

BOBBY: Yeah. Was that Walter Cronkite, or was that--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

JIMMY CARPER: Edward R. Murrow.

BOBBY: The bald eagle from The Muppet Show. Anyhow. Never mind.

JIMMY CARPER: What do we got?

LITTLE ROY: OK.

BOBBY: Why don't you start off?

LITTLE ROY: Oh, thank you, you're so kind. This is very nerve-wracking. Let's start off with Roy McCarthy, one of our own little people here who's not here at the moment.

BOBBY: Little people?

LITTLE ROY: OK, so not so little, but people don't know that, really.

BOBBY: We love Roy. Anyhow, go on.

LITTLE ROY: Anyhow, so how do I say this? He will be a guest speaker over at the Parade Eve Celebration on Friday, June 22 at 7:00 PM at the Houston Lesbian Gay Community Center. He will discuss his experience regarding the historic event prior to the screening of the 1996 film Stonewall, a fictionalized account. Parade Eve will include a reception and refreshments and is open to the public at no charge. Individual donations are always welcome, though, so. What else to say about this?

BOBBY: Go on.

LITTLE ROY: Let's see. The Parade Eve will take place the day before the 2001 parade event, of course. It's the eve, you know. Which will begin supposedly at 8:45 PM on Sunday, June 23.

BOBBY: Let's try to remember, this is, after all, gay time. I'm thinking 9, 9:15, things will get started.

LITTLE ROY: It'll be fashionably late, OK?

BOBBY: Of course. Of course.

LITTLE ROY: Obviously.

BOBBY: Anyhow, go on.

LITTLE ROY: Let's see.

BOBBY: It that it about Roy?

LITTLE ROY: That's all I want to say about Roy.

BOBBY: We love Roy. We do love Roy. His history with Stonewall is so well known.

LITTLE ROY: So well known.

BOBBY: We've heard him talk about it so many times.

LITTLE ROY: On air and off air.

BOBBY: We love you Roy. If you're listening, we love you.

LITTLE ROY: But you're not.

BOBBY: Along the lines of the whole Stonewall thing, there's a whole bunch of stuff going on at the Community Center. Pride Month at the Community Center in honor of Maria Minicucci, who recently passed away. She was a board member, program director, and immediate past president. She did an awful lot there.

Anyhow, there will be a movie night there that, with the documentary before Stonewall, is narrated by Rita Mae Brown, tracing the history of the community from the '20s to the '69 rebellion at the New York bar. Individual donations are encouraged to support the Center, but are not absolute.

Anyhow, there's of course Pride Parade Saturday, June 23. This will be the first time yours truly will actually be in the parade. So this is going to be a lot of fun.

LITTLE ROY: Oh, yeah.

BOBBY: Yeah. Anyhow, along those lines, Ray on stage. Community Center presents world premiere of Ray Hill work, starting June 18 at 7:30 PM at the Community Center at 803 Hawthorne. That's the words I was looking for. I knew I was looking for something. There will be a \$10 admission to benefit the Center. Ray Hill will be doing a bit called A Stroll Through GLBT History With Ray Hill, An Evening of Memories and Stories.

Now if anybody has ever heard Ray Hill tell these stories, you know he's got a long history on this. He's been out since long before it was fashionable to be out and he was always, as it says here, he stood on the front lines of activism and advocacy for our community and progressive issues. Which, for those of us who like it in layman's terms, is a polite way of saying he's been a hell raiser for a long time.

There's just no stopping Ray when he gets on the issues. And you got to love him. Nothing stops him. He recently had some very serious surgery done, and he's still zooming around on crutches like nothing ever happened.

He's done a great many things in the community. He's had a show on civil and prisoner's rights, right here on KPFT, The Prison Show, which began airing in 1980. In '88 and '87 he won a First Amendment case before the Supreme Court.

Anyhow, go see this if you want to laugh, if you want to cry, if you-- I guarantee you, you will probably do all of that by the time this show is over. He's quite a storyteller. He's really quite amazing. What else have you got?

LITTLE ROY: OK. Along the lines of Pride Month--

BOBBY: We're covering that a lot this month, because it's, like, Pride Month.

LITTLE ROY: Well duh, hello.

BOBBY: Go on.

LITTLE ROY: OK. Something that's not very surprising, in The Voice it says, "Bush won't follow predecessor in declaring June as Gay Pride Month."

BOBBY: Ooh, I'm shocked.

LITTLE ROY: So shocking.

BOBBY: Yeah.

LITTLE ROY: But anyhow, back into reality, it says, "The president believes every person should be treated with dignity and respect, but he does not believe in politicizing people's sexual orientation. The Executive Office of the President will not sponsor an observance for Gay and Lesbian Pride Month, but we'll continue to observe all the other things that this country observes."

But on a more bright note of the same thing, it says at least two executive branch offices are planning Gay Pride observances.

BOBBY: Oh, cool.

LITTLE ROY: So at least we'll get some support.

BOBBY: There's some support out there for us, a little bit.

LITTLE ROY: Just a little. Not too much.

BOBBY: It's there somewhere.

LITTLE ROY: You just have to look for it.

BOBBY: You have to look for it a little harder. Reading a story on renewing the commitment to end the AIDS crisis, we recently marked the 20th anniversary of the illness that we have come to know as AIDS. It was on June 5th, 1981 that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published a report on a strange, new illness affecting five gay men in LA. Years later the illness now known as AIDS has claimed nearly 22 million lives worldwide and more than 435,000 in the United States. And we're still at it, folks. 20 years and people--

And yes, things have gotten better. There are medicines out there. But people are still dying. And people need to remember that just because things have gotten better doesn't mean the fight's over. As a person living with HIV, and having had many friends who have passed away, I think it's pretty pitiful that we've come so far, and yet we still don't have a way to stop this thing in its tracks. 20 years. Oh, wow. Anyhow. Oh.

LITTLE ROY: Getting lost, are we?

BOBBY: Oh, no. Still along the subjects of HIV-related things, many years ago there was a thing when the first quilt was made. A man came up with an idea to create a quilt to memorialize somebody he loved who died of AIDS. Well, along those lines, the NAMES Project Houston has elected a new board, and has rededicated itself to promoting the AIDS Quilt.

I have been to displays of this. Each name, it's mind-boggling when you look at these quilts laid out, and realize that each one of the people on here is somebody who is no longer with us. I remember when I went to one display six years ago, and then the quilt covered six football fields. By now, pretty soon there will be no place left on Earth big enough to display the entire quilt. And that's just mind-boggling.

It was started by a man named Cleve Jones, who I'm not entirely sure, but I believe he's still around still doing stuff. There's the NAMES Project Houston, in addition to organizing quilt displays, also sponsors Houston's Annual Worlds AIDS Day quilt dedication service. Quilt panels honoring persons who have died from AIDS are entrusted to the NAMES Project and become part of the Memorial Quilt for the year that's passed.

And I think it has a special meaning this year now that someone we all miss dearly is no longer part of it. Pete Martinez, who did so much, so very much, to keep this thing going, and to make sure people knew that these were people who mattered, who passed away this past St. Patrick's Day, as I note. Anyhow, we're still thinking about you, Pete.

There's a list of names here of people who have been elected to the thing. Alex Soto is Chairman, Jerome Godinich, boy, it's a good thing I'm from New York, I can pronounce the most unusual names. AS Vice President, Robert Cruz, treasurer, Shira Kanahek, secretary David Jackson, and Pat [INAUDIBLE] and Jim Shemansky, members-at-large. All Houston residents. So they have a new board, and hopefully they'll keep doing the good work and keep doing their thing. And keep letting people know that the people who are gone are remembered.

JIMMY CARPER: OK. Thank you for that. News from the Community Center, we have to blame Allison for this, but the cellar beneath the Community Center is flooded. Which is much like the cellar beneath the KPFF studios. Which means the electrical box is most likely underwater. Our landlord promises to begin pumping out the water by tomorrow if possible. Until the electrical box is high and dry, we have safety concerns for our volunteers, tenant partners, and program participants. For that reason, we have decided to suspend programming at least for Sunday while we wait for the pumps to arrive.

However I spoke this afternoon, this is from Tim Brookover, the president of the Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center. He spoke this afternoon with Victor Shill, the force behind Family Story Time, which is scheduled for 2:00 PM tomorrow. 2:00 PM Sunday. Victor said he knows some people who will attend, so he will be at the Center as planned. If the weather is favorable he will have story time outside on the deck. Otherwise, he and anyone who shows up may adjourn to another venue. So be advised of that, everyone out there who plans on attending Family Story Time tomorrow at 2:00 at the Community Center.

And Tim has not been able to reach Matthew Jepson, the organizer for People of All Colors Together, who were supposed to start their first meeting this Sunday at 3:00 at the Community Center. So because there's no electricity that means there's no air conditioning.

BOBBY: Yeah, they're done.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. So until we hear from that, things have been suspended at the Community Center, but we'll be back. The Community Center will be back. Don't worry about that.

BOBBY: I seem to have a lot of stories wrapped around HIV and AIDS this week.

JIMMY CARPER: Gee.

BOBBY: Funny how Pride Month and all of that, this is one of the major issues affecting our community, and I have found a story, a report, that the Human Rights Campaign has called on Congress and Bush Administration to make HIV prevention along with research and care a priority. A study released by the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention illustrates a need for increased work with at-risk populations, including young gay and bisexual men of color, according to the HRC. According to HRC Political Director Winnie Stachelberg, "It's extremely disturbing that the 20th anniversary of the first AIDS report is marked by increased evidence of a resurgence of disease among young gay and bisexual men."

I think it's interesting that this is the thing of, people see all the medications that are out there, they hear about this, they hear how people are living longer and all of this. Some of us are living proof of that. One particular person on the other side of this glass.

JIMMY CARPER: Ta-da! Yes, I am living proof of that. I would have been dead several years ago had it not been for protease inhibitors.

BOBBY: Now this is the thing--

JIMMY CARPER: However, I'm barely living with them.

BOBBY: Yeah. Having said that, people have this idea that everything is glossy and wonderful.

JIMMY CARPER: What? Wrong.

BOBBY: Excuse me. For all those young people out there who are thinking that they can just go out there and have a good old frilling time and go there with somebody without the use of protection and all of that, because--

JIMMY CARPER: Don't do it!

BOBBY: Don't do it.

JIMMY CARPER: Don't do it.

BOBBY: Trust me. You don't want the diarrhea, you don't want the night sweats. You don't want to get--

JIMMY CARPER: You don't want it.

BOBBY: You don't want it. And while we're on this particular note, I also noticed that people who are-- we often ignore the female segment of the population in dealing with this.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, and we shouldn't, because HIV affects females very differently than it does males.

BOBBY: Yes.

JIMMY CARPER: And so a lot of the diseases and problems that occur for females aren't even researched.

BOBBY: And it's just like, well, what I see that as is the gay community itself is so-- the queer community, let me broaden that term-- is so focused on gay men. And that just, as a gay man I hate to say this, but, no, actually, I don't hate to say this, it annoys me that all the advertisements you see are about gay men in our publications. You never see anything directed toward the lesbian community, the bi- community, stuff like that.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

BOBBY: And there are other people dying out there besides gay men.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

BOBBY: Anyhow, that's my soapbox on that particular note.

JIMMY CARPER: You've had your quota of soap boxes for tonight, honey.

BOBBY: Oh, thank you. Well, what can I say, news items come up and things have to be said.

JIMMY CARPER: I know.

BOBBY: This is about news and views, which some people often forget.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes. I know we have definite views. That's why I don't just call it the news, because we have definite views on things.

BOBBY: If we're not going to say what we think, we might as well just hide back in our closets.

JIMMY CARPER: There you go. Little Roy, what do you got?

BOBBY: What's next?

LITTLE ROY: Something that I think is interesting is the fact that Houston's third annual Interfaith Gay Pride Worship Service is going to be held tomorrow-- Yeah, tomorrow's June 10th, right?

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

LITTLE ROY: OK, making sure. At 7:00 PM at the First Unitarian Universalist Church at 5200 Fannin. That's basically Fannin and Southmore. It's really big. You can notice it no matter how far away you are.

JIMMY CARPER: It is huge.

BOBBY: You couldn't miss this. Helen Keller couldn't miss this.

JIMMY CARPER: Don't go there, Helen.

[LAUGHTER]

BOBBY: Oh, he would have loved that.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, he would.

LITTLE ROY: OK, anyway, back into reality.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, what passes for it.

LITTLE ROY: OK, back into my reality, OK?

JIMMY CARPER: OK.

LITTLE ROY: OK. Just to give a little background for anyone that doesn't understand what the Unitarian people are, is the fact that it's basically a church where everyone is welcome, whether you believe in one God, multiple gods, it doesn't really matter. They really don't care as long as everyone comes together and worships together. And there's many different groups. There's even a pagan group, if I remember right.

BOBBY: Yes, there is. [INAUDIBLE] group.

LITTLE ROY: Yeah, I haven't been to that thing in eight years, or something like that.

BOBBY: I used to be part of that, when I used to be able to get up at that hour of the morning and go there.

LITTLE ROY: 11:00 in the morning.

BOBBY: I don't do that anymore as a result of, oh, I don't know, this other show that I do at night on Saturday.

LITTLE ROY: Well, now that I have a job I'm usually up by 8:00.

BOBBY: Anyhow, go on.

LITTLE ROY: Anyhow, so the overall Pride Week theme will also be expressed there in music, prayers, stories, graphics, and blessings from a wide spectrum of faith traditions. What else is there? I am at a standstill for a moment, excuse me. OK. Buddhist and Native American traditionalists will add the richness of their perspectives for the first time to the service, which has seen increasing participation by Jewish and Christian congregations and groups each year. That's all I have on that one, because I just lost my thought.

BOBBY: That works.

LITTLE ROY: Anyhow, on to something else.

BOBBY: And now for something completely different.

LITTLE ROY: Well, not completely, it still has to do with faiths. The Catholic University cancels Ex-Homosexual Conference. The reason why they're doing this is the fact that parents and friends have supposedly misrepresented-- how did they put it? Basically misrepresented the intent for the conference, which is-- Supposedly they had-- It was supposed to be under-- They gave the impression it would deal with ministering to victims of child abuse, when you signed the contract April 3. In actuality it is for those ex-homosexuals that are repenting Christians.

BOBBY: Uh-huh.

LITTLE ROY: Exactly. But on their bright note, Trinity was gracious enough to give them a home, and to even support some of the meals. Just not the evening meal. So I guess they have to starve at night, you know? Or at least bring a midnight snack.

BOBBY: There you go. A little nosh for later.

LITTLE ROY: Who knows what the midnight snack will be?

BOBBY: A group of people who are ex-gay? Do we have to go there?

LITTLE ROY: We can if you want.

BOBBY: No.

LITTLE ROY: OK, thank you.

BOBBY: Go on.

LITTLE ROY: OK. Something that was spoken about earlier, and just that I want to reiterate, the Equal Rights Rally will kick off the Houston Pride Parade. It has Mayor Lee Brown and Council Member Annise Parker. That name I actually do know. I don't keep up with politics too often.

OK, let's see, the Equal Rights Rally in March begins at 6:30 PM on the corner of Westheimer and Montrose. That's not a very big corner, even though everyone knows it, from sea to shining sea. Trust me, people in California know.

BOBBY: More like sea to shining sequin but, go on.

LITTLE ROY: Well, you know, hey, even though it's become dull. It also says that-- Did I say that it will begin at 6:30?

BOBBY: Mm-hmm.

LITTLE ROY: I hope so. OK. Mayor Brown will cut the ribbon to start the Houston Pride Parade at 8:45. That will actually be on time, hopefully. The rest, who knows? Since the date of the press release, many organizations are endorsing this thing.

BOBBY: It's kind of interesting to be able to get a Mayor of the city to do this more than once, to be part of-- to get involved with our community on some level more than once. That's kind of cool. It's been a while.

LITTLE ROY: I wouldn't know, I usually don't stay in Houston. But that's a different story. Back to you now.

BOBBY: Thank you. Oh, look at that. I was having a conversation with somebody earlier this week about being in the military and being gay. And recently there was yet another numbers game on how many people have been discharged--

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yes.

BOBBY: --as a result. Now this thing says don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue, don't harass. And yet they're still discharging people left, right, and center.

LITTLE ROY: What do you know?

BOBBY: 1,231 service members during the 2000 fiscal year. That's an awful lot of people.

JIMMY CARPER: That's a lot of people.

LITTLE ROY: Well, there'll be at least one more person added to that at the next fiscal year. Not me, sorry.

BOBBY: No, I don't think you're--

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, you're going to tell on somebody, huh?

LITTLE ROY: No, no, no, no. A friend of mine was discharged, and I actually saw the papers. It was quite interesting to read them and see how they worded it.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, I'll bet.

LITTLE ROY: I had a line at the store, OK, because I was busy reading it.

BOBBY: According to the Service Members Legal Defense Network Executive Director C. Dixon Osburn, as it's spelled here, Congress should repeal, don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue, don't harass. Remove this stain from our nation's history. Well, it's not the best way to go, but it's, I mean, it's better than-- I could say it's better than nothing at all, but some things-- that's up to individuals as to what's better than nothing at all. I mean that's your own thing.

Anyhow, on a last note on something at least relatively cheerful, did anybody notice there's a new bar in town?

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, really?

BOBBY: Yes, there is. Well, it's a new club.

JIMMY CARPER: Actually, we were supposed to have a report on that from Chris, because Chris got to go to the exclusive, by invitation only, opening, which was Wednesday night, rather than the-- Or Tuesday night, I forget when it was. It was the day before the regular by invitation only opening night. That is called South Beach.

BOBBY: Yes.

JIMMY CARPER: My friends Bruce and Judy went to the first one and they said it was packed. It was so crowded they couldn't even dance. It was just beautiful, but packed.

BOBBY: Well, you know, it's been a long time coming to get that finally fixed, after--

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

BOBBY: I mean, I have been jokingly, for several years now, referring to that as the night heaven burnt all to hell. And the fact that is all those little construction things that you see everywhere with the little yellow cones all over this city, those are simply shrines to Our Lady of Perpetual Deconstruction. This building was the temple to Our Lady of Perpetual Deconstruction--

JIMMY CARPER: No kidding!

BOBBY: Because it has taken, I can't even begin to remember how long--

JIMMY CARPER: At least three years.

BOBBY: It's been at least three years since that night. And anybody who was actually there remembers that thing went up in flames on what I believe was a weekend. It was--

JIMMY CARPER: Saturday night.

BOBBY: It was a Saturday night, around about, what was it, 11 something? And gave a whole new meaning to the phrase, "flaming queens."

JIMMY CARPER: No kidding.

BOBBY: But there is a new place open. From the outside, I have not been there, I don't go to the clubs a whole heaping heck of a lot, but from the outside it's beautiful. I mean there are these gigantic palm trees.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, it's gorgeous.

BOBBY: And it's like the temple at Karnak, here. But hey, the neighborhood needed something new and shiny that was not a townhome.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes. Oh, I hope they didn't get flooded.

BOBBY: Oh, gee, I'd be so completely disappointed if the townhomes got flooded.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes. Oh, I saw quite a few that have.

BOBBY: Oh, yeah, I'm sure.

JIMMY CARPER: Because they build them so-- they fill the lot with them. They tear down an old 1930s bungalow and put up townhouses. And they build them right up to the sidewalk, so.

BOBBY: Which means they don't have a whole lot of room to go if the street starts flooding.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right.

BOBBY: Those poor dears.

JIMMY CARPER: And before we get too far into this, I want to remind people that they are listening to After Hours Queer, Radio with Attitude, on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. I'm Jimmy Carper. We are toward the end of the News and Views with Little Roy and Bobby.

BOBBY: Hello.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. Kind of different for this week. How much more--

BOBBY: We are the Legion of Substitute Heroes.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, yeah, and speaking of substitutes--

BOBBY: That was actually a comic book, by the way. Anyhow, go on.

[LAUGHTER]

LITTLE ROY: Was it really a comic book?

BOBBY: Yes.

JIMMY CARPER: See, always trying to advertise Phoenix Comics, you know. One of his favorite places.

BOBBY: One of my favorite places, run by a lovely woman named Kim. And one of the nicest people I know.

JIMMY CARPER: And it's right next door to the best coffee shop--

BOBBY: --coffee shop in town, Buddhas. They are otherwise known as Cafe Avignon.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

BOBBY: It's a wonderful place. Go there, you'll love it. After the bars, mind you, their hours are now-- Most recently I heard, I don't know what the latest is, but now they're not opening until 3:00 in the afternoon, and they close, at least on the weekends, I don't know what the whole hours are.

JIMMY CARPER: So they're not open for lunch anymore?

BOBBY: From what I understand they're not really open for lunch anymore, but they are open, if you want a place to crash-- You remember when Charlie's used to be open all hours of the night for the after bar crowd.

JIMMY CARPER: Gotcha.

BOBBY: Well, there you go. Now you can go over to Cafe Avignon, have yourself a cookie, have yourself a coffee or a cappuccino, there you go. It's a wonderful thing. And you don't have to go to that other establishment that that's open 24 hours now if you don't want to, and pay all kinds of good money.

JIMMY CARPER: OK.

BOBBY: I love that.

JIMMY CARPER: Do you guys have much more?

BOBBY: I think we're pretty much, actually--

JIMMY CARPER: Because I want to do the last one.

BOBBY: The last thing I need to mention, as a personal plug, since we've been mentioning this a few times, is an interview which is coming up that I'm going to be in.

JIMMY CARPER: Ta-da! Yes.

BOBBY: Yes.

JIMMY CARPER: We're going to be talking about it now every week until it happens.

BOBBY: It's on June 28 on Channel 8 on the TV show Weekday. I have done an interview with a few other people, apparently, who I have not actually met. I have not actually met the other people in this interview. But the subject is same-sex domestic abuse. Anybody who's heard me talk about this numerous times now, I was in the relationship from hell with a man who loved to talk with foreign objects, his fists, and whatever he could pick up. Anyhow, the interview airs June 28, I believe that's a Thursday night.

JIMMY CARPER: What channel?

BOBBY: It's on Channel 8. It's on the TV show Weekday, which used to be Weeknight Edition.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

BOBBY: They changed it because, after all, it airs twice a day.

JIMMY CARPER: Right.

BOBBY: It'll air at 12:30 in the afternoon, and then again at 10:00 PM. I hope you'll watch it, because people don't realize that when two guys get in a fight, sometimes it's not two guys in a fight.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right.

BOBBY: Sometimes it's one guy beating up on the other, and they're in a relationship, and the word love gets batted around a whole lot. But love is not using somebody for a punching bag, emotion, physical, or sexual.

JIMMY CARPER: And sometimes it's really difficult to get out of a relationship like that for a variety of reasons. And not all of them monetary.

BOBBY: No. Some of them are emotional connection.

JIMMY CARPER: Sure.

BOBBY: I mean, because we truly do get connected to the people who are hurting us.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

BOBBY: And it's just, ugh--

JIMMY CARPER: There are lots of issues there.

BOBBY: Lots of issues. And for all of us who have been through it, it's different. I mean, different people go through different kinds of abuse. You know, I consider myself lucky that mine was only four years, broken nose and all. I know people who have been through for a lot more, three and four times that number of years.

Anyhow, so I hope you'll tune in June 28, 12:30 PM and 10:00 PM on Channel 8.

JIMMY CARPER: And the last item in the After Hours News and Views--

BOBBY: Ta-da!

JIMMY CARPER: --with Little Roy and Bobby is from me. And it's called Let the Good Times Roll, New Orleans Fun in Houston. Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, June the 10th. That's, like, today, from 11:00 AM until 4:00 PM is the date for the Houston Buyers Club's next fundraising event, a New Orleans-style house party. The event at 2115 Commonwealth Avenue at Michigan Street is expected to draw some 500 individuals for a day of entertainment, Creole cooking, and silent auction of original artwork by up and coming artists.

Ticket prices are \$25, and I can say that because it's for charity. It's for the Houston Buyers Club. And the featured entertainment is none other than Sweet Mama Cotton.

BOBBY: Yay!

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

BOBBY: There you go.

JIMMY CARPER: There will be two wet bars, valet parking available, and plenty of Cajun Creole buffet.

BOBBY: Girl, can that woman belt out a tune.

JIMMY CARPER: Ooh!

BOBBY: Hello.

JIMMY CARPER: Fred Walters, Jr., the executive director of Houston Buyers Club, says, "The energy building up for this event is incredible. We look to raise between \$5,000 to \$10,000, with proceeds directly benefiting the Houston Buyers Club." Adding to his excitement about the party, Walters adds, "And we just may have a celebrity or two drop in for the occasion." Financial and time donations are welcomed, and for further information, well, you just show up there. That's 2115 Commonwealth at Michigan.

The Houston Buyers Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit Texas corporation providing free nutritional supplements to counter harmful side effects caused by HIV/AIDS medicines. Houston Buyers Club also provides treatment information used in treating chronic diseases such as diabetes and cancer. It's a great, great group. And you can go there and have a lot of fun with Sweet Mama Cotton who, by the way, is still at the Briar Patch every Wednesday night, 9:30 to 11:30, and on weekends, Friday and Saturday, from 5:00 to 7:00 she's at the Holiday Hotel in Galveston. And every Friday and Saturday from 8:00 until 11:00, she's at the Brothers Petronella, 23rd and Strand.

She's been a great supporter of After Hours, and we are very happy to play her music. And this is one from her latest CD called Live at the Hollywood.

BOBBY: We need to get the real thing in here one of these days.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes. Last time she came by, we had a packed show, I couldn't get her on. And she didn't expect to be!

BOBBY: She didn't expect to be.

JIMMY CARPER: She was just dropping off stuff. And she's just a sweetheart. We always have fun when she drops by. This is from that CD. And gosh, we're just going to have fun for the next hour along these lines.