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Roy McCarthy 00:02

Okay. And suppose we're here to arrange to an escort service. That turned out to be a police thing for a sec state, costing 100 bucks. And that's what happens when.

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Chris 00:19

Now this incident has also cost him his job and a little bit of respect, because in Britain, he was a very strong advocate for the the repeal of anti homosexual laws, and changing of the laws of the age of consent. And he was against it. Now he was he was in support of changing Great Britain is one of the few countries in Europe. Just recently, about a year and a half, two years ago, the age of consent for gay male sex was 21. For heterosexual sex, and lesbian sex was 16. Recently, it's been reduced down to 18, for gay male sex, and they're still working on getting it so that it is equal on all three bases. And he was a very strong proponent of that legislation going through over in England, it was a very big advocate of changing the those laws and then to come over here and flip open the phone book, and look under escorts and find five pages of them. And the majority of those, unfortunately, when police officers go in and shut down in operation for prostitution, they end up in most cases, taking those phone numbers making them their own. And when you make a deal with them, you may be making a deal with an undercover officer, which was his case of \$100. Escort turning into a \$1,500. Fine.

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Roy McCarthy 01:48

Well, you know, I'll be very honest, my personal thing about prostitution is that it shouldn't be legalized, as my personal view that it should, I mean, let's face it, it's cheaper to run them for an hour or two than America, while you're gay or straight is cheaper. But at any rate, though, what people do behind closed doors is their own business. And if someone wants to give financial consideration, I mean, if you meet, if you're a guy, and you meet a very good looking woman that you want to take out for dating, you can you can spend easily 150 \$200 on debt alone, not to mention going out to the theater, you know, and then you go home, and you have will be I mean, so. I mean, you have spent close to \$1,000, or at least \$500. On that evening.

 Chris 02:47

What you've just done though, is you haven't paid her directly. You paid her with feeding, you're paying or in a lot of other things. It's one part like with the women's movement, they've always commented that marriage is actually legalized prostitution, under the old guidelines of what marriage was your, his property there to knock out kids and clean the house. And for that you're given an allowance. And we're, you're seeing a lot of this case here. This is a story that we actually picked up off MSN news, and Reuters, off the internet. And it did also have a nice write up in the Houston Chronicle on Fridays was kind of late breaking, so it didn't make the voice for the triangle. But it's a it's a very interesting case. And I guess you can look forward to the fact that because of the legal limbo of 2106, they didn't tack on a homosexual conduct onto his fines.

 Roy McCarthy 03:47

You know, this whole thing is just like, I remember in the days before stonewalled, we could be prosecuted. And we were prosecuted in much the same way and had huge fines assessed to us.

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Well, even here in the city of Houston, we just celebrated the 20th anniversary of the repeal of the cross dressing ordinance.

 Roy McCarthy 04:16

So it's still illegal to be gay. I mean, well, up until a month or two ago,

 Chris 04:20

as long as you check for the what court districts are sitting in a very cross a counting line. It's not it's not statewide. And that's one thing we can thumb our nose at Dallas, I believe because I don't think they're in the same court district. It's still illegal up there. Right come down south. That's what we that's how we promote Louis. We'll promote Louis to Dallas and guess what is legal down here. Right, which would be even funnier if Jimmy was actually paying attention. The follies will be benefiting the AIDS Foundation Houston, the variable variety show follies has been taken out of storage dusted off and is set to be performed next We have ovations 2536 times Boulevard by an esteemed and experienced ensemble performers from Houston. Mark your calendars for the August 30 and 31st performance because these will be benefits for AIDS Foundation Houston is the director is Paul Pope, who has been a ally theater resident player for 10 seasons and has also worked with the theater under the stars. On my next page here at Foundation Houston is a nonprofit organization that provides positive social impact here have as part of the sexual social impact through innovative management of HIV and AIDS and other chronic diseases. They provide housing, food and support services for the Houston community

along with a strong education program. Once again, follies will be at ovations 2536 times Boulevard. And that's on August 30, and 31st at 8pm. For more information, you can call 713-623-6796.

 Roy McCarthy 06:17

Okay, moving right along, folks. If you've been to the Houston Ballet, you will for sure have had your breath taken away by a dancer there from Spain named Nacho blato.

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I'm sorry, that sounds like a drag queen today. I'm not a not a serious ballet dancer.

 Roy McCarthy 06:35

Well, he really is a serious ballet dancer, and his name is Nacho Doyle. And he is with the Houston Ballet. And folks, well, he's performing with Houston Ballet, and he is gay folks, he has come out as being gay and

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skimpy outfits.

 Roy McCarthy 06:57

I know that's why I love the ballet. They have those codpieces in the front of beautiful outlines everything like him going to heaven. Anyways.

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See, we have to be careful now Roy your age when you start drooling and get that distant look in your eye that may not just mean you're excited.

 Roy McCarthy 07:16

I tell you some folks I'm 50 It's been a fabulous 50. I'm looking forward to the next 50 And in all honesty, this last 50 years has been phenomenal. I've never been in a closet. I have had. I've had a fabulous gala time in life, all the way up to the Stonewall and after Stonewall. It's still been a riot ever since.

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And then we say way back to the nacho ma'am.

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Roy McCarthy 07:44

Nacho Nacho Nan, I want to meet this Nacho Ming anyways. He's performing with the Houston Ballet from September 7 through the 17th. So folks, get on down there to the world of theater and get to see this out and proud. Gay ballet dancer from Spain. Hey, Nacho,

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performing without words

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Roy McCarthy 08:10

without words. That's the name of the ballet that ballet piece of doing this without words. And is that the word them that center to wear them theaters router

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number 717. That's correct. A P flag alert. P flaggers. Have a very unique perspective and voice on GLBT issues when parents family members and friends speak out against homophobia and in support of Gob, equality GLBT equality and its powerful educational and inspirational. Here are two opportunities for PFLAG and their supporters to share their experiences. Parents voices Catherine Linton best known for her work on the PBS series in the light. And a documentary on anti gay violence for the a&e network is in the in the initial stages of a new project. Parents voices, its focus is on straight perspectives on gay issues. And she has said some of the most powerful stories she has heard in the past have been from parents. Right now. She's collecting stories to put together a funding proposal. If you would like to contact Katherine to be a part of this. You can email her at LinkedIn BK. That's li n t o n. B k@aol.com. Also ABC show 2020 We'll be doing a story on the complexities of being raised by a gay or lesbian parent, focusing on young adults ages 14 to 25. They would like to get in touch with families in which parents are gay or gay or lesbian couple, which choose together to have a child and have raised their children child or children. Since birth or a very young age, if you'd like to be a part of this story, contact Oh, I know why you gave us to me. Fung when associate producer ABC News 2020 at phone dot j dot and when which I'll spell which is Phu O N G dot g dot n g uyen@abc.com. This information was brought to you by parents, families or friends of lesbians and gays. You can find them@www.pflag.org or the Houston organization at PFLAG Houston dot o RG.

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Roy McCarthy 10:49

Okay, folks, if you haven't gotten to see the naked boys singing, well, it's been held over September 8 through the 30th at the Bienvenu theatre 3722. Washington Avenue. Folks, that is an hour this is an outrageous musical comedy. And Shawn Carter, who's one of the performers in this has told me that it's been they've been having fantastic audience participation coming in and you know, a number of people showing up for the for the shows, as I



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see it ran long enough they were able to get pictures of the actual performers in the Houston show.



Roy McCarthy 11:29

And if you'd like for reservation is let's call for reservations. The you call him at area code 713-426-2626. And again, this is a very outrageous and it's a musical comedy. It's a musical full of witty silly songs and a charming performance and a whole lot of fairly innocent fun. So says the Houston press and the voice was said it was a graceful and witty production. And folks, this is really something else and it's been held over September 8 through the 30th at the Bienvenu theatre 3722 Washington Avenue right there. Just north of downtown West, northwest of downtown Washington,



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Washington and wall dead just



Roy McCarthy 12:19

Wah wah wah wah wah to my left folks.



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And now for the cultural portion of our show. Who called Don't you believe it? The



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IMing like horticulture a hardcore haunt him



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or culture now. That's a whole nother show. wasn't talking about you darling? I could have but you're the one who stood up okay. Is that all you got to show? I'm sorry.



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That one, just that one finger salute.



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finger salute. The Houston lesbian gay community center has announced a new lineup of poets for poetry, passion and politics. On Sunday,



R Roy McCarthy 13:10

Sunday, Sunday



C Chris 13:14

August 27 At the Kennedy Center 803 Hong Kong beginning at 7:30pm. Simone a Cunningham will read from her recent work. She will be joined by Michael Locke and Alex Mercer. Mo are you at Houston poet and media are okay an open mic segment will be following the reading. Refreshments will be available. Admission is \$10. Some proceeds will be benefiting the center. Cunningham is a poet spoken word artist and lyricist. Her work has appeared extensively on the internet. These works which are also available in print versions include the chat book, sweet 69, Volume One, black lesbian erotica and Confessions of a womanizer. Michael Locke is now working on a book that combines black and white photography and poetry. He's the founder of the nonprofit group truth and multicultural America, which promotes harmony among diverse population. And more read his poetry at diverse works as part of the formal performance group Kwak queer artists collective. He has also participated in readings with nuestra palabra the Houston lesbian gay community center is the central resource for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered communities and is home to hatch Q patrol the Gay Lesbian switchboard. The caucus pride committee. Basically any of the queer shows you hear on KPFT we got an office over there to hear another man according



R Roy McCarthy 14:52

to an article on a triangle or the voice he was trying to the community center is looking for a new home because oh yeah, they are busting at the seams and actually there's also



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two other groups there the black BL ALSC



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black, lesbian and gay.



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the C stands for and New Hope Christian Church



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is all services every Sunday.



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And the community center is at 803 Hawthorne at Stamford, Montrose telephone number is 713-524-3818



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The Gay Men's Chorus of Houston resumes rehearsals for its 22nd season on Thursday, Thursday, Thursday, September the seventh at Grace Lutheran Church, which is located at the corner of wall and Missouri streets. We had Tony Adam here last week to talk about it about the chorus and that season tickets are available. We always have a fun time when Tony's here for more information, email at info@gmch.org or phone 713-521-7464.



Roy McCarthy 16:12

Okay, let me jump in here. Do You are cordially invited to an evening of poetry on Friday, September 1.



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What is this Poetry Month? Yeah, a



Roy McCarthy 16:21

local bookshop.



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That was the cultural portion. Oh I said Gotcha. And if

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Roy McCarthy 16:26

you don't know where the local bookshop and cafe is at 3939 Montrose and the reading is going to be from morning contagious beauty writings by Mike Bolin and if you would be interested in reading, please contact Mike Bullen at 713-522-5156 before call him before August

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Roy McCarthy 16:54

and give me he's got some more

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Jimmy Carper 16:55

pokey Anderson sent me an email he understand. Yeah, she is a sweetheart, sweetheart, former partner, part owner of Inklings bookstore, and I believe she's feeling and she used to be on the air here doing a show called break through on Fridays from nine to noon. But I got an email from her. We she was talking about having an doing an interview with the mayor, Mayor Lee Brown. And she wrote to me he says she's got the interview in September and outsmart wants it for a November issue, maybe the cover story. And also she says maybe there'll be like the old days when I got Kathy Whitmire Whitmireinterview for breakthrough had her on the air. And something else I want you to be here because I've got something to read. It's about Molly Ivan's. And if you recall, a few weeks ago, I read a column that she she talked about having breast cancer. And here's her latest column. And it was in the I got it off the internet. It was in the Star Telegram at Wednesday, August 23. A Fort Worth Star Telegram? Yes. Yes. Actually asked. Yes. Maybe Dallas, I know that, oh. In one week and two days I will be finished with nine months of treatment for cancer. First, they poison you then they mutilate you, then they burn you. I've had more fun. And when it's over, you're so glad that you're grateful to absolutely everyone and I am. We've all done our best here whether this thing comes back is all out of our hands. My wife's friend Marilyn Schwartz said that those of us who survive owe a debt to Carol Nealon Mary Cheryl Joycelyn gray and to all the others who didn't make it. They would have given anything they owned any part of their bodies for the gift of life. We here who survive have it and we owe it to them to cherish it joyfully. The Chapel trouble is I'm not a better person it was in I was in great hopes that confronting my own mortality would make me deeper, more thoughtful. Many lovely people sent books on how to find a deeper spiritual meeting meaning in life. My response was, Oh hell, I can't go on a spiritual journey. I'm constipated. Isn't that typical Molly? Ivan's being sick actually narrows your world I'm afraid makes you focus more on yourself. Maybe when it's over and you don't feel like crud all the time. Then your spirit soars. The chief reason to keep working is because it takes your mind off of yourself. The main thing they tell you over and over is that this is different for everyone. It is Everyone reacts differently to chemotherapy to surgery to radiation. I even got mad at Marlon, who simply sailed through can't get chemo. I vomited in the office couldn't sleep forever lost 50 pounds. I don't recommend the diet. I was like help. I'm fluc flunking cancer. Of course, I

laughed a lot who could not laugh? There's even a cancer humor website called Terry coma, black stools, the taurine black stools, that's what it is. Tare don't go there. I got my first hair a few weeks ago. It came in right next to my mouth. That little mustache I've always hated. Oh my god, you know what a sense of humor. Before surgery, my friend Mercedes Pena, decided that I needed to get in touch with my emotions. I just assumed not hear from my emotions. I suspect they're largely unpleasant. A long distance call once or twice a year is enough for me. But mercy insisted, sure enough, I was not happy about having a having a radical mastectomy. I said mercy. How in the world? Do you Latinos do this every day all the time in touch with the emotions. She said seriously. That's why we take siestas. Cancer is good for the priorities. Traffic for one thing is not worth getting upset about as my pal spike Phillips. He said, You look at those fools honking getting steamed cutting in front of you and you just think, hey, it's not a malignant tumor. You know, you can't get through this without a lot of help from your friends. I had a party for all of my helpers after I got through with chemo, it's hard for me to talk about things that I care deeply about, without at least trying to be funny. But I told them how much they mean, to me, the value of that friendship is so much greater than any of the suffering caused by cancer, that it's not even remotely close. Moose McNealy said later that he thought the most important thing was not that I got all that help, but that I let people help me. He could be right. Despite my request, untold numbers of people wrote wonderful cards, notes, letters, my friends sent funny stuff by email, I save it up and about once a month, but I couldn't sleep at 3am I'd be sitting in front of the computer laughing and laughing. And I'm most grateful to all of the women who went out and got mammograms, it's going to take me longer to write up the thank you notes than it took to get over cancer. And that brings us to another great benefit of the Big C. It's the world's greatest excuse. I've gotten out of more stuff I didn't want to do even more than the stuff I missed that I did want to do. Special thanks to my boss, Paul Harrell, who has had to put up with some shoddy work. Not even W Bush's guy, Karl Rove, who would naturally like to cut my throat has that heard a peep? It's okay, now Karl. It's almost over. Judith Curtis wrote me at the beginning. I drank through the whole thing. I smoked through the whole thing. I demanded total, uncritical love from everyone around me. And I hated the lady from the American Cancer Society, my role model. The docks were great. The staff was great. And Judy, the Wilbur who went with me for a blood draw at 2pm and it was still with me when I got out of the hospital at 3am at least got to meet the male nurse with the ponytail who plays biker gospel rock for prisoners. It's important to keep medical staff amused. Right now I'm working on stories about the love life of Clyde the radiation machine. On weekends he sneaks sinks across the hall and offers to share electricity with the CAT scan machine. He's even hustling the office Xerox clients and Tom Cat. Cancer is not easy. It is not pleasant and given a choice I would just as soon have skipped it. But I know now, but I now know I'm sorry. What all survivors know and I am grateful. So grateful. Molly Ivan's is a columnist for The Star Telegram you can reach her at Molly Ivan's at start telegram.com.

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Roy McCarthy 24:35

Talking about survivors. Yeah. The winning survivor as Richard hack. The gay openly gay was million dollar winner it's

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Chris 24:47

surprising that it didn't come out during his arrest. After the show. I know. It's surprising that they were able to keep it under wraps. For what what happened was his 13 or 14 year old son was being taken care of by Richard's father while he was on the island. Right. And supposedly

the grandfather, the grandfather didn't have the have the kid exercise and do a lot. He gained some weight. And so after Richard got back and saw his son, not in shape, was a little abusive to forcing him going out to do running and dragged him and causing arrest and they took the child away for a short time for child abuse. And it's amazing that something like that did not come out. Yeah, he was the million dollar winner. But as the time says, on the clock,



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it's sure to us, we've got leather folks waiting in the wings chomping at the bit. You bet.



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Well, that's a whole nother topic if they're chomping at the bit.



Roy McCarthy 25:58

That's it. That's it for this week's edition of after hours news and views for Chris, Jimmy on



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wish to send us email, love mail, hate mail, dirty pagers. Remember Roy's the birthday boy so send them a Cocker to.



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That's right. And bird website. And now you can give him a call and wish him happy birthday.
713-526-5738



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email addresses after hours. kpft@hotmail.com



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Oh, okay. Well, they can call him right now and talk to him fly. Yeah,



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but they can't give him a bird. Oh, my Okay, bye.



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Charlie pitch Shaco from his album called here come to blues. That, of course was shame. Shame on me. And I play Charlie because he's, you know him.



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He's moved back in Houston.



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Yes, he's moved back to Houston. And he's Jim Sarojini, who heads up the leather show here knows him. In fact, he sang together. So



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we sang in San Antonio together, which was good many years ago. And I meant to be here at your show that you had Memorial Day, but I was out of town. So I couldn't make that one.



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Ah, well, he's got he's got his own segment now. That's the third Saturday second half of the show. All right. So yeah, so yeah, now we haven't seen W. I like that. That's great. So what have you got going for tonight?



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Well, I have we were really getting into leather tonight is supposed to be doing good. And for all the listeners who are still out there. And I guess from the comments earlier, there may be a couple.



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We have a lot of listeners a lot. And we're the we're the number six show radio show. Midnight radio show in Houston.



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And what are what are we listening to?



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KRFT Houston and KZ-Q in College Station



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the original after our Yes, it is. All right. Well, I have Harry Harry Thompson from leather by boots. And we're going to talk in just a little bit about leather items and things like that. And I just want to go into a little news if I could. We do have some bad news. Unfortunately, Tony de blas passed away and a lot of people don't know Tony blahs. He was really a big, great innovator and leaders in the leather community. He was the creator of the leather pride flag. And he unfortunately passed away July 21, after an extended illness. And He was survived by his lover of more than two, excuse me, 24 years, Dr. Andrew Charles. And Tony was also a doctor which I never knew that and being a doctor. He was a mammalogy cyst, which specialized in the biology of bats. So and that's sad to say that that happened. And he will be greatly missed because I had a unique opportunity two years ago up in Chicago with IML to meet with him and talk with him briefly. Ooh. And he never had such an idea. But the leather pride flag taking off the way it did, because it's only approximately 11 years old. And it just was an idea he had to kind of unite the leather community and his first prototype of course, was not not even square. It was supposed to be a rectangle was a little caddywhompus there. But he joked about that he still had the prototype to that. He had no idea that it would be such a great inspiration to the leather community, the entire world it really is. So that's something it's pretty interesting.



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It's bringing leather out of the closet.



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It is it's it's something you know, everyone likes something to unite them. And leather pride flag is one item that does that. You bet. So our thoughts go with the friends and family of Tony. In a little more news EMSL just had their leather contest, July 20 through the 23rd. And that was held in Canada and the new insole, international Ms. Leather for those of you who are listening was won by. See first runner up was how we go here. I'm breathing this as we speak here, the one of the great benefits of live radio.



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That's right, that's right.



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Okay, in the winter cricket Watkins, how can we forget a name like cricket? No kidding, no, but congratulations to her. And it's really good that the women are getting involved in that. And insole is a really fun contest. If you can make some of these leather contests are always fun to make. And speaking of leather contests coming up, we have the international Mr. Drummer

2000. That's going to be coming up in September the 14th through the 17th, at the Suncoast resort, in St. Petersburg, Florida. And that's always a good one. And people who would like more information on that one. They used to be in San Francisco. And they just recently the contest was bought and moved to St. Petersburg, Florida. I believe this is the first year. And for more information on that. There's a website www.contest.drummer.com. So that should be pretty good. So we'll get into tonight's discussion on leather. And I'd like to introduce my very special guest. This is Harry Thompson of leather buy boots. Welcome, Harry. Oh, thank you. Good. I'm glad you can make it. Thank you very much. Right?



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Oh, you bet either by boots is like the standard for everyone out there.



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And then yeah, we'll get into a little bit about that. And first off, Harry, tell tell everyone what you do there at leather buy boots? Oh,



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mostly I do custom items for people. A lot of design work and also a stock of clothing. Toys. Many toys. Yes. And I've been doing doing a lot of designing for women's items, tops and skirts and hip hugger pants and a lot of things for the younger, younger kids. And we're doing a lot of chain work that people are really enjoying these days.



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So you do all that. What do you have an official title or anything?



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Taylor as my official title?



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Well, you're also I believe, Assistant Manager,



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Assistant Manager, co manager of a bookkeeper, banker. Head of Production, just doing a little bit of everything.



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All right candlestick maker. Yes. But you mentioned earlier about some of the women's items. Is that taking off more now than it used to?



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Yes, especially with the onset of the internet. A lot of the heterosexual community has, has pretty much exploded as far as leather, leather lifestyle. And we've been trying to move forward and as far as a women's items and and more fetish wear that people can wear out to different clubs and to parties, and



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it's good to see that leather is becoming more than mainstream than what it used to be before.



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As a matter of fact, this past year, leather bit more became more of a mall item. Oh, really? Yeah, right around Christmas.



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I don't know if that's. That's kind of different.



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Yeah, you want it mainstream, but not that. Really? Yeah.



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When it goes to the malls, you know, look at it. No, I'm teasing. Okay, Harry, tell us a little bit about yourself. How long have you lived here in town



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and had to get here? Been living in Houston for 10 years now? I left West Virginia in 1990. went to New Orleans and on July the fourth. So met someone I was promised a job and a place to stay. And I said okay. Drove motherlode car to Houston and broke down and I've been here ever since.



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All right. Well, we're glad you made it here. We'll get into your work in just a little bit. But how did you get started with leather by boots?



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Actually, I was working in the toy store a gift shop at the Houston Zoo and enjoyed that so much. And there was a little bit of a slow season there. So ours got kept back. And that was a quite a regular quite a lash. It's at the ripcord and so a help wanted sign applied and got a job one night a week and it went on from there.



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So you went from selling toys to selling toys?



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Yeah. older, older kids different toys. Yes.



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So you work there at leather by boots. I'm sorry for how



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long for eight years,



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eight years. Okay. You know a little bit about the history of leather by boots. Can Can you tell us a little bit about that?



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Yeah, leather boots was originally started in New Orleans at 740 Dauphine. Back in the late 70s and early 80s. As a matter of fact, when the Lancers Motorcycle Club was in New Orleans boots had his shop there. And if anybody goes to Mary's and looks above the pool table, the motorcycle was was put up by the Lancers motorcycle club back around somewhere around 1980. Wow. I never knew that. Yeah. And then boots moved to Houston and was a bartender at the ripcord and leatherworks had the shop and the ripcord at that point. And they closed down and boots started his shop up here.



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That's incredible. And I guess a lot of people may not know that boots Adams is the owner of leather by boots. Yes, he is. And a lot of people say well, leather buy boots thinking you know boots on your feet. But that's really his name is boots, Adam.



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Yes, it is. Yeah, I usually say object of preposition. Yes. Buy boots.



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And interesting because you said he started in New Orleans. Yes. And I never knew this was one of the reasons that Jimmy he named his business leather by boots was the shape of his original logo.



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Uh, yeah, his original logo, I found a t shirt in the shop. And it's the outline of the state of Louisiana. It's a boot shape.



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Oh, picture picture Louisiana. Boot. And that's how he got started leather by boots. It's kind of interesting that is



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that this I never I never knew that. Boots was on the show long time ago, gosh, probably 10 years ago. And he didn't mention that then. He's marvelous to talk to. Because that was a great interview. I really enjoyed that.



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He's super, super, super guy. I'm sorry. He's had a few problems or he's had to go out of town and some family matters. wish him the best in that,



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uh, ya know, I'll be sure to let him know



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that we seem that anyone whoever works there. Really. It's a labor of love. It's it's not just a job. It's more of a career.



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It is more of more of a career and like my working there I just enjoy it so much enjoy the work, enjoy the people. And just getting to know different things about different people and learning what makes them tick. And okay, so you like to do this, this and this. Okay, I can handle that. I'm open minded.



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Plus, you learn. Oh, yeah,



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I've learned so much from my customers. I enjoy them very, very much.



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That's great. Let's let's go through the locations of leather by Bucha. Your main store is located at whereabouts



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at 1403 Fairview Street. Okay, yeah, it's at the corner of wall drive and Fairview.



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Okay, now you used to be I can remember we used to be on Montrose Boulevard. Right there almost in Fairview.



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And yeah, we were at 2424 Montrose. Big brick building a Phoenix comics and gangs is there now.



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And then they moved. Then y'all move to right across



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the street from the ripcord and yeah, we weren't 807 Fairview at that point.



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And then back here, about what I guess about a Is it almost a year?



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It's been right at a year September 1. That's incredible. Yeah, the original location was at 711 Fairview.



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That's incredible. But so all pretty. Pretty close to one



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another. Oh, yeah. Close to home.



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That's nice. And there's some other stores associated with leather boots.



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Yes, we also have leather by boots, Dallas, managed by Dean waldrep. And we have a kind of sorta have leather forever. It's now at 711 Fairview street managed by Steve Smith.



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Okay. But boots is still a part of those businesses. Yes,



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he is very much a part of both businesses.



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That's good. Well, you got into a little bit about boots. Tell us tell us some more. You know what kind of individual I've known him for for many years. And the one thing that comes to mind for what I know about him is it's he's always willing to help the community. It's not like oh, well what do I have to do it? You know? Would you want it and like for donating gift certificates and things? He's just always there. And it's, it's really nice to see someone like that, that's involved like that in the community.



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And yeah, he's always tried to do what he can. And a lot of times he's over done himself. I've seen him actually seen him sit and go hungry. So someone else could have meds as needed. And he's very modest about what he does. He does not like credit for anything. And he just sort of likes to sit in the background and do for people.



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Well, but he does deserve some credit. And, and, you know, that's one of the reasons that I think that we're doing this show is to get people out in the community to get the names noticed. And, and if you see them, you know, thank them. It's important. So, okay. Do you know, did you ever talk to him how he wanted to get started in business, I mean, was his goal to own a leather shop, or



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that part I'm not really sure about, I know that he started a restaurant in Manhattan. He's a master French chef. And well, and who knew very, very good cook, Oh, my. But he's been in leather activities for a number of years. And he worked for a leather shop here in Houston. For a while the leather works, it was down to little waist, past Richmond Avenue on Montrose. And like I said, their business closed down, and he saw an opportunity and decided to go ahead and open his shop back up here in Houston.



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But that's really good to be involved in that. His community involvement is too numerous to mention of things he's done. It's just nice to know that he's always out there.



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Yeah. And I think he always will be.



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That's good. How many? How many employees do you have? It led to?

That's good. How many full time employees do you have at the lot?



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We have two full time employees and approximately six part time. Okay. I can't



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let this go by without naming former employees. And one that comes to mind, of course, is surely



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we all miss her very much.



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It's sorry to say she has passed away but just a super lady. I mean, in fact, I think when I first went there, that's who I met. And she just would open you with open arms and by Jan, and it was incredible. So you worked with her for many years?



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Yes, I did. And even now, you can walk into the shop and you can just feel her there. That's good feel. Yeah, it's good energy. You can stand in the shop. Even even if you're by yourself and the lights are off. You never feel alone.



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It's a comfortable feeling. Oh, yes. All right. Well, so you touched touched on this earlier about your activities that lead to robots? What kind of things you use in your daily work?



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Mostly, as well. Snapchatters and punches, obviously. Using the sewing machine now I'm doing computers and, and using lots of accounting software, but the business err, Oh, yes. And that's nap setting machines. There's various hand tools as just as too numerous to mention. Really?



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Do you ever see the need to get different items? I mean, is there always like a tool that you wish you had or something?



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Yeah, there's always a tool that you wish you had a punch or a dye that would cut button holes or to do to do shapes in different types of harnesses and cut out tops and things but make do with a knife and scissors. Yeah, well, that



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works. The old fashioned.



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Tell me about the sewing machine. I I know it can't be just your regular run of the mill singer. No, it isn't