is of course our featured or



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and it looks like you have what 12 or 15 other performers doing different things for you people



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including the to accompany us in the show. from Houston. Ellington to storm is fairly well known here. David Z isn't On a little girl named Mani, who can really belt out a song. Danny Bryant, who is a country singer, very good. And he's going to do the dance. And amarilla by morning in the show, and he, I've heard him do it, and he does it very, very well.



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Well, sounds like a wonderful evening, one that doesn't happen very often around here, we don't get that kind of variety shows going on around here.



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Anyone who wants to 10 will find something that they like, if they like any kind of music at all. They were pretty well covering it from one end to the other.



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And they'll probably find something to be offended about if they look real hard. There's always that possibility. Well, it's like a friend of mine always said people who are easily offended. Just need to be offended more often. Oh, sure. Yeah. Quick, quick. Yeah, forgive me those

binoculars I wouldn't be offended.



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That's right. I can't I can't look another minute. I see clearly give me those. So that'd be Monday night, June 21. At 8pm at the Grand Opera House, you know, I thought this was when we were talking earlier, I thought this was a huge, but this was the 1894 that one in Galveston, so, and you can get tickets for \$25. That's pretty, pretty nice. And do you have like a special projects that this money is gonna go to something you can, you know,



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the people in Houston aren't too familiar with what's happening, you can be in Dallas. But your listeners out that direction are well aware. They've had to start charge co payments for everything they do. And saw there was a big upset out there hosted a clinic, they have to pay a co payment, every prescription they get they have to pay a copay. All of this came about after our federal funding was in place this year. So we have no money to provide those servers, right. So we're doing things like this to raise enough money for our two agencies to provide the services for our clients. Well, clients choose not to return it anymore, because they didn't have the money. And we don't want that to happen to anybody with a neuron, we're gonna do our best to save that that doesn't happen.



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And you this, you know, I'm just speechless about how worthy causes can be. I mean, how much can you tell someone that this is very important, it's not just important that, you know, to the people this money will go to, but it's important to our community and to your community now. And you know, I know there are a lot of gay and lesbian people out now with an apparel and you know, and I know there are a lot that listen, we get calls from Alvin imperiling all the time. So those people out there can find out more information if they call 409-765-1894 or 1-800-821-1894. And we'll give you those numbers again a little bit later. Oh, yeah. And the tickets are \$25. And it will be benefiting the AIDS Alliance in the Bay Area. It probably the coalition of coastal Texas to write your code for Yeah, right. Money was split in half. And it sounds like a wonderful time. I truly, truly wish that I could do that. Not only that, but it's cheap. Yeah. Hello, I truly would love to see you again.



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Let's also tell him that for our people in the Houston area, the tickets are available on Ticketmaster.



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That's right. Ticketmaster, I was did the numbers getting cheered right to bring that up?



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I'd like to say 3700, stick Master



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These two, I've known Lou and David for three years now. They've decided I'm not going to go away. I've known David when to go down. As far as well, porpoise went up lashes, lashes, just. And I've also known that there are places that in Texas that do not have a local HIV clinic. And if there, if a service agency comes up with a Hispanic speaking AIDS patient, they'll call David just because of his last name, thinking oh, well, he can handle it. And that could happen anywhere in Texas, you know?



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Sure. So you're really getting the possibility of reaching anybody in Texas.



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I know that they will not turn anyone away.



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That's nice to know that is very important. Very various



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story that I was trying to get David to tell you out in the lobby was when they first moved from Webster out back behind a shack somewhere off the beaten path into Alvin and they're practically on the city Main Square. Some of the locals were walking by and they saw the ABA sign out on the front and they said, Well, what is that? And David Of course, said So yeah, it's Alliance, so the Bay Area, and they said, Oh, what are you doing here? Well, we want to be here to better serve our clients that are here now, but in parallel and in the area. Oh, well, we don't have anybody like that here. Oh, yes, ma'am. You do. And to me that is in and of itself and education sure that there is an AIDS Alliance. So they



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are not immune to nobody. And now, yeah, well, the



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disease does not stop at that Harris County.



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for longtime denied that there was anybody with HIV who could possibly have HIV, but has since learned that,



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in reality, the truth is Texas Department of Health tells us that percentage was our is number four in the counties out of the four counties with number of diagnosed HIV patients. Wow. They're right behind Houston.



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Thank goodness.



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So you're, you're you're,



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you're needed? Yes, definitely. Definitely.



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We just visited a young man from Sweeney, Texas that needed all kinds of equipment, because he just been released from the hospital. And the mother was so glad to see me because for her to drive all the way to Galveston just to pick up prescriptions, would take her his time off of work, job and to know that we were there that she was just so relieved that her son can get medicines quicker. Without her taking time off from work, she was really appreciative that great.



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So do testing. I don't know if you've mentioned that, but they provide testing. And I know, they just added a late night testing session,



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we do test in our facilities on Fridays, from 4pm to six to 6:30pm. For anybody that comes in to Busan county to be tested, it is free.



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And contrary to what you may hear, you don't have to give your name right. Candy does have name reporting. But only if you test confidentially, we offer anonymous test fail. And we hope we'll continue to do that.



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Yes, yeah. Because I firmly believe in anonymous testing, because once you stop it, people don't get tested, especially people who are not in an urban environment.



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Right. Right. Maybe the only one for 50 miles. Yeah. Yeah. And that can be pretty disastrous to your health right there.



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How are people notified of their



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results? Good? Yeah.



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Well, they're given when our lady that does comes in to the office to test, they aren't given an ID number, so that they could come back in two weeks to see the results. And they do have to come back in person. And it's not given over the phone or Oh, smells good. Yeah.





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Yeah, that is good. Yeah,



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I'll use your counseling or pre and post test counseling that we've had for years. We haven't changed that. Yeah. You



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always have to have counseling with the testing.



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Finding out to do that. pretty traumatic.



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Yeah. And then having to walk out in downtown Alvin.



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Well, I'm 35. I got tested way back in 87. And I did it locally. And when I got the results, I walked into the office and sat down and the woman said, Okay, you're positive. And I just kind of got shocked. And she said, Well, isn't that what you were expecting? Fortunately, they they've added a lot more counseling to these things. Since then, yes, yes. Go,



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you know, in the beginning, you know, very important. I know, I probably said things to you in front. Before about this is, in the beginning of all this in the, you know, early 80s. When I was with switchboard we get calls all the time telling us that they just their doctor had come in, they're sitting in a bed, their doctor had come in and given him the test results told him they were positive and walk out the door. Yeah. And then, you know, then they couldn't get a nurse to talk to him, you know, and that's it. They're in a hospital. They have been given what they, you know, had thought was a death sentence, you know, that they were gonna die any moment. And nobody, nobody would discuss it with them or even, you know, inform them other than the fact that they had it. There was no education, no counseling, no, nothing. We we did a lot of stuff like that with the but you know, since you're right, a lot more people are doing it now. Because that's one of the services that I don't hear.



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Very, let me tell you from somebody who got that positive result, it's very important to have some sort of counseling right then and there. Because you're in a state of shock.



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We had a plasma center in Galveston, send postcards to all their positive people.



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Yeah. Oh God, postcards so that everybody could find



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out. Just written right out there hello cards from the ask God for sure.



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Today's in today's time, when we still get a brand new pet patient who is just been newly diagnosed, the fear is still there and they want someone to count. Yes. And we do counsel with him and we get him to early treatment with UTMB virology clinic. The doctors are very explain everything to them from the viral load to the prescription medicines. It's a great staff at UTMB. We work with them continuously. We couldn't ask for a better team down in Galveston, they've been really great working with us. And we kind of help their help him a lot. As far as easing the patient ease in the client repertoire and routine that they had over there. It's just an amazing astounding they're just wait bunch of guys there.



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Unless you guys get confused. This is not a huge operation.



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Right? You said you serve about 40 people a month? 40. We have



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actually our caseload I think is 9797. But we don't see everybody every month, on average about 40 to 45 clients.



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Well, that's the true. Yeah. And that's, and I know that that's the tip of the iceberg out there

well, that's the two. Yeah. And that's, and I know that that's the tip of the iceberg out there that you got to manage to find you and the ones who've been willing to go. And so I know that there's got to be you know, there's got to be more, you know, the hidden ice



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agency has four more staff people and we have an email service about three times. Most of which are right on.



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Well, this sounds like a great time for a great reason. And a good cost. Great cost. All tickets are \$25. Let me give you those phone numbers. Please do 409-765-1894 or 1-800-821-1894 or Ticketmaster at



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713629 3700. Or you can also go to the website for Master WW that ticketmaster.com It's under performing arts evening. Just to add



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word for Ticketmaster. No. Boy you know too much.



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Well, listen, we want to make it easy for everybody really? Absolutely. Full House.



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Well, I really appreciate Scott and you coming down and backing the guys up and letting us know what's going on. You know, it's kind of hard to sell fundraiser when you don't know what's going on. Yeah,



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well and for those of you who are away from Galveston, I live in humble Oh my goodness. I understand the problem it's it's good hour and a half drive for me certainly Yeah. And so I'll be making the drive see



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the dry Yeah, really? Well I bet he doesn't have a middle to mentally retarded children at home



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and I am I just wanted to say this I am blowing my own horn because I left singing for about five years and I am yet again a professional singer



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Well you certainly appear to be I don't know



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a professional so I'm we're asking I mean



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you're here and you're What do you already call them? Winter it just looks I don't know if it just looks like it because those look like army suspenders.



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I think we're looking for was Rubenesque Rubenesque



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No, no, I'm talking about I'm talking about the German Oh, great. The pants on and he looks like he looks like



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professional wrestling with



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he used to see and I know it's because you have that look and I don't know what it is about that ticker look. Marathi. Yes,



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I sang with the Dallas opera for eight years and I've lived in Europe. And I'm in Houston now

teaching high so he would



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make a great cheeks. Gorgeous.



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I had a friend who used to say that I was the only opera singer he'd ever known and he used to refer to me as his cultured friend and I said oh you mean like yogurt



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Well, we certainly



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how can you tell when yogurt goes bad



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it's got Kasich kernels.



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Well it's been an exciting evening. Hearing about all this. Are you going i want you to go for me. Any take a camera



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off the ground that you'll be able to take photographs if you want to.



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Welcome Oh really sad and showtunes on top of that when



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Marcia can't wait. Really? In fact,



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we have the pre tenors of Galveston. Oh, I think they're just about as well as Pavarotti and the other two that's not difficult.



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probably sell more tickets very, very well. Wow. Sounds like a great time. But you forgot to mention his bearish shirt. already has on there the players holding the flag. Yes, yes. Yes. The is that a bear flag? Certainly. Yeah. The official official flag of the



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bear hood flag. Yes. David and I are members of the Houston area bears. And we I thought I'd wear something



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sweating profusely poor guy. Believe how hot it is.



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After I told you it was gonna be cooling here I found out that the air conditioning is out in the blast. Track



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right and of course you're skinny so you're never going to be



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no idea. I tell people that and they look at me like, What do you mean? got as much insulation?



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Like you never want to have a skinny boss or a skinny cut. I'm trying to skinny boss will keep the building hot and a skinny cook won't fix you enough to eat. Yeah, we help it if we're more energy efficient.



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I'm not even gonna get in.



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Well, thanks, guys for stopping in.



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As always, Jimmy, thank you for having us. Appreciate it. Yes.



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And I know pleasure being here. See? And I know I promised you last week and I did give you some time. But it wasn't like this kind of time that I like to get



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Jimmy I want to get. We have another event coming up. Yeah, some time later on. Oh, yes. Mr. Williams. Paul Williams may be coming back to you. So



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that would be great. We're Oh, that would be great. For those of you who heard us out here. That was so much fun. I've



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heard Paul Williams. He the history of bears may be bringing him back. For those of you who haven't. We haven't hammered it down yet. I'm trying. Oh, that would be great. Yes. A school. Yes, he



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is. He's funny. We have good time. Yeah.



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Okay, that's I love that little short guy and smoking abandoned. No, no, no, no. You're not talking about the low vote guy now.





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This was Paul Chamberlain.



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Oh, okay. Big difference. Okay, well now folks, this is not going to be Pavarotti. In fact, it is Charlie Pacheco. The Castro cowboy. is brand new CD that is not even out yet. It's not coming out until June 26.



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To the Naked Cowboy you remember him singing up there outside Monica Lewinsky was all the rage when Monica was in the year at the Watergate wall with all this stuff was going on.



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Wow. No no about that. Anyway, I'll see if Charlie can do that. He's gonna be coming to see Scott do that is



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taking off his clothes whenever



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this CD is gonna be available at Lobo when it comes out but you can hear it first here on what is this after our college station. We'll be right back. Thanks, guys.