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Oh yes. Mark Hutchison,



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Jim gold. I like that one



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goes in a pretty good one from his CD right where I am. And this is new music off of the Giuseppe Joe label and



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good CD case two. Yes. Nice answer, man. Yeah.



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Ask them at Lobo. They'll get it for you.



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Well, let's get into a little leather news.



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That's right. I see the leather journal there. Yes, it's



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my source of information anybody else's again, you can get that at most of the major leather shops. Okay, and it comes out every once every month. And unfortunately, the the copy I got for this past month. It's a little blurry. I can't read it. I want to say that. Yeah, but I have one I didn't get to talk to you about last month. So we're getting picked up



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by all the Johnson and that's a name that I've heard over the years.



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She she was a pantheon of leather. They had that in February in New Orleans. She was named the Woman of the Year, she had she received that award. She is really an incredible woman. Yeah, I got to meet Viola Johnson, Joe Carter, and Queen Cougar. They're part of a triad relationship. And I think it was last year up at Chicago at IML just had the greatest time with us, those gals. They are so great. Very funny. And you know, you're always kind of, you're a little intimidated at first. And you meet them



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well, because they're like experts in the field. And they've they've they've worked hard to bring leather out of the closet, so to speak.



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Yeah. And she's funny, she was asked to describe herself and she's from Willow Grove, Pennsylvania. And she describes herself as a 40 something year old leather woman. She has been active over two decades as an activist, writer and educator. She's founded several clubs around the country, including the Tulsa Tulsa uniform leather seekers Association. And so she was presented this award. And this is really great because she she's so involved in the community. I mean, throughout the United States, and not just at her hometown, and Josephine, he took the top honors for Man of the Year.



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I've heard that name many times. Yes,



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Josephine is, again, the director now of the leather archives and museum. They're the ones that recently moved in, they had a real small space and hardly anything out on display, and they've relocated to a larger spot. This is in Chicago with Chicago. As their motto goes, they're located

in Chicago and serving the world, which is really true. A lot, a lot of good leather history there if you ever get a chance to go up there. And hopefully, some of our listeners will be able to go out for International Mr. Leather 2000 Aha, which is upcoming the end of May May 25. To the 29th. In Chicago, there's still rooms available. What you can do is call 1-800-545-6753. And they'll have information in about reservations and about the contest. They go on. What's that number



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That's 1-800-545-6753 Okay. And I don't know if you've ever been able to go up to an IML but it's an incredible experience.



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What you know, I when you when you think leather, I think mainly of San Francisco or New York, but Chicago really is big in the leather community. I you know, I asked that question you wouldn't think it was yeah, how come what



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made it so well think about Chicago is like the hub of the Midwest. So you get all the leather men and women coming down from Wisconsin over from Indiana, Iowa and in different states around Chicago, which is true, really important. Yes. That there that hub, and very Chicago's a very big city. I was you know, it is a for all I mean, it's your forever. They have bus service at this contest. This is the last year at the Congress hotel. And if you hadn't ever been to the Congress hotel during IML weekend, you're in for a treat. I can't describe it. I mean, 1000s 1000s of leather men and women, it's just an incredible experience,



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just the aroma alone of all that either.



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But the contest itself, takes place on Sunday, May 28. And then they have victory parties. They fact they have the Chicago House of Blues, ah, which is incredible. And again, they bust everyone around there. And they have one of the largest leather markets. They have leather companies from all over the United States and a few from Europe. That set up event Under shop, and you can buy any sorts of goods that you really some small towns you can't find. And even in Houston, there may be some items that you can't find. And you are definitely probably able to find those up there at the leather.



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And I can't imagine what it would be that you can't get in Houston.



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Well, there may be some things that that



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I never is we have three wonderful, great ones leather companies here.



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And they're always again, they're there for the community. Yes, and I wish you all to please support them because they do so much here. There may be some items that you see in catalogs that are little, maybe too much for like the Blackhawks leather, buy boots, and leather forever to make. You may be able to find those at some of the catalog stores that that do come up for this leather mostly okay, because that's their one big time of year, I bought a pair of studded gauntlets up there. They're hard to describe they're again, leather gauntlets that go on your wrist and lace up. And they have from the wrist like up toward the elbow, the wrist not quite to the elbow, okay, and it goes Gotlands and these things have studs in them stainless steel studs, and just incredible, very, very comfortable. Very nice looking. You know where I'm all the time because you know, they take a while to get on. Yeah, I



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can imagine that does take more than one person to get them on, you get



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them on one person. And it's it's quite a chore. To learn how to be free, dexterous with your hands.



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Well, that could come in handy in other areas.



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That's true. But there's some things that that you may like to that you can see in these other

markings that are that are kind of good. So if some 10 chance you know your partner get a chance to go up there. Oh, yeah, I would recommend it. They're gonna move it next year. And I forget the hotel. I'll find out about that. They're gonna move it to a different location. And there's a little bug flag. Yes. Amazing. springtime. Spring is in the air and so are the bugs. And yeah,

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mosquitoes are not far behind. Oh, they were bad today.

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Oh, were they I was working on the pool today and they are a bad time to do the spring cleaning on the pool film. Hmm. So okay, let me get a little more news here. I was going to have a excuse me a guest, Mark Fraser. He he won the South Central Region award for the pantheon of letter. He is from Dallas. We spoke with him many times. Mark is owns the Dallas Eagle. He is the past president of the NLA international national leather Association. Wow. A and also with current treasurer. He is a founders of BDSM, which is big Dallas scene makers. And a little play on words like that don't

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do like that. Oh, that's very good.

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He was Gulf Coast drummer. Don't say the year mister national leather Association International. And he was also a pantheon. Pantheon of leathers Man of the Year 1997. Wow. So he's done a lot. He unfortunately, recently had a death in the family. So couldn't make it down here. Plus, he is also getting ready to be a contestant in IML. So he's played his full two. He has this SM video project that he's been working on for many years. A lot of us were not quite familiar with that, including myself. I won't I've never heard of it. I wanted to hear a little bit more about it. I believe. Last time I talked to you. You were heading off to San Diego. Yes. Yeah. I

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was there for a week or so how did that go? Oh, I had fun. It was it was kind of with my family of choice who moved there. And it was a birthday celebration. So I mean, you had to be there. It was kind of nice. Oh, yeah. It's like, it's like being home again. It's just nice and laid back. And you know, we talked late into the evening and you know, do whatever we want to do. And

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it's always good to see our cities. Do you have you been there before?



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Yes, that was my second trip. And I went with my lover the first time and you know, we spent a whole day at the zoo, which is not enough time.



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John Embry in the San Diego Zoo was here about



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gosh, it was just it's just amazing. I could not believe I had no conception of a zoo that large and the way they do it. It's just magnificent.



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And see most people think of San Diego as being very progressive and very open about things but unfortunately, they had some problems recently. I think I brought up a while back about the San Diego six. That was a group of individuals that were at a play party. Yeah. And they unfortunately were interrupted by local law enforcement. Oh, no kidding. It's He's up there.



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Oh, this.



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This occurred October 29 1999. So it was last year in the vice squad, they're rated their private play party. And for what reason? Well, again, the part of the charges were for indecency and things like that. As it turned out in February, all the charges were dropped. And this even more sound sneaky to me. Sounds like it was a real election time. Yes,



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something hit my drift. Were they gay men or gay men and women, okay,



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at this play party at a place called Club X that caters to the leather SM community there. And this is, even though happened in San Diego, this really has consequences throughout the

nation.



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We're Yes, it does.



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It really does. And we're coming up here very shortly in November, Billy, you know, it's already almost may it's the year is flying by, we're going to have a big election coming up.



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But so many people, you know, it's it seems like, since I've been having for the past five years, that when we had a leather segment, that there's been so much of a push for education, to the rest of the country about what leather really is, and that we're talking safe, sane and consensual here. And yet, little pockets like this erupt from nap from time to time. And it's terrible for gay and lesbian people. It's even worse for straight people, especially if they have children, because there are cases of, of straight people having their children taken away from them. Exactly.



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And so it has real big consequences. Yeah, if you really think about it, it's very important because a lot of people that may not be into leather think oh, that was just them. I'm not gonna worry about that. Well, it's they're gonna come knocking on your next. And I think this is important. Yes. And Mark Fraser has been working on his SM video project for many years. And I emailed him some questions. And he responded, Oh, and one I had, who is how did you come up with this idea? Have you had experience? Perhaps in the past, maybe a lack of this type of information, maybe based on questions from friends and other professional groups. And he writes that the idea came about? Is it my feeling that education is the basis of acceptance, you bet, which you were just talking about? It really is. It's been in the work for almost four years. So it's quite a long time because he's been trying to work out some of the logistics of the project and pull people together. He felt that the the best place I can't talk to knock on the tide here. I've been having sinus all week. That'll do it. And I took a Sudafed non drowsy, don't believe it.



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Not only drowsy, but then it dries your mouth out too. And that's not good if not doing radio.



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But he's been working on this project for about four years. He feels that the best place to start

the educational process was with the judicial systems, which is important. SM players are prosecuted, because the system doesn't understand the dynamics of SM play. That's right. That's exactly yeah. What is the difference between abuse? And SM? consensual behavior? I don't get it. No. So by soliciting input from mental health and clinical workers, and lots of myths about the SM community, he put this issues to rest. The SM community is not comprised of dysfunctional individuals. All Play is undertaken in a safe, informed consensual environment between adults. Yeah. And that's important. That's



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very important. Yeah.



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Excuse me. This is really nice that that even someone is undertaking this. And from what I understand he's funding this on his own. Wow. I think he would, maybe once it's taken for a year. Yeah, I think it would more than willing to help accept donations to defray the car.



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And this is a worthy project. I mean, when you think of how many years has the gay and lesbian community been informing straight society, that we are not perverts? It's been since before Stonewall. And still, some of them don't get it? They don't.



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Yeah, there's a lot of professional people out there. And they think this is sick and twisted. Well, what a sick and twisted in one person's mind is not necessarily the truth. That's right. I mean, just because the sexual behavior is not very vanilla like they do it. That doesn't mean that it's wrong. It's just



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different, right? And different is good.



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And that's what we're trying to do. First, let everyone know Baffert is good. So I was kind of interested what I said to mark, could you explain what your target group for this video is intended for? And he said, well, the target group is very widespread. It includes the judicial systems, the courts, law enforcement organizations, universities, clinical workers, PhDs and doctors, crisis centers, and even individuals who are more interested in the dynamics of SM relationships, because a lot of people you know, wonder, you know, what is this about? Well, this is a step to get this out your back, or that the community in large and everybody else? I

said, how were you addressing the misconceptions in the BDSM community about the distinction between play and abuse? And he said, the Vizio video uses some prominent psychotherapist PhDs and clinical workers to address these distinctions, as well as input from players such as Viola Johnson, her Oh, yeah, talked about, yeah. Joe Carter, Tony de blas, who's the problem, primarily founder of the gay, the gay pride, but the leather pride flag. And who else did he race Bannon, who's been in the community for many years? Right? Yeah, I've heard that now, race writes a lot of books and things. And it's always there for contest. And it's kind of important to as little side note, I think, in whatever people do, it's important for them to have a mentor, and race and a lot of these people. Tony blas had been mentors for the community for many years. No matter what we do, we're always trying to learn a little bit more. And it's always important to have someone with more experience to be a mentor. So you'll hear terms in the leather community about a mentorship. It can be anything, it can be an older friend, that you're talking with someone that you respect, to get out there and exchange ideas, because no one no one knows 100% About everything. And the minute you do you got a problem with that? You bet. So but uh, I brought up a question about in light of this trial, the San Diego Sikhs, and the subsequent dropping of the charges. Was your video able to comment on this event? Or will it be addressed in future videos because it kind of happened about the same time. So he missed some of this. He's saying hopefully, this will be covered in future videos. So he's gonna do a little bit more about that. And I said, Can you comment on the people that participated in the video? How were they selected and what was their interest in the project? Well, besides the ones we previously mentioned, Dr. Charles Mosier, who's a PhD, clinical social worker and a doctor from San Francisco, he's been writing about SM SM behavior for over 30 years. Oh, your kid is so here. Wow. Someone that that's recognized. That's done studies that that's very good in this to get them in the video. Jane oxen Berry. She's a clinical social worker from Calgary, Canada, who is the first person in Canada to write and educate on the differences between SM and abuse.



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That's so very important. So very, very important. Gosh,



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it's again, it's all about education. Yes. Dorothy Hayden, clinical social work and PhD from New York City. She has done extensive research on SM behavior. Michael Burnett, who is also a clinical social worker, PhD and a sexologist throw. Yeah, that's a nice title.



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I like that very much.



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What do you do for a living? Oh, six ologies to lucky thing. He's also from New York and he's been working with the SM versus abuse information for over 45 years. So see marks pulled together all these fine people. I have not seen the video yet. I understand. He's putting the final

touches on it. It'd be available very soon for different clubs and organizations. And he's mainly just asking for donation.



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Hey, he deserves it. How do we get the donation to him?



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Well, he can talk to me talk to the radio station here I can get you in touch with Mark Another way is called the Dallas Eagle look in the back of the Twitter oh yeah publication, get the number for the Dallas eagles and mark his owner that he will definitely get back in touch with you as soon as he can. He's been different working on different phases of these phase one and two are complete. He's now doing the editing process, which takes a while I was amazed how long it takes to edit because it does to make sure it's right and he wants to make sure



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that it is I've done it just with audio tape. and it takes forever just to edit the right, you know, just to do it the right way. Oh, yes.



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And since he's also targeting the straight community, it's important that he makes sure that it's understandable. And I hate to use the word gross out, but it doesn't scare people.



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Yes. And no, that's very important because they're scared already, just from the subject matter.



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And so, again, just only asking you for a donation for this tape. I asked him, How was he involved in this? Did he delegate certain portions of it? Or was he able to take control in all areas? And he says, this project has been all hands on. That's probably why it took so long. It's one of these 24/7 Yeah, project. Yeah. It's been self funded today. And he's worked with a couple individuals in the Dallas area. Linda Blakeslee, who I've met is just super leather woman up there, Hardy Haberman to help in the taping, in the editing. So they're all putting this through the process and hope to get this ready pretty soon good. Again, his biggest challenge was just the time element for this project. If you have anything that's important, yes, it does take time to get it done. So we'll be talking more about this in future segments. And



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I hope so I you know, I want to watch the progress of this because, like I said, Education is so very, very important that it's, it's the foundation



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it is and you can't over stress it because that's that's the start. That's what gets the topics out there. You can hear rumors and talk about things. But until you're really educated on a subject, you don't know the



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whole store educated and have people come out of the closet. About About being into leather.



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How about a little musical break here?



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You're here I've got one. This is this is a very important song by Jamie Anderson, who normally does a lot of comedy type songs. She writes all her own material, but this is this is a serious one. Then it's a wonderful storyline. So listen up and enjoy from her album drive all night. This is called with my smile, and you're listening to it on after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station. Jamie Anderson. song called with my smile friends good, isn't it? That's pretty pretty song.



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Yeah, nice mellow from her



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album drive all night. I believe. I believe this is available at Lobo too if not definitely at lady slipper.



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I was gonna ask you about a lot of the music you play. How can people get copies of it? You know, I'm assuming then go to Lobo.





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Yes. Yes. I tried to work with Sally over there Sally woods. She does all the buying and Charlie Cheerios album is is that Lobo and Mark Waggles is that Lobo also? You know I said okay, I'm gonna play these artists and so she kind of stalks up on the music and and I get it from the internet because I on I am on the listserv called out voice. How can people



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get involved in it? Is there like? Yeah, it's like one



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laser net one e groups now but one was.com You know, you just go to it. And I think I



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get Charlie's through cyber wolves or something like that. Associated with



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okay. Because out voice is a listserv for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered artists, and people interested in them. So it's there's a lot of radio DJs community radio DJs and artists and people in the field. Jamie writes, is on there all the time. All right, writing. Yeah.



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Could you play some great music here? No, thank you. Thank you, the community thanks you.



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Well, you know, it's it's to the point now, years ago, when I first started with this show, we you know, we would wait months for a new gay and lesbian album to come out. And usually it was romanovski and Phillips, and now and we would end up playing almost every song of the album because we didn't have much else. But nowadays, I It's hard for me to play more than one song per artists per album because



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I just don't shiny. That's great. That's a good thing. Say



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that back behind me. You know, it's full of CDs. And I just, if I had a three hour music program, I would still have music leftover.



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Well, I think that's important why next month, we're gonna be having Charlie over here. That's



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right. And he's he's got They'll be here for the Houston 2000 country dance convention. That's it may 25 through the 29th.



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Do you know where that's gonna be? Its



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ups? I don't think he mentioned it. Okay. It's the rainbow Wranglers.



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Oh, yeah. Well, there



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they are. Be Yeah. Yeah. So



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I'm assuming we can call A, B or B and find out



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details. You betcha. You betcha. He's gonna be here. And he's gonna be on the show.



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That's great. Because, you know, I, I was saying with him in San Antonio last year for the chain of command run. And known him and his brother, you know, for many years. So



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he mentioned you, you know, when he was on last. And so I didn't even know you sang.



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i It's something I do just for fun. You know, we all have something that we can do. It may be singing and may not. I think it's important to get out there. I kind of did it at a show. They were short, some performers. And I said, Well, let me get up there. And they had some songs that I had known it almost like a karaoke night. Yes, I understand. And it's fun. It's kind of fun to do that. See that? Maybe that's why



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I'm on this end of it. Because I always wanted to be able to sing and I can't carry a note. Oh, you can? No, it's trying to drive. No, no, no, no.



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But you know, I know that sounds crazy. The hardest part for me was singing and then taking the tips for the charity. Don't ask me why it breaks your concentration. I guess it does. Yeah. Here you can practice a song and you're going through it in your mind. And someone hands you \$1 bill or a \$10 bill, and you want to almost say Well, thank you, but you can't even



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No, no, no, you're right. You cannot do it. Ooh.



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So that should be good show next month. I'm looking forward to that. And we'll definitely have more leather news. Just want to do kind of a wrap up a subject in the international Leatherman magazine. They had some editorials there, I had the opportunity of meeting with Bruce Chop, chop Nick, who is the current Mr. IML, almost giving that up the end of May. There was someone that wrote about their about something Bruce had done, which I took issue to Bruce had had, in some of his personal appearances and fundraising activities had involved the runners up for 1999, which were Sean Riley and Mike Hargis. This reader took issue to him bringing those other gentlemen on board. And I didn't quite see their relevancy or their meaning to their argument. I think it's very important to get all info.



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Yeah. Why do you want to limit the rate that the reader have some issue with? Those people in particular,



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I don't know. They, they all were very gracious, to have the opportunity to be involved. And I personally met Bruce on three occasions. And he's just again, he's trying to get everyone involved. And that's the key education and involvement. So I think it's important that we all learn to respect each other to learn. And if you don't respect one another, they're not going to do the same to you. So you got to remember to do that. So I want to thank you, Jim. It's been really good show. It's kind of stalling right now.



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I know I've kind of I've messed up on this last song because I'm, I've cut it off a little bit. Yeah, I tried to do a little bit of music here at the end. And it was a nice kind of nice, mellow, nice, mellow. Yeah. Get us out and get big daddy here. He's right here behind right. Big Daddy J red eye special coming up in like less than three minutes.



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Right? Just so just kind of wrap up. Keep it safe, sane and consensual.



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You bet. Jim, thanks for being here. And thank all of you out there for listening to after hours queer radio with attitude right here on KPFT Houston, and ke O 's College Station. Like I said Big Daddy's right behind me. And you're going to hear a little bit not all of Diana Jones doing this song called Joe and Libby from the out loud out loud compilation. We'll see you next week.