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## SPEAKERS

Chris, Jimmy Carper, Bobby, Roy McCarthy

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### Jimmy Carper 01:02

And it's time for the after hours news interviews with big Roy and Chris.

### Roy McCarthy 01:09

Bobby had written there I really enjoyed that. Anyway, welcome everyone to this week's edition of after hours news and views want to give a hearty shout out to Randy out there and Roseanne to Tony way up there midway to all of our listeners everywhere in all parts of the Lone Star State and wherever you may be listening to us on the radio or on the web, or however, you're receiving us this evening. Okay, God gonna start off this week's news on a bit of a health note, we we beat the pilot political opponent till it was dead and dug it up and beat it some more. So I'm gonna do some health news that we have.

### Chris 01:53

Can I just say one thing? Because everyone was calling and complaining, I want to we have to say one positive push thing, but he's no longer gonna be governor of Texas.

### Roy McCarthy 02:03

No, now is the governor hold Don country. Anywhere rate, we're gonna do the some health stuff, which is actually very long overdue. And before we do that, I want to give everybody a heads up to keep listening to after hours because my co anchor here, Chris, on his segment that he does monthly. Eventually he's going to be doing an AIDS update. Yeah, he plans on doing a big aid show.

### Chris 02:34

Yeah, back when we were shot was still here. I wanted to do one if I can just get someone who's who? Who's with the AIDS testing program. And if you're listening to us out there, give me a call who's willing to come out on the air live during the show, we would really love to, to do a show on AIDS and aids testing and the hard part is getting someone to show up at two in the morning.

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Roy McCarthy 02:59

Heard that any rate, the Texas regional gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender health summit is being announced that it's going to be held here in Houston next September. It has just been announced. And it's going to be held on Wednesday, September 19 2001. through Saturday, September 22. At the bearing Memorial, United Methodist churches, newly remodeled building. Representatives from the Montrose clinic, the PWA coalition, Houston bearing support network, the city of Houston bureau of HIV prevention and bearing Memorial United Methodist Church all got together and they formed a steering committee a few months back, and they pretty much put this thing together. And this is being Oregon is being organized health zones are presently being organized in other parts of the country as well. For instance, out in Chicago, New England, Delaware, Utah, Maryland, New York, LA Frisco all these places already have held summits scheduled for the summer of 2001. However, this one is going to be the only summit that's opening up the conference to the entire gay, lesbian bisexual transgender community. The conference plans to address a wide variety of health issues facing the Glip community including mental health alcohol, drug abuse, breast cancer, HIV STDs domestic violence, sexual health, aging, ageism. And ageism.

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Chris 04:41

Sorry I gotta Geritol stuck in your throat,

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Roy McCarthy 04:44

eating disorders, nutrition, wellness more organized hope that conference attendees will come away with a brand new found awareness of global health issues in Houston and the state of Texas and begin to form ag Look, I see groups that effectively deal with some of these issues. You might notice that one of the issues we they're going to be covering is mental health, which Chris and I both have a news item we are, we really haven't done mental health in the Gay Lesbian, Bisexual transgendered community has been a pretty much overlooked segment of the community.

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Chris 05:25

Well, probably because both of us need to help in that area.

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Roy McCarthy 05:28

I know that right. But, you know, seriously, folks is so many of our gay brothers and sisters out

there transgenders, bisexuals, who, Chris, you know, Chris and I both know, scores of them who because of the way society societal pressure, family pressure school pressure, whatnot, it has had a profound negative impact on their psyche. It's a miracle that Chris and I came up halfway insane, not totally insane. You know, you're not I didn't say halfway safe.

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Chris 06:06

Well, that's always the pessimist, anyway, especially when you're talking about mental health and with the gay lesbian, bisexual, transgender community. It's always kind of a hot button topic because I mean, up until 1974, homosexuality was still classified as a psychological disorder. transgenderism is still classified under the gender identity disorder,

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Roy McCarthy 06:34

good thing, nobody exam a duster, still been classified as a mental disorder.

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Chris 06:40

But it's also one of these little I mean, Americans aren't as open to going and seeking counseling and seeking help. And sometimes it's difficult because you want to hold back some you don't want to go full out and come out to a complete stranger that you're spending 100 bucks an hour and tell them that party that a lot of your problems are coming from the fact that you're gay and you've repressed it and have issues with it. But a new mental health facility has opened up part of the alternatives group. It specializes in the treatment of mental illness, depression, anxiety, sexual compulsivity, grief and loss, and substance abuse, specifically for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community. In a traditional treatment setting, most GLBT have an extreme high failure rate, due to the fact that they don't feel free to talk about issues of sexuality relationships and the non traditional family. And what alternatives have done is they've also opened a new center at Bellaire Medical Center. And it's creating a safe, open, honest environment for the healing process to begin without the fear of homophobia, discrimination and judgment. This is one of the new places where you can go to get this type of help or you can get counseling and suit and more information on that. Alternate alternatives, you can contact them at one 800 Dial gay or their local number is 713-512-1150. Medicare and most insurance is accepted as another facility that's in the coop that we have available here in the community. We've got the Montrose Counseling Center, which is a great resource. And there's also a Houston therapist, I think it's Houston. therapist.com, if I remember correctly, has quite a large number of psychiatrists and psychologists, who works primarily with the gay lesbian, bisexual transgender community.

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Roy McCarthy 08:41

Okay, moving right along, there's going to be an event called the vigil of hope. And this event acknowledges loss due to mental illness. And what started basically as a small support group has evolved into an event designed to acknowledge loss experienced due to mental illness. The second annual vigil of Hope sponsored by keys of Hope Life Institute, will be held from 630 to 8:30pm. On Monday, this coming Monday at the Hollyfield Conference Center, which is located

at 2700, Albany. Keys of Hope Life Institute evolved from a small group of women experiencing periodic episodes of not being able to cope or function well in their everyday life. The birth of the keys of Hope Life Institute occurred in 1998. And in April, the group obtained a nonprofit 501 C three status, which allows them more latitude to provide broader range of services to more people. So this is an important visual of hope. Again, it's going to be this coming Monday evening, from 630 to 8:30pm at the Hollyfield ca Often center 2700 Albany

**C** Chris 10:06

AIDS Foundation Houston's absolutely fabulous event returns the gala that's absolutely fabulous and off the wall. We'll make a smashing return on Saturday January 20. To benefit AIDS Foundation, Houston programs and services, as well as with WB 39 Care for Kids. Laura Bell and Roseanne Rogers are co chairs for the event. Along with honorary chair Kelly Gayle, a man. The 70s Retro themed gala will be held at Jags at the decorative center starting at 8pm and will honor Jackson Hicks Houston's prints of parties for his outstanding and endless contributions to the Houston community. In addition, there will be a raffle for a Volkswagen lovebug. For the 2001 Gala AIDS Foundation Houston's novel approach to development and market services. It will be backed by popular demand. The market of service concept raised 20 500,250 quarter million dollars last time. The absolutely fabulous gala for 2001 will also feature a celebrity Pillow Talk. In it celebrities lend their names and creative expressions to help battle aids in Houston's and create a little pillow talk. National recognizable celebrities include Grace Slick, Judge Judy Scheindlin, Janet Leigh, Anne Rice and Jerry Hall, have decorated and signed oversized pillows created by honorary chair and interior designer Kelly, Gail Imen. Guests at the gala will have the opportunity to bid on these one of a kind collectibles while helping people battling HIV AIDS in Houston. For more information, you can contact them at 713-623-6796. Okay,

**R** Roy McCarthy 11:57

and what appears to be one of the very first here in Houston and probably anywhere. There was a virtual fundraising that occurred. There was no actual place for this fundraising event. It all happened on the internet, it was all virtual. And it was a virtual fundraising. And it raised \$25,000 for the Montrose clinic. The vent was held on December 1, and it included a presentation via streaming video or the presentation of the Montrose clinics outstanding community service award to the adda Edwards of 97.9 FM the box and online chat with comedian Margaret Cho and an online silent auction at eBay. Anyways, social buff butterflies who couldn't work the party into their calendars can still visit the site. That's Agla EGL a two thousand.org website until the end of the month and enjoyed the child chat around the presentation to Edwards. According to Todd foster of the month was clinic so there you go. Another chat chat chat with Margaret Cho. And

**C** Chris 13:22

now it's time for the weekly Queer as Folk update ladies and gentlemen. The controversy continues. And the storylines are going to be getting a little hotter it's now now coming up Episode Four is tomorrow and we found a another place here in Houston where you can watch it and this one is showing it live live as an as it happened as it happens on TV Tullos ice house

the new home here and they just outside of the am 502 Elgin is broadcast is going to be showing it live Sundays at 9pm. And EJ sorry Jr's shows it on Monday nights and Lobo shows it on Monday night. But it's a this controversial show about gay life that you'll see a little bit of yourself in it in each one. And you'll you'll see other people in it as well. It's breaking records I think of from what I've heard on viewers. And it looks like it's gonna it's looks like it's going to really raise some eyebrows and the amount of money they spend on advertising it's going well worth it. And I'm hoping to find out soon of there was a big controversy on the editing that was done after they showed it over to the Motion Picture Arts and Science or arts academy for just see what a movie rating would be. Well, I'm hoping soon I'm gonna be able to get my hands on it. unedited copy, and we'll get get a little peek from what I've heard from people who have seen it, they really didn't edit much. But you know, some of those tightwads over there at the end, the motion picture, ratings board, a little goes a long way with them. So be interested, we're, hopefully when we find out more about that, we'll, we'll be able to talk a little bit more about what exactly they cut and if they really needed to, on that part. But it's a very interesting show. And if you have not seen it, and just heard about, it's a good watch, to go down and see how we're being portrayed out there. And it's something that's gaining national international attention from a small little British show to come over here to the States. And play on Showtime like that, you know,

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Roy McCarthy 15:54

there was a number of British shows that Americans tried to copy and imitate, and every time we did it fell flat on it. Yeah.

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Chris 16:03

I mean, there's some ones that come over I mean, who wants to be a millionaire and Whose Line Is It Anyway, did good. Being did well, being translated all in the family did exceptionally well being translated from our British show? Three's Company I believe was translated from a British show. You

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Roy McCarthy 16:24

know, when we it's a different it's a different. It's a different demographic of people that are watching

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Chris 16:30

primetime, though. And also but what's happened with some of the more recent shows they're when AB fab absolutely fabulous. Which by the way, they are coming out with a new either series or movie, another extension to absolutely fabulous, is coming out on the BBC. Within the next year, when they tried to make an American version of that high society, it failed. When Fawlty Towers they tried to Americanize it, and they called it pain with John Larroquette. It had failed. When are you being served? They did it they made they tried to make an American version? It failed. And what were Oh come

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Roy McCarthy 17:10

on, you know, John 11, John Intamin and crew are like, Well,

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Chris 17:16

I think what happened they can't be replaced. Well, that's the thing is we don't have an American equivalent to that. I mean, we don't have greeter, no floor walkers and all that park. were brought up on shopping malls. We'd like to see that. That British style to it. And it is a different appearance. And it's different look to it

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Roy McCarthy 17:36

is different look different. It's a whole different set different atmosphere, which work for those shows. Yeah. Which was why it was such a hit here. I mean, when we tried to copy

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Chris 17:48

I mean, the closest thing we have here, we have to what, what are you being served is would you really like to see the story revolving around a senior citizen greeter at Walmart?

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Roy McCarthy 17:59

I don't think so. Okay. In fact, clothing stores here in this country, even though even the high ones the high end ones like Bloomingdale's in New York. Do not have door greeters. Yeah, they've never more

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Chris 18:13

walkers inside. So it's one of these strange times that we've been able to steal something from the Brits and have been making it run now

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Roy McCarthy 18:24

with TV news. Dr. Laura, Paramount is taking is taking a bath on Dr. Laura. They've lost well over a million dollars.

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Chris 18:34

I don't know if we mentioned it last week, but she's been moved. Her television show here locally has been moved to the wee hours of the morning at 3am. Yes, she's been moved to Siberia in Houston and several other markets. One of the most interesting stories about the Dr.

Laura is in Seattle, she was on affiliate k i n g and now she's moved over to affiliate K O N G so she's gone from King Kong. Oh, it is it I'm serious though. The call letters. But now she is out in the burbs here tonight. I mean she's 3am That's

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Roy McCarthy 19:14

that's the one stop away from the being put in the graveyard.

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Chris 19:20

Yeah, this is the spot where Roseanne resided before until her contract and this is where they rerun

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Roy McCarthy 19:30

actually, is after

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Chris 19:31

the infomercial? No, no, this is this is after the news rerun and just before Conan O'Brien I believe no, no, they moved Conan O'Brien before her now that's right. They know Conan

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Roy McCarthy 19:44

O'Brien is gonna get dumped to go where it had the Conan O'Brien is being dumped by NBC

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Chris 19:50

I think you're getting confused with later that late night.

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Roy McCarthy 19:54

O'Brien they were I got off the web. Was that Onan and Brian, okay,

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Chris 20:01

because there's my name, okay, because there's another show that comes on in some markets after Conan O'Brien has called later. And that show has been cancelled. Anyway, but remember this is radio, not television. So, unfortunately for y'all, this is radio.



- R** Roy McCarthy 20:22  
Anyway anywho back to our, our fun stuff here. Got one here from the Brazos River bottom. It says here, come join us for customer appreciation holiday buffet. Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, Sunday. Okay, that's tomorrow.
- C** Chris 20:43  
Jimmy's gym is still recovering in there. So he's not paying attention to us, right?
- R** Roy McCarthy 20:51  
Anyways, it's from Sunday from 2pm to 6pm. And next, they're going to have the code 40 fives Christmas show. And unfortunately, I
- C** Chris 21:01  
don't think the guy in their ad is going to be on the buffet. I
- R** Roy McCarthy 21:04  
know this ad in the this week's edition of The Eclipse magazine is a hubba hubba hubba ad from the BRB.
- C** Chris 21:13  
Oh my God get big words already laminated safekeeping.
- R** Roy McCarthy 21:17  
I've drooled all over this one. I'm
- J** Jimmy Carper 21:18  
just gonna say that's not laminate. That's true.
- R** Roy McCarthy 21:21  
I know that right? Daddy come home.
- C** Chris 21:27





Chris 21:27

I think the reflection of the glass it's not really durable.



Roy McCarthy 21:31

Oh, and now for



Chris 21:33

the traditional part of the session where Roy gives me the lesbian news. lesbians in business are probably presenting New Year's Eve 2000. Maybe 2001.



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It shouldn't be they made a New Year's Eve 2000. That's



Chris 21:51

right. Oh, yeah, technically, it's, well, the end of whatever millennium. You want to consider us the women of live invited to their annual New Year's party. Sunday.



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Sunday, Sunday, Sunday.



Chris 22:03

He doesn't have by the time he got hooked. I don't know what it's 2002 December 31 2000 at 8pm at the Renaissance host hotel at six Greenway Plaza. There'll be dinner and buffet and a champagne toast.



Roy McCarthy 22:21

And very politically correct. There'll be




Chris 22:23


a non alcoholic champagne toast available as well. tickets reserved tables are available by mail and tickets are also available basic brothers and we won't





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 Roy McCarthy 22:33  
say what the prize is. If you got to ask you can't afford it.


 Chris 22:36  
I think we can there was also hoped. Yeah, it's

 Jimmy Carper 22:38  
a nonprofit. Yeah,


 Chris 22:39  
they got the org organized organization that orgasm.


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Well, you never know. reserved seating

 Chris 22:47  
Seating is limited. Tickets are \$55

 Roy McCarthy 22:52  
really is cheap for New Year's Eve. Oh, yeah.

 Jimmy Carper 22:53  
Yeah, nothing's nothing's inexpensive on New Year's Eve, unless you stay at home like I do.

 Chris 23:00  
For tickets, reservations or information, call the Live Info line at 713-529-0077. Or check out their website at [live houston.org](http://live.houston.org). And

 Roy McCarthy 23:13  
our final news item of the night. All right. I got a couple. Oh, you got a couple. Well,



Chris 23:20

you weren't in the production meeting. So anyways,



Roy McCarthy 23:24

my last item for Christmas last time for tonight. And I just alluded to this a moment ago. The code 45 is present home for the holidays, their annual awards and Christmas show. They're going to have a special raffle for for a color TV. And it's all benefiting the code 45. And, again, like I said, it's this coming Sunday, Sunday, Sunday,



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Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, Sunday



Roy McCarthy 23:49

at 8:30pm at the Brazos River bottom. And folks, if you don't know the code 40 fives they provide assistance to pw A's with rent, housing, food clothes, and God knows what else. Co 40 fives they are just one of the premier heroic organizations, volunteer organizations in this city. Gay Straight or what have you. They are just like, incredible with the amount of work that they do. Okay, Jimmy, what do you got for us? Okay,



Jimmy Carper 24:21

I've got a couple of the court shows that are coming up. Because they've got they're packed every weekend. They got a pageant coming up. Yeah, well, that because they've got Yeah, they've got the Empress and Emperor coming up in January that we will be voting on and they've got four people running in each category. So next, let's say Thursday, December the 21st. The J show at decades from seven to nine and that's for coronation. And Saturday December the 30th Jays Broadway show at chances nine P am for the PR ball, and then we get into January. So while we'll be talking about the January shows next week or the week after, and if you're not doing anything today on



Roy McCarthy 25:12

Sundays Sunday Sunday's on write the



Jimmy Carper 25:16

grand finale to the Celtic festival festival series is upon us. Join us for the sixth annual Celtic Christmas festival on Sunday. Sunday Sunday Sunday December 17. From noon to 11 and that's going to be where by Brett this first yeah remember helped me out on this

**B** Bobby 25:42

I bet it's somewhere in the high you bet on the on the whatever that heights Boulevard or the or the pavilion thing whatever that is the garden in the heights. That's the word or the phrase I'm looking okay, that's where they always

**J** Jimmy Carper 25:55

thought well, yes, right garden heights. And the reason I'm bringing this up into one is because there's so many bands that are going to be playing Celtic bands. And one is the Flying Fish sailors. You bet you bet because one of KPFT zone is part of that. Jay Lee and they're going to be doing regular stuff and some of their own work that they've that they've written. The house favorite of course is Loch Ness Monster and I think you'll probably do be doing owed to Alana been to

**C** Chris 26:36

for the holidays. I mean, oh do a lima beans is an appropriate sound. Just by title alone sounds like a Christmas song. Well, it

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is green. Okay, no.

**R** Roy McCarthy 26:45

Do you know why the colors of Christmas are red and green?

**J** Jimmy Carper 26:49


Why are the colors of Christmas red and green?


**R** Roy McCarthy 26:52


Because after you've spent all that green, you're financially in the red.


**J** Jimmy Carper 26:55


whoo that's so bad at but second racy.


 Roy McCarthy 27:00  
Now grazie.

 Chris 27:01  
If you want to send us news information stories, tidbits, love mail,


 Roy McCarthy 27:05  
hate mail, dirty pitches,


 Chris 27:07  
you can email us at after hours kpft@hotmail.com


 Roy McCarthy 27:13  
And that's a wrap folks.

 Jimmy Carper 28:14  
news and news with big Roy and Chris. It's who you never know what they're gonna be doing. Anyway, you're listening to after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station. I'm Jimmy Carper. And to my right is

 28:32  
Charlie Pacheco.

 28:34  
If you came to rehearsals more often, honey, I'm

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slow. I'm very slow tonight. I didn't tell you my dad died to know. Yeah, no,

 Jimmy Carper 28:45  
you didn't tell me. Yeah. So I know you've been had to do there like 1000 times. Yes. That's

right. Like, constantly if



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anyone needs to know, directions to San Antonio, or what sites to see in between, you know, call me because I know every single cow.



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Oh, that could be oh, gosh, yes. Let's let's Yeah, let's not even do that.



Jimmy Carper 29:15

Well, I am sorry, but he had been in pain for a long time. Yeah, he was.



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So it was it was good. It was actually good. That it happened when it did. I got to see him before he died. And so it was you know, I was happy with that, that I got to see him and tell him goodbye. But other than that, I haven't been doing anything else because of all that. Sure. You know, my CD is still halfway done. Which I'm gonna go back into studio right after Christmas, actually the week after? Because I want to get that done. But I thought we do too. I talked to Doug Stephens today. Yeah. So he's got a lot of good news for us tonight.



Jimmy Carper 29:54

Doug Stephens in the out band which people Listen to the show regularly know his music, because it's played a lot here. Right? And we're gonna be talking to him. Yeah,



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we're gonna be talking to him live from the West Coast. Whoa. Okay.



Jimmy Carper 30:11

So what are your plans for the holidays?



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Oh, my family's coming here to Houston. Oh, really? Yeah. Oh, Antonio. Okay. Everybody's coming. Even my nephews, everybody. They sing with you. Oh, yeah.



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I can see the sleeping bags.



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I know. I'm like, Oh, I gotta go grocery shopping for all, you know. But no, it's gonna be really cool. I haven't spent Christmas with my family in this little this. Seven years, actually. So this would have been eight years if I wouldn't have.



Jimmy Carper 30:44

Wow, that's, that's. So it's you're starting a new tradition now? Oh,



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yeah. Because I have the bigger house now. So it'll work. It'll work here in Houston. And so that's what's going on with me right now. Okay.



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Any shows lined up? No,




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I haven't lined up anything. Because, like I said, What's the I tell you? I reserved all my time to be in the recording studio. That's right. Because my deadline was the by the end of December, which I'm going to still try to meet it. But so I didn't book anything. Yeah. So but we were going to start booking in January, actually, all around the Houston area. Good. There's a couple of things, big fundraisers and stuff lined up that I'm talking with people right now. But I don't want to say until something's really solid. Yes, yeah. Yeah, that's best. So we'll see what happens. I want to give




Jimmy Carper 31:31


Doug a call. Yeah. So let's play a little of his music. The the most requested piece of music from Doug Stephens in the out band, and it's on his first CD called out in the country. And this is the title cut. And of course, it's dedicated to good ol rainbow D clown. We'll be right back. Oh, Doug Stevens and his out band. And I'll bet Doug's pretty tired of that song because he's been singing it I think since 1993. And oh, gosh, I guess we need to put them on the air, don't we? Yes. Okay. You move to another room and kind of caught me off guard. Okay. This is kind of a mechanical thing and engineering thing. And I'm only a semi engineer. So hold on here. Okay.


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Doug,


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yes, sir.


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How you doing?


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I'm doing just fine. Welcome to Houston. Thank you. Thanks. Good to be there.

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I remember the last time you were here in person.

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That's right. That was the Memorial Day weekend.

 Jimmy Carper 32:51  
Yeah, that was great. I'm so glad to have you here. And I'm going to kind of sit back because it's Charlie segment. He's the one who's going to be interviewing you. And I'll just jump in every now and then because I'm the producer. And I can do that.

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Hi, Doug. Good to be the producer.

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Yes, it is. Well, Doug, I want you to tell us a little bit about what's been going on with you with your career.





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Okay, well, some pretty good stuff. Actually. We played a fundraiser back, let's see, it's actually what it was a ticket selling event for the Sacramento gay rodeo, which is called the Sierra stampede rodeo, back in June. And that event was sponsored by Coors. And my manager, Theo Parker was there at the event. And he talked to the rep to the gay community who happened to be there in the Northwest region of the US. She was interested in sponsoring us. And so I did some research, I'd heard some bad things about course. And I found out that they have really changed their policies and are really giving a lot of money to the gay communities these days. And I thought, well, you know, I think if a company turns around, they should be recognized, you know, and it should be auto they should be applauded and rewarded for changing. They're changing their tune. I agree



Jimmy Carper 34:22

with you too. And they changed their tune quite a quite a long time ago, actually. Yeah. Yeah, it's boy, way back in the in the 80s. I remember all of the hubbub about it. And then a lot of gay leaders met with them and I think things in Texas changed immediately. But it didn't. It took a long time for other states to come around. Right. But you know, there's just always going to be controversy there because there it's a family business in some family, parts of the family like that. Are right wingers, they're gonna want to give money there and some others are, are left leaning and they're going to, they're going to support us,



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right? Well, you know what, what my understanding of the whole thing is that those conservative family members who did run the company at one time, are no longer running the company at all. In fact, their only connection to the company is that they are stockholders. And the guy who runs the company right now is one of the cooler sons and he's very left leaning. And his son actually is openly gay. Ah,



Jimmy Carper 35:40

let's see go. There you go. It happens all the time that ran



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there, and this openly gay son is pushing cores and in this direction, in fact, cores is poised to give more money to gay organizations than any beer company ever has. It's just incredible. You know,



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that's interesting that you say that about him being openly gay. Because you never you never ever hear about when when people that are anti Coors in the gay community. They never

mentioned that. Or maybe they don't know. But, you know, I find that hard to believe. But they never do mentioned that there was an openly gay family. That's right. That's right. And

 Jimmy Carper 36:24

that's normally what changes people's minds anyway. Yeah, actually, no one of us have realized that we're not whatever you thought we were.

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Yeah, exactly. Well, you know, I think here in San Francisco, especially. It's sort of an emotional issue because Harvey Milk, who was our patron saint hero,

 Jimmy Carper 36:43

patron saint to, right,

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and he and he, you know, he initiated that boycott, the anti Coors board, back in the 70s. So a lot of people, especially people who were around and are very reluctant to let go of that anti Coors boycott. But you know, what, we, we had a little tour sponsored a little tour in the San Francisco Bay Area, sponsored by Coors Light this fall. And on November 30, at the finch bar on Polk Street, who is sold for the first time at a gay bar this seven days. Wow. At an event where we played,

 Jimmy Carper 37:25

how did the How did the people react to it? Were they?

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Well, I didn't know what was gonna happen. You know, I was they made us buy insurance and everything, you know? Are you serious? We were hurt in some kind of way.

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Did you put chicken wire up in front of us?

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I thought about it. But you know, I walked into the bar. And there were a lot of people there.

And there was a big banner on the on the wall, a big Coors Light men are sponsoring Doug Stevens and out band. And. And, you know, I thought that well, at least that would be torn down in San Francisco. And but we, we started to play and I talked about cougars, and what of course was doing to the get for the gay community. And I also said, this is something that we discovered, also in our research, is that this is the first time any corporation has ever sponsored a gay band. And Coors is the company who's doing it. Doing it. Wow. And, and the people in the bar applauded and cheered good for our coolers in San Francisco.



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But let me just say one thing, Daddy's on Castro Street has been serving Coors beer. Oh, really? Oh, yeah. They have been since you know, years ago. Oh, I didn't know that. And they've never had any slack about it. And no one's ever said anything. That was never an issue at all. Oh, wow. But yeah, they've been serving Coors beer. But of course, you know, that's in the leather community. And that's a totally different ballgame to in San Francisco. It is right.



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Yeah. See, it's



Jimmy Carper 39:04

not that way. Here. We really mix. You know, I have to I have to say this you're not gonna see a drag queen and any leather bar. That's not allowed. However, when when it comes to fundraisers and stuff, leather and drag and cowboy mix all together? Yes. Yeah. Wow.



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Well, I tell you, the leather community here is really missing Charlie Patricio. They are. I know somebody you know, you know, Bob, Mr. Leather edge. Asked me to sing it at the bar. And then he kind of looked down like he was sad and said, you know, Charlie moved and he always used to sing there for us, but we're wondering if maybe you could sing for us to do it.



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Did you do it?



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I have. I'm going to good that's great. Good. But he was he was looking off that and stuff when he mentioned that Charlie was gone. Well,



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he was sad about other reasons, though. We'll mention another story



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filling in those blanks



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go the wildest imagination you can and you're probably gonna be right. Okay. Well, you know, I miss I miss everybody there too. You know, I went through a lot of changes when I lived there. I, the leather community in San Francisco helped me get through a lot. When I went through a grieving period of losing my lover. They were always there with open arms. And that's This is why Doug, I've always told you from my experiences with them hunting, you will never go wrong with the leather community. And once you become part of that family in San Francisco, you will be family for life, they will back you up and whatever your endeavors are with your CDs there, they will be right there. They're very there. They are a very faithful crowd. I will say that's nice.



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You know, my, my ex lover, Houston, Davenport moved here from New York. And he's, I tell you, he's getting really, really into the leather community in San Francisco. And, and so he's kind of pulling me in that direction. So I'm gonna, I'm gonna make an effort actually, to become a little bit more involved in the community. That's



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great. Hey, okay. Reading that black Stetson, for a black leather. That's,



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yeah, there you go.



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I want to ask you a question too, about the whole course course thing because this is so new in the gay community.



Jimmy Carper 41:39

I was so surprised on our, on the voiceless state to hear people complaining about it. These are activists they should know. Yeah, this thing is over with.



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Yeah. I that's what I wanted to ask you. How do you handle this personally? Well, how are you handling this personally? Yeah, well,



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it's everything, you know, is a risk when when I stopped singing classical music at a time when my career was going really well, and decided to do gay country music. That was the big risk. Right. And, and now, what accepting course, sponsorship was a risk. And, but every time I take one of these risks, it it really helps me. Right. It really brings me you know, and I think I think it helps the gay community to take these kinds of risks. I know that an example when I went back when I was questioning, you know, my taking this sponsorship. I remembered a time when Al D'Amato in New York who was a very conservative, anti gay Minitor. Republican Senator. Oh, yeah, in New York. I in fact, I even went to some protests, where he spoke in New York City, right, he changed his tune towards the end, a little bit too late. But he changed his tune and became pro gay and started voting for all of these pro gay physician in the in the Senate, and when he did, the Human Rights Campaign supported him against a liberal Democrat. Remember that? Wow. And they got a lot of flack for it. But, but I thought to myself at the time, you know, this is good. I probably wouldn't have voted for him. But I but I thought that it was good that a gay organization like the Human Rights Campaign, had enough independence of thought to support a policy