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Jimmy Carper, Chris Harrison, Gigi

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Jimmy Carper 00:00

come back in and relax and get ready for this week's edition after hours turning everything off and I can still hear people. I Sally Hello, Houston, Galveston and New Orleans and welcome to the September 3 2005 edition of after hours queer radio with attitude. And this is kind of a special night tonight because of everything that's been going on. We've got a bunch of people here. Sally's here. Hello, Sally.

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Hello from the Montrose Counseling Center and the gay and lesbian switchboard. Yes.

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Jimmy Carper 00:56

And we're gonna be talking about what's available for evacuees from New Orleans, right? Because there's a lot of them and they're going to be hitting the city exam and already. Okay, first of all, I wanted to tell you what you heard in the beginning. That was not queer music. That was the mumbo brother's and a nice slow version of Do you know what it means to miss New Orleans? And I thought that I wanted to do something incredibly special for this segment. And there's no clear

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music. Do you hear heavy breathing? That's not me. No,

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Jimmy Carper 01:35

no, I don't know what that is. It scares me. Actually. So okay. Roy's not here. Yeah, no, no, he isn't. There was a thank you, honey. Thank you. Speaking of big Roy, who brought me my

coffee and lovely coffee. It is. There was a meeting this evening over at E Jays kind of hastily put together thing because, you know, we haven't had a lot of time. No, we haven't. Hastily usually means that you didn't put a lot of time, little thought and effort into it. And that certainly wasn't the case with this because we had many groups and organizations involved. And what we're going to talk about is what's available. I have Sally Huffer here from the Counseling Center. And about five minutes Katie Caldwell from the Montrose clinic will be calling in May. Chris is on the line as we speak. And if you will hit No. Chris, Chris is listening to us. So he will be here because he is doing an off the cuff fundraiser for relief victims. Over at record, yes. Oh, over at the ripcord. Yes. People are pointing and doing and wanting questions answered. And it's too crazy. We also have a whole bunch of folks in the talk studio that we're going to be getting to in just a little bit. Sally. A lot of stuff is happening through the Montrose Counseling Center. And specially the game was being switchboard. I



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think that's our primary. What we're trying to get out there right now is because the switchboard can be a one stop resource where people can call and find out even if we don't have the answers for them, we can provide them with resources and with the referrals to other agencies that can help them



J Jimmy Carper 03:56

now I want to give that phone number out now. And if you don't have out there don't have a pen and paper then we'll be giving that number out again, I've know it.



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So you know it inside and out. Yeah, I



J Jimmy Carper 04:11

was there for 15 years. 713-529-3211.



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Thank you very much.



J Jimmy Carper 04:21

So tell us what Montrose Counseling Center has to offer.



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In general terms, or I'm sure you mean right now we're talking about hurricane Oh, yes.

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Jimmy Carper 04:30

Yes, I know. We've got this is in addition to Katrina. September 4 through the 11th I guess is is national suicide month suicide prevention. Thank you. Okay, put my foot in it.

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I want somebody to watch over Jimmy. Yes. Thank you night and day. Night and day.

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Jimmy Carper 04:56

I have to keep you here all night. Yeah, suicide prevention and meth, crystal meth group is forming.

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We get a lot of things happening at the counseling center coming up. Yeah.

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Jimmy Carper 05:09

So but let's talk about what's going on with Katrina. Yeah,

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I think that's probably the most pressing right? Yes, please. Through the switchboard, as I say, we have a number of resources that we've put together, primarily just by communicating with other organizations, you know, that sort of the GLBT community and HIV positive community. So if people can call the switchboard, if they're at hotels, I mean, we're certainly trying to get the information out there to call the switchboard and then we can refer them to other agencies, we have everything from places where you can drop off food and clothing. Through the switchboard, we're coordinating our own safe home system, it's a way for individuals that are extremely generous, willing to open up their homes, for evacuees who are here in Houston, who are either G, I, B, or T. And so we do a preliminary screening with those individuals. And once we hear from the evacuees who are looking for a place, and we're anticipating, you know, as people, you know, run out of funds to stay in the hotels and that sort of thing, that they're going to need a place to stay. Yeah. And so we try to match them up. We'll ask you some basic questions. Is your household smoking household? Do you have any pets? That's pretty critical information, especially for people with allergies and and people with suppressed immune systems and so forth. So we'll ask you those questions will ask, Are you do you have a preference Do you want to have lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender doesn't matter? What about children? So we'll ask you those questions. And then once we find a match for you, then we will get the information from the evacuee. And we will get that person's information and

provide it to the homeowner that way the homeowner can get in touch with the evacuee that we've identified as the best match. And then they can do their own screening because they're opening their homes sure to these people. And so they need to make sure that that they feel comfortable and safe and that this is a good match for them to you bet. So that's one of the resources that we're doing through the switchboard. And I've got a number of people who are staffing the switchboard all weekend long from 8am to 8pm. That's incredible. Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and they'll be able to take information entered into the database and coordinate that information with others. So that's the primary thing that we're doing right now.

J Jimmy Carper 07:34

Is Chris on the line. Oh, I guess not. Hello. Hello, Chris. Yes. Hi, how you doing?

C Chris Harrison 07:42

Oh, great to see where you're gonna kick it over to me. Sounds like you do need me over there. Yes, I

J Jimmy Carper 07:48

know. You're you're still over at the ripcord.

C Chris Harrison 07:51

I'm at the ripcord with what they're calling southern decadence in exile. And what I'm here with is the Houston big men's club, we're kicking off four weekends of fundraising for Katrina. Because last week, you know, I thought I was gonna be reporting you from the French Quarter with convergence. And now there is no French Quarter, right. And a lot of people out there need help and support. And it was one of the things some of us guys, we're going if Katrina would hit one week or one week later, you know, we would have been smack dab in the middle of it. And we're trying to do our best to help out the situation with that. So we're going to be here till the bottom of the hour doing our hamburger fundraiser, all the procedures going to the Red Cross. Okay, in two weeks, we're doing the same thing again, with the burgers. We're gonna be collecting clothing, we're gonna do another event at the rim court on the 24th to just try and help out our fellow citizen because I this is a major disaster we've seen so far. Unfortunately. In a way I have to say Katrina is turning out to be similar to the AIDS crisis. Yes, government has dropped the ball in the beginning. And we the grassroots community, they're having to step up and take over and get things done. And I was impressed the fact of seeing where we're at least 60 people from the community is coming together tonight to figure out what our next step is. And we've got some tremendous plans, we've got a lot of people have donated money. So person came in and dropped off five \$20 gift cards to Walmart. So that's the sort of spirit that we want to see in the community. And you know, we're glad to be a part of it. Pull 40 fives and the bartenders over DJs are working on that tomorrow. And we're gonna give you a whole list of all the different things that are coming up this week. But you know, especially especially look around there you see somebody with a Louisiana plate, let them cut in line in traffic for you because you know,

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Jimmy Carper 09:48

the people right they don't know where they're going. And you know, it's that

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Chris Harrison 09:52

driving use and traffic we've been here 1015 20 years. Imagine that all your care all your life is in that car. Hmm. And you're trying to negotiate this construction disaster we've got here in Houston, just have, you just have to sit and think about remember the fact that it's gonna sound like I'm getting biblical here, but the old thing there, but for the grace of God go I, and how Katrina could, we could be in a situation. And so come out, like, so we're gonna be here for a little bit longer. But make sure when you hear some of the events that are coming up later, go out and support these people, because we've had a lot of people from New Orleans that are here to report that, you know, appreciate, you know, the simple fact that, you know, Houston is reaching out to the open, welcoming with open arms. So I've been up here and I'll be over in time for roundtable tonight. Great. Thank

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Jimmy Carper 10:43

you, Chris. Okay. Yeah, okay, we've got Chris on hold, so he can hear what's going on. While he's cooking those burgers over there, and they won't continue with Sally.

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I think he mentioned something that that, you know, one of the things that we're trying to focus on is that, you know, any good deed that you can do right now, even if it's not necessarily directly impacting the people who are here, or the people who are in Louisiana, and Mississippi and Alabama, every good deed that you do causes a ripple effect. And so, you know, if you aren't going to let somebody in, in, you know, to cut in front of you, that person could go on the rest of their, you know, merry way and and not be aggravated by traffic, which means that they're not going to yell at their partner when they get home. And you know, so there is a ripple effect. Yeah.

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Jimmy Carper 11:31

But the reason that we're doing all of this is because we're focusing on the GLP. Tiki community. Right. And we know that Dan pointed out at the meeting tonight, because we've already seen the evil face of homophobia arising. Right.

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And, I mean, certainly there are a number of resources that we do encourage everybody to, you know, investigate, such as, you know, registering with the Red Cross registering with FEMA. However, there are also some agencies out there that are not necessarily as GLBT friendly as

we'd like them to be. And so they're not going to be treated as affirming and nurturing as we'd like them. That's right. The other situation that comes up is that even if the agencies themselves if if it's not institutionalized homophobia, because we're dealing with such a large quantity of people, there's no way to police, every resident in every shelter. For example, we got a phone call from somebody that had just simply overheard a gay man indicating that he was at a shelter, he was complaining to a shelter volunteer, saying that the other residents were harassing him because he was gay. Now, the the shelter was, you know, the shelter volunteer wanted to do their best to try to help this person and the person who was dropping off a donation got in touch with us. And so we've been trying to work with the Red Cross, trying to identify who this person is, and make sure that this person knows that there's a safe place that they can go.

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Jimmy Carper 12:55

Yeah, that's very important. It's it's, it's almost critical. And I know a lot of GLBT folks out there want to do something to help their fellow glbts. Exactly. And that's the that that was the the spirit of this meeting tonight. And this is what we want to put out over the

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air. That's the main thing that we're doing. However, we're also putting together a support group that's going to start meeting this coming Tuesday, for people who are going through goodness knows what kind of stress. I mean, you you've lost everything at home. And I mean, all the questions that you have what's, you know, what is the condition of my home? Where are my friends and family? What about my pets? You know, if I'm living paycheck to paycheck, how am I going to afford to be away from home? Am I going to have a job to go back to? Yes, yeah. So that's going to create a lot of stress, it's going to create a lot of stress. That's interrelationship. And so we have a support group that we're starting this coming Tuesday, from 1130 until 111 30 In the morning till one in the afternoon, and it's at the counseling center and one Richmond Avenue one Richmond exactly, and it's free. Just drop in. You don't have to pre register. You don't have to RSVP. Just swing by.

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Jimmy Carper 14:07

Okay. We have Katie Caldwell on the line. So we're gonna hear a little bit about what the clinic is doing and we're gonna come back to the center because you know, with the gay and lesbian switchboard, I look at this as, as the as the place to go first to get the information. But there's a lot of things going on at the clinic. So if you've hit that top red button,

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I have the power to put Katie on the air. Yes. Or take her off.

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Jimmy Carper 14:37

Katie Caldwell, yes, I'm here. You're on after hours. This is Jimmy Carper. And I've got Sally Huffer with me.



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Great. Hey, Sally. Hello.



J Jimmy Carper 14:45

So we've already talked a little bit about what the Counseling Center is doing. In this regard and we want to hear more about what the clinic is doing.



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We are opening This weekend, we're open. Tomorrow, I will actually I guess it's today it is today, Thursday, from nine until one Sunday from 12 to four. And on Monday from nine until one. We have free health care, any health issues that people have to deal with, we can help you with free medications. We have some bus passes bus tokens, we're going to be able to help people with any vision problems that they're having. In other words, if they need new contact lenses, glasses, something that we medical needs that that they have, we're here to help.



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Yeah, that's something that you and I were talking about in the parking lot. Can you imagine the number of people that have either lost or broken their glasses through all of this and they can't read? Or? I know I can't read without them? Can



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you imagine leaving your house thinking not knowing how long it's going to take? You're going to take a couple of changes of clothing and a couple days worth of medications?



J Jimmy Carper 16:01

Yeah, and you don't know. So vision services are available and medications are available. And you're we're talking about HIV medications, we're



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talking about any kind of medication, HIV medications or any other kind of medications, the under the transgender community, many people are concerned about their hormone replacement, we can help with that we can help with any, you do not have to be HIV positive as

any we're we're really reaching out to the jail in particular to the GLBT community and to people who are HIV positive,

J Jimmy Carper 16:37

okay. And we can reach the Montrose clinic at 713-830-3047.

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And that's our hurricane hotline. We are, even though we're open just to you know, the the limited hours, you're going to be checking the hotline very, very regularly to try to call people back if they call me the message so we can get them into. We don't want anybody to go out and go without their medications in particular.

J Jimmy Carper 17:07

Also, you've got something going on this Wednesday with an 18 Wheeler, actually,

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yes, we do. There's very generously a health care provider out in California is sending an 18 Wheeler full of medical supplies down here that are going to we're a beneficiary as well, several other clinics. And so the we're gonna need some help unloading the all of these medical supplies and getting them distributed to the clock.

J Jimmy Carper 17:42

So we need some some folks with muscles to help to track on Wednesday. Right? Correct. Who should they contact?

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They should contact Sana Alton at 713-830-3015.

J Jimmy Carper 17:59

Okay, good. And the clinics been there for us for a long time.

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Yes. As we know, the Counseling Center and us were founded out of the same town hall meeting in the late 70s. Yeah,

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Jimmy Carper 18:13

say nothing at the switchboard. That's right. And if folks need any more information or what what kind of things you do, they can always get you at Montrose clinic dot O R G. That's correct. Good. Good. So anything else going on? Or is this

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the main things we just again want to emphasize? We don't want anyone going without any medications. anyone in need of any form of health care? Please come by the clinic or give us a call.

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Jimmy Carper 18:47

Okay. Well,

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we're at 215 Westheimer.

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Jimmy Carper 18:49

Yes, very important. That's where Elgin, almost where Elgin meets Westheimer? That's

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correct. We're between Taft and Bagby on Lower West time. Are

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Jimmy Carper 18:59

you doing very, very nice building on the left as you're coming from Elgin? And on bus routes? And bus routes? Yes, it is. Multiple bus routes. Yes. And just blocks from like rail. That's correct. That's right. Oh, good. Okay. Katie, I want to thank you for calling in and staying up this late.

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Thank you for putting out all this information. You bet and I really, really appreciate it. Got

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it down here. We'll be repeating it throughout the evening. Great.

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Thank you.

J Jimmy Carper 19:31

Thank you

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J Jimmy Carper 19:43

we can't get rid of her.

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No, you said that. I put her on the air. I

J Jimmy Carper 19:50

know it. I know. I know. Katie is a sweetheart and she not only does that but she does incredible amount in this community.

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I should explain that. I'm the closest one to the button to

J Jimmy Carper 20:02

this is? Yes, yes, yes, yes. Okay. So that number for the mantras clinic 713-830-3047. But the number that you should never forget is 713-529-3211 Gay and Lesbian switchboard Houston. It's right that that's hurricane Central. Exactly. The lot. No, I know that the Counseling Center is doing a lot more other things. We

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are doing a lot more

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Jimmy Carper 20:36

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Well, you know, it's funny because I'm not going to release this big file folder that I've been carrying around with me. This has every email that I've received since Wednesday about things that are taking place in the community, a number of emails that I've received from a lot of generous people who are willing to offer their homes to people. And so since I've been putting it into a database so that it's accessible to the volunteers at the switchboard. I had it all wrapped up at 630. Today, I've been checking my email since our meeting at EJ is at seven o'clock. I've got a few more. So so I'm not willing to part with my folder but no, I've, I've, I'm trying to put everything in one consolidated place so that when people do call, we can provide them and I just printed it out because I haven't broken down by section we have a section for food and clothing, one for shelter, one for medical, including the good services of the Montrose clinic. employment opportunities. I've already received information from a half a dozen places that are looking for to hire people. For example, Carlton hospitality services wants to hire waitstaff for the Astrodome \$9 an hour, okay. You know, we can if somebody is out there, somebody who doesn't know how long they're going to be staying here lives paycheck to paycheck, because they need a job. We've got a couple of places, and we're always asking for people when they have resources to let us know, for example, you know, when when Chris called in from the ripcord you know that's one of the basic services that we provide is letting people know we've got a lot of people here for southern decadence. No doubt we do sure that do we want them to show up at you know, at chances tonight wearing full leather regalia? You know, me if they call the switchboard we can we can let them know which bars cater to you know, which cross section of Exactly, exactly. But, I mean, if you go to your concierge desk, the concierge desk at a hotel might just tell you here's a list of the bars and you're on your own, you're on your own. So we did have a volunteer I have to say I have a great group of volunteers. I had one volunteer called concierge desks, beginning on Wednesday or Thursday, giving them information about the switchboard I had another volunteer who was headed downtown to deliver arts arts in Houston magazine today, he dropped off a lot of flyers and switchboard information and magnets to all of the hotels. So we're trying to get this information out there. We've got some volunteers tomorrow who are going to be taking our fliers around to all of the bars, hopefully to the coffee shops, sure, any place where where any of the evacuees may may chance to see it so that they will have that information. Okay.

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Jimmy Carper 23:21

That's great. Let's get some of the people involved. I know you've got more because my mind is flowing. Because I was I was remembering Chase who was talking about you know, we're gonna He's he's an evacuee. He said, we're gonna be here for months, right? Not forever. And, and thank you for for all the kindness that you've shown me. But, you know, in a couple of months, we're going to be looking for jobs. Exactly. And so that job thing is going to be very, very important. Well,



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at the meeting tonight, Tim Brookover had said that I know that the community center see New Orleans has its own lesbian and gay community center. And the likelihood of people from New Orleans if they're looking for this information if they pick up the gay and lesbian yellow pages, or just the the regular news, Yellow Pages, the probably look for information or to the community center that might be their first first point of contact, not knowing that we have the gay and lesbian switchboard. That's right. So so you know, we are working very closely with the community center. They're looking for volunteers to staff, their telephones. And so and that's another thing that we do is when people call and say, How can I help? We can say, Well, if you've got some time, they could use some help over at the community center, but they could so but the community center we learned tonight from Tim Brookover was that they were going to be putting together a job bank that's going to be available through their website and they offer meeting space. And I think they said that they'll offer internet access and that sort of thing for any evacuees who need that. That type of service. That's



J Jimmy Carper 24:57

right. Thomas Street Clinic is also providing services for anyone who needs them. And they they primarily take care of HIV persons who



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are HIV positive. Exactly. And I believe that's where everybody is, is streamlined right now. In terms of getting their medications covered through white and white, nothing I don't know all of the particulars and I'm sure I'm positive that Katie and anybody else over at Montrose clinic, we have that in front.



J Jimmy Carper 25:25

Oh my God, and that, you know, that is so important that they're providing all kinds of medications. If I was in the same predicament, I'm an epileptic. I have to have died. Ianten Oh, I go into seizures. You know, I cannot be without it. So to run out of something like that,



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exactly. Or asthma medication? Yes. Yes. So I mean, all kinds of stuff. It's really wonderful. Okay, we've



J Jimmy Carper 25:51

had some people in the talk studio, I see Falcon. Yay, Falcon, who's next to you? President

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of the Colt. 45. Steven bunch. Hey, Steven. Hey,

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Jimmy Carper 26:01

no guilt? No. Okay. Okay. And Gigi is here. And you've brought a friend?

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Yes. My name is Benjamin wells.

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Gigi 26:12

Yes. Benjamin and Jamie joy he showed up at my house at midnight last night from New Orleans, New Orleans. And so we'll be going to him a little lighter. And yeah, I want to hear all about that. Yes. Experience. While their experience. Yeah, I know a lot of channeling has been have been glued to channel 76 On Time Warner Cable. I

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wouldn't necessarily believe much of what they're saying. Really. to shame but the media is I'm not really. I'm

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Jimmy Carper 26:45

not talking to CNN. Okay, because this is a small it looks like a community television station coming out of Baton Rouge. Yeah,

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it's it's being covered over pretty well. Yeah.

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Actually, what I saw, I saw a little bit of their coverage tonight. And what they were trying to point out was that there were a lot of really heartwarming stories coming out of the New Orleans area. We're

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Jimmy Carper 27:07

also talking about the shooting and the raves going on. But the particular story that

also talking about the shooting and the tapes going on. But the particular story that



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I heard today was that that's being overinflated, and that it's giving people the impression that it's completely lawless down there. Now, I've have seen a lot of images and that sort of thing. But yeah,



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completely lawless isn't even the doesn't even begin to describe the conditions. And in New Orleans, the police are pretty much hiding in a hotel. Yeah,



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martial law is what?



Jimmy Carper 27:35

Yeah, but the marshals didn't get there until today. Hello. Are all in Iraq. Okay, let's let's get on to some of the other services that are going on. I know, because their services, and I know there are groups that are holding fundraisers,



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and if those groups would let us know at the switchboard where they're holding their fundraisers, and when they're holding them. I love the idea of hamburger Roma. I love that idea. Yeah, no. And so if they let us know that information, and I know that Chris on a website that he hosts has a lot of that information as well. But if they let us know at the switchboard, then we can pass along that information as well.



Jimmy Carper 28:15

What's WHAT ARE THE COLT 40 fives up to?



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Well, starting tomorrow from today PM. Daddy rose Smith, who is the chairperson of our ATF fun is putting on basically a show fundraiser donation center all rolled into one. The idea of it is we're gonna start at two o'clock. We're gonna have the Greg's serving food, which they're going to donate everything from the food sales to our fund and also all the bartenders. I assume all the bartenders are donated their tips to us also. I'm no, I'm going to set up the

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Jimmy Carper 28:57

Greg's in Devon rose. Greg's in Devon. Yeah.

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I'm setting up a kind of like a donation center on the dance floor. Oh, PJs. So I'm gonna have like a Hygiene Section food non perishable food section, clothing section blankets towels. DJ papi from DJs created a wonderful flyer that we we actually just got to see it today. Is this it? That no actually, that's mine. That's the pitiful one. Oh, actually, it's a two pager. And on the second page, and I'm gonna send this out on the internet tonight. But on the second page, it gives a wonderful list of everything that these evacuate will need. Yes, hygiene products, clothes, miscellaneous items like batteries and gift certificates, phone cards, bus passes, pillows. I'm basically gonna go to my storage unit tomorrow morning and clean it up because I've got a whole bunch of this stuff in No, yeah, I don't need it. Why should I pay for my storage and store all this? There you go get rid of it, donate it. Sure. We're a 501 C three charity organization. So it's all tax deductible. Okay, this

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Jimmy Carper 30:11

is the CO 40 fives putting on a special from two to eight. Tomorrow and or today, rather than EJ. EJ is located on Ralph Street. Right across the side street from Mark's restaurant. They're on Westheimer. Correct. And I want to talk about the fund. It's going to the Katrina Relief Fund, which is part of the tilt backer fund. Yes. Which allows for what

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co 45 Is that has always worked more as a last resort organization. What we're doing is were trying to bring in a whole bunch of money and two months, three months down the road when government subsidies right now we're hope that we're going to be there to provide emergency assistance for people who are going to need it for the medications and stuff. Sure. So that's basically what we're going for it Okay. Okay. So it's gonna be distributed through the tilt hacker fun.

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Jimmy Carper 31:17

So bring toys for the kids bring personal hygiene products, bring, you know, whatever. And come spend a few bucks have fun, and it's a fundraiser and I understand that. There may be some dry cleaner to throughout the day doing a little something on the stage and wow,

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know about that, but we'll find out.

J Jimmy Carper 31:44

Okay, okay, that sounds great. Thank you. You got anything else going on that you want to talk about? I'm

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not really. Daddy rose just had her bare bones benefits show which went off without a hitch. It was very nice. Yeah. raised quite a bit of money for the ATF fund. This was last weekend. So it's

J Jimmy Carper 32:08

trouble fund today's trouble fund and that was over at the BRB Of course, correct. Yeah. Because it seems like BRB and EJ, those are the the two big ones for fundraisers. Yes, these days. They're very supportive. Now, there are a lot of other bars that do fundraisers but I hear DJs in their BRB the most I think, yes.

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While keys was keys,

J Jimmy Carper 32:31

Oh, absolutely. He's really my thinking. Yeah, they've got they've got stuff going on every Sunday.

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I think there's a lot of bars Mary's does it often rains? Yeah. Every Wednesday at Mary, he was able to ice away Chan. Michael's outpost we go over there for everyone's home or fundraiser. So I mean, it's not like you know, the bars. They're there to help us no matter what. I was being told today by some people from New Orleans that this is probably the best city for raising funds and knowing that, you know, the word drag queen, of course, but female impressionist they

J Jimmy Carper 33:10

being one your ownself

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once in a while, but they really do. They don't keep any of the tips for themselves. They really do contribute it back to the community. salutely. Yeah. So and I haven't seen that really in any other city. Yeah I

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Jimmy Carper 33:27

hear that a lot, too. From people from out of town. They they're amazed because in their cities, when a female impersonator is on the stage, it's you keep the tips in here, right in this city. When that happens. It's so unusual.

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almost insulting. Yeah.

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Jimmy Carper 33:45

I mean, doesn't happen anymore. You know, it's always a fundraiser for something. But so many groups are refocusing their fundraisers right now for relief victims for the evacuees from New Orleans. Right. Okay.

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Jimmy Carper 34:04

anything else going on?

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The only other announcement I have is, you know, we always have our AES trouble fun, which is every Tuesday of the month, that a membership meeting is the second Tuesday of the month. bartending is the third Sunday of the

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Jimmy Carper 34:20

Bob's gonna ask you about that you know about fundraising things because I know I knew you did bartending and when is that

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it's gonna be the third Sunday in September at DJs. And on a side note, because I am kind of married to the misfits, Vice President.

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Jimmy Carper 34:36

Oh, absolutely. You can talk about

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we do have the misfits ball coming up on September 25. It's gonna be a numbers and it's gonna be the locker room lockdown. So,

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Jimmy Carper 34:48

where are your favorite joke? Yeah.

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But that's about it. As far as community announcements for me, you know, there's a lot of things going on in the community. As far as raising money and assistance coming through law volunteers from like the Diana foundation equivalent is Reese's IC. O H. I mean, everybody's pulling together for Katrina and trying to help the evacuees make their lives a little bit better. Okay, once

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Jimmy Carper 35:17

you hold on and hang around for a minute because we've got John on line, one, two, John. Hello. Hello, John. Hello, John. Finally we get all the right buttons.

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Okay, I couldn't make it up there sinuses and throat. Oh, not feeling too good. I

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Jimmy Carper 35:39

want to thank you for putting together this meeting tonight. That was incredible. I

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just went by the ripcord to let Chris know to get the message to y'all. If I couldn't get through that I wouldn't be making it there. I talked with Jody over by the door. Let Sally know we need a bunch of more copies of the resources for glbp hurricane evacuees,

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I just made copies, you made copies, Sally's here with me. Because

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Blue Books are disappearing like crazy. All the information that were was at the front bar at the front door at the bar. Everybody's picking up information. Tomorrow, if anybody needs help getting these this information out to the bars, I'll be glad to volunteer and do a bar hop and get everything stocked up.

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That'd be great because we need people to do that tomorrow. So

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apparently, I see a lot of new faces at the ripcord this evening. It doesn't look like the regular crowd. And I'm guessing that a lot of them are from New Orleans. Also, with fundraising stuff, fire dancers, Houston, on Sunday, from six to nine, we're going to be having steak night and all our proceeds from steak night at the ripcord out on the back patio, will be going to the relief effort, which is \$10 for steak, big potato salad. And usually we got some extras with that. So we're going to be seeing what we can do with the state knight

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Jimmy Carper 36:52

to get ignite at the rep and you know, hey, it's for a good cause.

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And it's cook your own steak. So we do get a room and steaks there. And it'll be a good way for people to sit around in the afternoon and socialize and talk and network and get things going

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Jimmy Carper 37:05

here to meet. Yeah.

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John, why don't you tell everybody about the news group that you set up? Okay.

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We've got a yahoo group that we started up. It's called Houston, Rainbow cross. And we're trying to gather information on that. So people from other cities and all can get online and find out what services are being provided in Houston. Sally's emailed me some information, we're going to be trying to set up the files in there to where if people are looking for certain resources, they'll know what to get. So Sally is able to handle stuff with again, lesbian switchboard. With us. We're hoping to help do this with the Internet. And also the Houston big men's club is using part of their website for this information to the more information we can get out, and the more people will be able to access it. I know a lot of these people from New Orleans aren't going to have computers, but they're probably going to be staying with friends and then to have service agencies know about us. And they're able to win these people some computer time, we'll be able to get the word out and what we're doing here in Houston.



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Well, and in addition to that, we've been sending out information to new, different listservs that that serve New Orleans, like this southern decadence listserv and that sort of thing. Even though a lot of those people might not be able to have access to the computer, they may be able to be in touch with other people around the country, people that they know from these different groups. And so those people can say, Hey, I saw it on the listserv. I know you can't get to a computer right now. But you know, that's why we're trying to send that information to all of the GLBT listservs that we found in the New Orleans area.



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And right now, I do not know what the resources will be. Montrose Community Center, possibly if we again, this is a project we haven't really talked about, but possibly if we can get some extra computers donated or person has an old computer where we can get online, we're going to see what we can do about trying to set up some kind of little computer bank to where people will be able to go back to counseling center and get online to try communicating with family and friends. And again, it's communications. within 24 hours of putting out an email about the meeting. I'd already gotten calls from California and New York City so the internet's have very valuable to for us to use to get this information out on what we're doing. Also, Dallas Fort Worth Austin San Antonio, there's chatter going on to where they will also try following suit with what Houston is doing. Because we're going to be overwhelmed soon I understand there's 70,000 refugees coming in and the percentage or a small percentage of that will be GBL t so we're gonna be needing some help here and people are even offering their homes up in the Dallas Fort Worth Austin area and places in between. So everybody wants to help and we just need to make sure that we've got to have you to be able to help them and or let them help others.



Jimmy Carper 40:06

Mary is, has called in and then wanted to remind folks that of all of the things that are needed underwear is another one, it's one we didn't cover yet, you know, you don't think about it. That's all you need it.



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Right? That's another one of the things that we're going to try to offer through the Counseling Center. And we are accepting donations for it. And that is case management services. I mean, we already offer case management for our clients who are HIV positive. But we don't have funding currently, and we've been taking donations and with those donations, we'll be able to offer case management to the evacuees. So they don't have to be HIV positive and bite by case management. That means we can help them access transportation services, we can get them hooked up with bus tokens, if they need gas vouchers, and they need clothing vouchers to buy things like underwear, and a change of clothes, food vouchers, that sort of thing we can, we can get them in touch with that too. Okay.

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Also, one other things. And I've gotten a couple emails since the meeting this evening. Even though people might not be injured or hurt, maybe they've got a place to stay, even though they aren't going to feel they might not need to go through the Red Cross, I've been told by organizations that what they need to do is register with the Red Cross, and that will be able to set them up for getting in with FEMA and being able to get assistance. Because a lot of them have lost their homes, they don't know when they're going to be able to go back. They can't stay in a hotel for the duration. And if they go to the if they call the Red Cross, and let them know that they've been displaced by the storm, and give them some information. I don't know what the exact processes I tried getting a hold of the Red Cross and things are just so backed up over there. They're doing the best they can, but people can register with Red Cross. I understand that also goes and registers them with FEMA. That way they'll be able to start getting some finances coming in or vouchers for food and clothing, etc.

J Jimmy Carper 42:08

Okay. Okay, I have been handed a sheet of paper here. If you want to get in touch with the American Red Cross, it's 81866. Get Info. g e t i n f f. Oh, and FEMA is one 808? No, that's a six to one FEMA, FEMA. And United Way of the Gulf Coast,

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is you can dial 211 from most telephones, but not all cell phones are going to the United Way directory system. And if you don't have access to 211, you can dial the United Way at 713957. Help rate TLP. Thank you.

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Thank you, John. That was an incredible meeting. And it was great to have all of these organizations there sharing information, and letting the ones who do what they do best do what they do.

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Well, I'm glad everybody showed up. I heard some comments after the meeting that this reminded people of the mid 80s When the community used to rally together when HIV and AIDS was hitting us so hard, so fast. So it was wonderful thing agencies and organizations sitting down in one room with one goal. And there's a lot of people out there that have been in one way or another helping out other people for two decades now. And it was nice seeing everybody they're working together, pull it together. Sally, I want to thank you so much for getting that database setup for the housing because when the phone calls start coming in, I'm thinking How the heck are we going to handle this?



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No. And we already have probably about 50 people that have offered to and people have called from California, Phoenix, Arizona, Kansas City, Missouri, Orlando. I mean, they're calling from how they got the information. I don't know. I'm just grateful because I know that the some of the airlines are offering discounted airfares for people to get there. There are people in Michigan that can actually that are willing to pay to get people to their, their city and state so that they can get into housing. So I mean, it's just amazing what we've been able to put together in such a short period of time, thanks to a couple of phone calls. Thank you, John.



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No problem. It's like I said, I Allison went and got us flooded a little bit. I had one foot of water in place. I know how devastating that was for me. I can in no way imagine what these people are going through. And if I can, I am like everybody else is saying if there's anything we can do to help. Let's do it. So we've got a bass setup right now and give these people a little bit of a stable foundation to stand on to where they can start moving forward with their grieving process, trying to analyze what they're going to do with their life now So it's going to be a tough run. And I'm sure there's going to be a lot of people that are going to be needing services at the counseling center. And I'm glad they've already got the program set up for this Tuesday, I



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believe Parker visits Tuesday, right? Yes. So I



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want to thank everybody for all your help and and showing up at the meetings. And it was just wonderful. And



Jimmy Carper 45:19

we're gonna be putting that information out tonight. And every week. Yes, yes. Sounds



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great, guys. Well, I'm gonna get going and lay down again, my throat is killing me and my sinuses are bothering me. So thank you so much for all your help and get the word out on this. And we'll just keep working at it and keep it going. John, thank



J Jimmy Carper 45:37

you so very much for calling in. Okay,



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y'all take care. Hope you feel better. Oh, I'm working. I've got my antibiotics. There we go.



G Gigi 45:44

And, um, none of that he mentioned. Yeah, it's hard to imagine what it's like. And that's partly why I brought Ben up here to tell the story. What was it like coming out of New Orleans. Tell us a little bit about just the whole experience from when you realize she first had to leave. What happened? Um, well,



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the night of the hurricane. Sunday night, early Monday morning, everything seemed okay, we had a little bit of street flooding in my area. I went out and cleared some of the drains out around the block to make sure that all the leaves were out of the way so I could train properly. And the water subsided. I went to bed that evening. And had no electricity phone was still kind of working. But it wasn't much of a problem. Because I've slept in hotter bedrooms, I'm sure. The next morning, I heard my neighbors talking very loudly because it was only the two of us and maybe a four block area that had stayed. My partner and I and this other family next door. We were on a second storey apartment. I went outside to see what was going on. And the water was to the first step on our porch. We live in a shotgun. And it's raised up about two feet. And then it's two feet higher from the foundation of the house to the floor. But the water was rising. They said an inch an hour and it was actually more about six inches an hour. Yeah. Apparently. I don't think they will ever own up to it. But in my honest opinion that a levy was breached in an area where they could try and get some of the water back out that had been dumped into the city and other areas. Because there was about a three block breach that they said a barge had run into and had caused flooding. Barges can't really fit in that canal. So I don't see how it was breached by a barge. But you know, nevertheless.



G Gigi 47:58

But even still, what what was it like? When did you first realize you had to leave?



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Well, it was was an hour and a half later, I saw water coming up to the floor in the bathroom. Because I realized that it was almost too it was almost coming up to the floor heater. Because living in such an old house is built in 1906. You don't have central air. And how did you get out. We cut a hole in the screen for a cat to get out. Because I didn't see it feasible to put the animal through that much stress of trying to I didn't know what we were going to be facing. And we locked up the house, everything was up as high as we could put it. And we went from my porch around the front to my neighbor's porch and just dropped off into the water. I tested it first because I'm six foot one but my partner on the other hand is five foot three. And I wanted to make sure that I wasn't going to have to carry her on my back. And if so if you know to make sure that I could do it a long enough distance to get myself and her out of the neighborhood safely. I dropped down into the water and it was about up to my waist and dropped her down into the water and made sure that she was that she was okay. We had one bag of belongings and the clothes that we were wearing. We had a bag with our medication in it. And some other things. Yeah, valuables and some money which I didn't know if it would be possible to use the money but it actually was because we bought a few packs of cigarettes. When we got out of the neighborhood two blocks away calm the nurse Yeah, two pads two blocks away the water had subsided enough or hadn't actually hadn't risen enough to cause any flooding. Right there where we were at. Maybe up to the ankle. I mean it wasn't it wasn't really so bad. I



Gigi 50:00

know you mentioned that it points at night everything was dark. And you heard gunfire and didn't know what was happening. Yeah.



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There were people that were looting. And the cops were actually opening up, which was one, probably the only good thing I can say about the police in New Orleans since disaster is that they were opening up Rite Aid and Walgreens and grocery stores to let people in so they could get food and water. And maybe, yeah, basic amenities, or, you know, things that they wanted, that would kind of calm them down. But there were people looting, televisions,



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yeah, things you really



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VCRs DVD players and bicycles that you can't ride in four feet of water, you know, things that were completely unnecessary. And I guess the police because it was martial law had orders to shoot on site. Also, like at one point, I was walking with a stick, because when we had to walk through the water, I wanted to see what was in front of me. And to make sure that more of my partner didn't fall down. Because if I put it out of mind, then I don't step on broken glass kind of

thing. They don't know what's out there in front of you. Yeah. And we fell one time over a sign that had blown off at the Hyatt which isn't, it's I don't even know how many storeys tall, senior design we tripped and fell over it. Right as we were coming off the steps of this building. And

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Gigi 51:44

and how far did you have to go through water and how long

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seemed like forever. He's I think we walked about five hours going downtown, from where we were at to. He's not my blood brother, but my little brother pretty much and his partner, who are very close friends of ours, to the French Quarter, we walked through waist high water, about four hours, five hours.

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Right after the storm, this was the next day. There were then that's when I saw the first dead bodies.

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Sorry, it's a little difficult.

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That's something that never gets.

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I grew up in a rough neighborhood and have seen death. It's not something new to me, so I can handle it pretty well. But to see the amount of this especially elderly, and children, within one day, I believe an elderly gentleman and an elderly lady that was shot by the police. Because and someone has said it was a man that went crazy banging on the hood of the car. What had happened was this elderly woman she was 92 years old, was banging on the car. Because she didn't understand that her house was gone. She did not speak English, really. She spoke Spanish and I speak to Joe just enough Spanish to embarrass myself. My partner fortunately speaks enough to she was trying to explain to the water that the woman that her house is underwater. Well, we brought her she was left in the middle of the street and the gutter pretty much just left laying there could not get up. I think her hip was broken. We got her up, got a police officer too, which was so gracious of them, pick her up, throw her in the back of a truck and drive us a couple blocks to the convention center. Not even close enough to really get her into the convention center and told, you know, have a nice day and drove off. She did not understand that our house was gone and kept trying to get someone's attention to say hey,

take me home. I live at this address and the police when they pulled up or I guess arrived because of some altercation. They're trying to keep everyone calm. She was banging on the police car and they opened fire donor. There were two babies. I believe in eight month old and a two year old that died that were inside the convention center that they had wrapped up a 10 year old girl that I believe was over two nights raped repeatedly. There were bodies pretty much everywhere. Everyone at the convention center was told that there were 500 buses on their way to pick people up and two ships that were coming from here I believe is what they were told. And for three days, people were being told this and basically sitting there without food or water. Anything by the convention center had already been alluded to the point where there was no there was nothing left. And people at one point were chanting every time any vehicle we drive by. We're chanting help us, help us help us. The first night we were there, which was, I believe, Wednesday night, or guess Wednesday and it's Friday now, right? Okay, I haven't really gotten my bearings. I believe Wednesday night was the first night we were there. They had electricity in the convention center. Basically, the doors were unlocked. National Guardsmen were put where they didn't want people to go. And they had an sixteens trained on you if you came close to the doors hurting around now just standing there blocking off sections that they didn't want people in that I believe city officials were in, and everyone else was just pretty much set free to run them up throughout the buildings. We broke into the catering area, and borrowed quite a bit of food and water. There was the one one of the positive things I saw it was absolutely amazing. There was a man who with his family, um, took it upon himself to feed people. He had a grill setup. And as long as there was charcoal was grilling food, making shish kebabs, hot dogs, hamburgers, anything, anything he could make, and giving them out to people. And he said, You know, I'm Rastafari and I don't even eat meat. But want to make sure that people have protein



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and get to use



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I usually take it make it a point not to ride in stolen vehicles. But but I'm considering it's such a horrific, horrible place to be right now. My partner and I got in the back of a truck with 10 other people a baby and a dog. And we found out that it was stolen after we were on the road pretty much. I didn't really care at that point. And I still don't and you know, he said he would I guess return it to the to the people that he stole it from whenever he got the chance. But it was pouring down raining bar. Oh, yeah. It was it was pouring down raining. And we were all cramped in the back trying to hold a tarp on and oh my god, the TARP was flying off because of the wind pressure and ripped off at one point. And then we basically had to pull it down over ourselves. And I unfortunately could not get the tarp over myself because I was holding it down for other people. But that was the least of my concerns were doing at down the highway. Pretty much how bad was the road system? What road system? I mean, there are roads right there there are streets. It was actually kind of funny to see it out. There was kind of funny to see. I believe it was a Range Rover and a brand new Infiniti that had been parked in front of this building. And all the bricks had fallen down on top. Oh, the news.



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Like the whole side of the building just collapse.



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And I think it's funny for the simple fact that it was either done for insurance purposes or if not was just the worst luck because to look at it. It looked like something that could only be planned. And there was a sign which we'll we'll never forget the sine going up St. Charles Avenue. That said Don't try it. I'm inside sleeping with a big dog and ugly woman two shot guns and a claw hammer



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Whoa don't mess with me.



Gigi 59:15

I think one of the things that really strikes me in all this and I've talked to Well, we've talked a little bit when Jamie joy and Ben first showed up at the house I hadn't had very little sleep over the last three days. Four days. I think they're both a little bit in shock. We got a man got them there first. I think hot me Oh, yeah.



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Once again, and



Gigi 59:44

then we got him to bed and they slept a good part of today. I think they both needed a lot of rest. I feel worn



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out but I think your people need to know



Jimmy Carper 59:55

Yeah, yeah. Really happy that you're here. Tell him I really



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would like to Thank the city of Houston, especially the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender community for for welcoming us because it really feels like our city abandoned us when we

community for, for welcoming us, because it really feels like our city abandoned us when we needed the most. Well, yours said, I

J Jimmy Carper 1:00:14

mean, then there wasn't your city. It was just a situation where the worst of human emotions came out. And

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our mayor was stationed somewhere else with electricity with all amenities and did a fly by assessment. Oh, all the rest of the city officials with the exception of a couple. I'm sure we're in places where it was okay. And brought in by helicopter to do assessments. So, yeah, we pretty much were abandoned by our city.

J Jimmy Carper 1:00:56

Speaking of city officials, Larry binaries, was here tonight.

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Larry back Neris. Yes. Larry is actually a good friend of my partner and I Oh, okay.

J Jimmy Carper 1:01:07

He calls themselves back near us now. But it used to be binaries, and he just got tired of people not being able to pronounce it. So he just goes by back near us now.

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I'm glad to know that he's out of the city. Yes, actually. Yeah. See,

J Jimmy Carper 1:01:19

I saw him tonight. He was at the meeting over DJs I was happy to see him too. I've met Larry in the late 60s here in Houston when he was still here. And we were both very young and he was very pretty. Oh, he is a looker. He is a looker if you

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if you happen to see him again anytime soon. Let him know that Ben and Jamie joy. Love to him.

J Jimmy Carper 1:01:48
If he isn't listening, yeah.

G Gigi 1:01:52
Hi, Larry. Jeremy, I want to remind you, which still got the leather boys out there. Oh,

J Jimmy Carper 1:01:56
I know where they want to come in and talk about what they're there. So I need to wrap up

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this part. But one or two more things. only take a minute.

J Jimmy Carper 1:02:05
No take all the time you need. But before you do, I need to remind folks that they're listening to after hours. Call your radio with attitude right here on good old KPFT ustun 90.1 FM and down there and Galveston way you're on 89.5 FM

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and the World Wide Web it KPFT dot o RG That's

J Jimmy Carper 1:02:25
right. Yeah. So all over the world are listening to this. This station right now.

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I wish you hadn't told me that. But basically, I just want to let people know and an email has been sent out I believe you and Julie had written

G Gigi 1:02:48
to the pagan community. Yeah, the pagan communities jumping in and they're getting caravan to go down and pick up people that haven't been able to get rides out there.



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I want to let anybody know who has decided to go to New Orleans to do any sort of rescue work, or any sort of relief work. Because if the pagan community is doing it, I figure that there are other people who are going to want to do the same thing. Help be aware, New Orleans is completely destroyed. It is not in any way. A city the way or anyone remembers it's not the way that any city probably not the way you've ever seen any sort of area unless you've been to other areas that have needed serious relief. So sad because like you said your house was built in 1909 1906.



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The history behind New Orleans completely. Yes. devastated.



Gigi 1:03:56

But the other important thing if you drive down there, take extra gas because they are out of gas. When you get near you



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have we have no electricity so no gas pumps are working. We have unless you siphon it from a car you're not getting gasoline. Even if you do, chances are it's already been it's already been filled with water. And you know, you might end up ruining your vehicle. Do not take nice vehicles if you can help it in any way because there are carjackers and the ramps in New Orleans trying to Jack cars either to get out of the city or just because there are gangs of armed thugs going around the city. carjacking people because there is no law. What New Orleans really needs more than anything first and foremost is water. Yes period. Water is the first the first necessity diapers baby formula because the red Cross are not there. The Salvation Army are not there. There is no the refugees that are out the refugees, and I appreciate them for that. And I'm not knocking them in any way. But there is no one in New Orleans helping New Orleans, the people that are the National Guard that are located there are exactly that to guard the nation not necessarily to bring relief to anyone. Which, if you go no that chances are you will be put on detail by whoever is in charge, which there really isn't anyone in charge, particularly because I had a 16 year old kid pulling him 16 Or me asking me what I was doing with a walking stick. Yeah. And me I was I got a little short with them. So you if you are at all squeamish. First of all, if you're at all squeamish, don't even bother going to the city. Do whatever you can to help here and other places that they're they're giving relief to you will be encountering a lot of death. Yeah,



J Jimmy Carper 1:06:04

if you are HIV positive, stay away to stay away from the Astrodome, because there is likely to be a cholera outbreak and who knows how many people in the dome have might have TB. Also,



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hepatitis C, Hepatitis C is another one. If you have Hepatitis C don't go anywhere near



J Jimmy Carper 1:06:31

no do other do other things to help but don't don't do those two things. Believe me. I've



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mantras counseling centers doing so much for helping that. I know that there are plenty of ways to help without having to actually go to the Astrodome, because Astrodome just to be out of New Orleans. I'm so thankful. And I can't even believe that what's happened has happened. It's so surreal to me. And I'm a surrealist at heart that I keep thinking that I'm sleeping. That's



J Jimmy Carper 1:07:08

because the surreal t have has become reality.



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And and when that's the reality, there is no sanity to anything that anyone is doing. There's so many people in shock. If you go there be prepared to if you have a registered handgun or a registered any sort of rifle or anything like that, I don't know if you need to register them here in the state of Texas. And things you do, okay. Make sure you bring your paperwork with you. If you're going to bring you're just just to be on the safe side, right. But if you do have a handgun, you might want to bring it with you and your license and your license and everything for it. Practice at the shooting range. This is all I can say because they're police for shooting people from a rooftop that were looting. Just picking them off as the stay out of New Orleans. Yeah, as the as the jail was flooding. inmates were breaking the windows out and jumping out. And as they were jumping out as they were jumping out the police were shooting them as they were jumping out the windows. On on the overpass. They were shooting them because they were trying to jump off the side and commit suicide.



J Jimmy Carper 1:08:29

Oh my god. Big Chris has just arrived fresh from the rip cord.



C Chris Harrison 1:08:35

I wouldn't say fresh darlin.

J Jimmy Carper 1:08:37

Yeah, actually, you're pretty gamey, but a little more. So you were slinging hamburgers over there. The ripcord? Yeah. Do

C Chris Harrison 1:08:46

we raised \$320 in cash? And \$100 in gift cards? Wow. Thank you. Wow, that's going to the convergence. 2005 Fund. Yes, I have to thank the people, the customers over the ripcord people were coming in. They may not have wanted a burger, but you know, they they tipped and they tip generously, evidently. And, you know, as tired we're as we are, we're going to do it in two more weeks. We're gonna sling burgers and we're gonna do some other things in between. But we'll get into kind of why we're doing that here. Come come later on the roundtable after that, because we also have another story of talking about with the Louisiana connection on here. Okay. So I need to catch my breath and, okay, this Gator, hey,

J Jimmy Carper 1:09:36

we got some other boys that are waiting in the wings that want to come on and talk about we ought to take a break from Katrina for just a little bit and we got some on CD we do we have actually we have something in the in the cassette deck and the CD player. Let's go to the CD that is a Men's Chorus. Alright, that's CD is right up there

C Chris Harrison 1:10:01

handing the CDs.

J Jimmy Carper 1:10:03

I'm sorry. This is the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles playing a very inspirational song. It's not new. It's been around for a long time. And it always gives me goosebumps. So good saw. We'll be back in just a few my noise coming out of quieres Lee's Akari Chari with glory glory. And before that the

C Chris Harrison 1:10:43

game at Big the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles with

J Jimmy Carper 1:10:46

there comes a time. Both wonderful songs. And it kind of matches the mood I'm in right now.

C Chris Harrison 1:10:57



CHRIS HARRISON 1:10:57

Yeah, it's a weird mood. You know, I've kind of been hooked this past week. I've kind of been telling people I've been in this 912 mood, you know, after 911 You sat at home?



Jimmy Carper 1:11:12

And absolutely, it's the same thing.



Chris Harrison 1:11:14

I mean, I think I broke my recall button on my remote control going between 76 Well, CNN and Fox. Yeah. And I was recently discovering channel 76. Wonderful thing that only on Time Warner only Time Warner, you did mention about that decision earlier. I said the only bad part I don't like about it is you got to crank that volume up. Like every 15 or 20 seconds. There's this big static pop. Oh, I don't have that on mine. Okay, I guess it's just online. But it drives me nuts out there. And suburbia is like, you know, because you had to crank it up to hear the people's voice. And then when that static pop comes, it's like the level of a normal station. So but you know, it's a wonderful thing that they're doing that and getting some information out to the people who are displaced. And yeah, we were meant a lot of them over at the rip cord on EJ is there. We



Jimmy Carper 1:12:12

figured that a lot of gay people GLBT people when they came to Houston, they would look for gay bar first.



Chris Harrison 1:12:20

That's when there's one guys did that. I mean, that was you know, in a way you could say, you know, go into the old revival words, you know, it was powerful testimony. I forget the band's name who stood up and said, you know, he came. He came to Houston trace Jace Chase, Chase, Chase, okay. came to Houston. And, you know, found a gay bar. And you know, when we talk about community, and you know, people may disregard and diss the bar culture. But it's



Jimmy Carper 1:12:53

where we started that first place, we were able to congregate as a people.



Chris Harrison 1:12:59

And the fact that, you know, that's going to be the spot. Now that's that is where this grassroots coalition is coming from. It's the public service providers, and it is us Barfly organizations that are coming together. And I think what we're going to see here is, you know,

we were talking about or they were talking to meeting about how, you know, the mainstream press isn't paying attention. Well, they're going to have to when they start seeing lists,

J Jimmy Carper 1:13:30

yes, yes, absolutely. Now, we're back with Gigi. Yes. Hi, honey. Then go ahead. And you've got some friends with you. Oh,

G Gigi 1:13:38

yes. But before we get to them, I want to do a quick little thing on the radical fairy gathering that we're having coming up. Yes, yes. Yeah. And I've got some good news. Talk to the owner of the property where we have the campground Yeah. And he said that he's, he's going to not charge me for any hurricane victims that want to attend this event. Wonderful. And we're also going to feed them anybody that has come from Louisiana or the affected area. You can come to the gather for you to be or Alabama. Y'all have failed. We've got extra tents, Florida Panhandle, and we're gonna be doing some special workings. Just bonding, getting spiritual. Getting into some really good male energy, sex, energy, love, energy and spirit energy. And so it's going to be quite an event. It's going to be at High Rock ranch. And if you're interested in coming and need to be calmed. Email me at bye A house@houston.r.com That's b

J Jimmy Carper 1:15:04

i h o u SC. Yes. Okay.

G Gigi 1:15:21

Sorry, my mind was up late last night. Okay by house@houston.r.com. Okay,

J Jimmy Carper 1:15:21

I just handed you a piece of paper. Yeah, because it was a little prayer that came across the internet by a peg and

G Gigi 1:15:33

may your body be blessed. May you be peaceful and joyful, and recognize that your senses are sacred thresholds that your senses always enable you to celebrate the universe, and the mystery and possibilities and your presence here. May the eras of Earth bless you. John, donna, donna, donna here, okay. And I'd like to welcome my guests. We have the Houston leather boys with us. Hey. And our President Roberts here with us. Good evening. I wanted to just kind of go around and introduce. And I'm sorry, my mind is just scattered. I haven't had much sleep. To go with names are by



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shared Darren high. And our Secretary Tony is here. Hello.



Gigi 1:16:38

We heard you. And then I'm



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here. Gigi is one of our members. Yeah, boi. europeo. Why I



Gigi 1:16:49

yeah, yes, that's about right. And of course, we've got our usual bisexual crew here.



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David, Great Bear as I go by. Yes.



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Can I write a wolf? Love? Yeah.



Gigi 1:17:02

So welcome, everybody. Who are the Houston weather boys? And what are we all about? The



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Houston leather boys basically, it's part of the leather community, you have dorms, you have subs. Some subs? I know you do. You have subs, that classify themselves as slaves, boys, be a wise which are male B eyes, which are female, be a ye eyes that are that are manager. And then you also just have your traditional sub. So and basically the whole concept of the our club and our organization is to provide brotherhood, education, learning, friendship, a support network for other subs in the community. So they can learn and understand.



Gigi 1:17:58

And I think protocols so important, especially in the gay bars, rather than Mars. So we got to know a little bit about protocol.



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Yeah, so many people get in trouble because they don't know the weather lifestyle. And they think, Oh, well, if I put on a pair of chocolate go out to the bar. I'm leather. No, there is a lot of other protocol. There's a lot of kin



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hierarchical structure.



Gigi 1:18:18

What is protocol.



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level protocols is basically a set of rules that we live by, which is getting and receiving respect from people from each other. Subs always defer to a DOM and public protocols. We have public protocols, we have family protocols, personal private protocols. So we can touch on public protocols, personal protocols, family protocols, they vary from family to family, and we don't even want to go there. How about that is that is their individual family



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protocol would be more like etiquette Yeah, it's really



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just public advocate respecting the space knowing how to approach when to approach when not to what to say what not to say. It's common courtesy opening doors for a domme lighting their cigarette if they need to be or go get their beer, you know, is making sure that they are wanting for nothing and they are being felt like they've been they're being taken care of. And, and it's just you know, the joy of serving and you get the feel for the fulfillment from actually helping them and serving them and making sure that they are doing all right, because they gave you just as much in return in different ways.



Gigi 1:19:32

Yeah. And what are some of the activities that Houston lather boys get into? Awake? Good question.



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Are we are we talking in the bars are we talking personal



J Jimmy Carper 1:19:43

and the guy?



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Okay, anything that I want, you can hear my music. songs about that kind of stuff.



J Jimmy Carper 1:19:55

You sure do.



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Public A we like to get together we like to socialize, we go out, we'd like to be seen that way, if there is somebody in the bar, they know who we are, they can, hey, I kind of have this inclination, I would like to learn, I want to know more. They know that we are safe people they can go to if they get in trouble. We do love to go out, we love to party, we need love to rowdy out we have our boys night out thing that we do, which the dorms aren't allowed, it's our night to take off once a month and just go out and we play. Well, in a respectful way we



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play we play respectfully.



J Jimmy Carper 1:20:35

I'd like to go honey, I've seen you out in the bars.



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I'd like to go around with but for him that is respectful.



G Gigi 1:20:44

I want to hear from both of you to a little bit about you to who



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Darren and I'm



Gigi 1:20:51

sorry, names are just this lack of sleep is making names misfire, big time in my brain. It's okay. What is the other boys for you? Personally, well,



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the leather boys, for me personally is a group of guys that I can count on when I need them. And it's an outlet. It's a place for like Robert said, education, support. And a lot of fun, a great deal of fun. You can't be around us and not have a good time.



Gigi 1:21:30

internally.



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Well, basically, for me, it would be pretty much as already stated. But also, we do try to help in the community with different functions with other clubs and groups by at least donating our time and effort and at least showing up for support with other fundraising activities as well. For me, it's a place that a safe place a safe group that I can be with and be myself and not have to worry about what other people are thinking.



Gigi 1:22:02

That's thanks, safety as a key word here. Definitely. I know there's people that meet people online and want to apply that can be dangerous.



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Personally, if that's going to be your choice, I would say not. I would say not. You get to know somebody if you're gonna allow that level of play. Yeah, I mean, I know a lot of people they trick. They trick online, they internet chat. They do all that medicine. If they hook up, they hook up. But I would not suggest hooking up with somebody you don't know for whether play right interview



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on first and get a referral. Yeah.

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Yeah, and don't forget the credit card, and the bank statement and the first electric bill. And

Gigi 1:22:46

I think that's one of the things that's so important about groups is that when you join a leather group, you've got a safe space, you've got people looking out for each other, you

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also have someplace you can go and you've got a group people that you may not know the answer, but one of them might and there's no such thing as a stupid question. The stupid thing is not asking a question. Yeah. So it's like, I'm not familiar with this, what do I do in this situation? Or there's this level of play somebody wants? And how far do I go, you go as far as you're comfortable with, but you've got to set those limits in the pants and you got to be able to trust that person to respect that limit. Yeah. And it's just learning where you're at physically, sexually, and mentally, and emotionally.

Gigi 1:23:30

And I'd like to expand a little bit on the word education. I don't think, you know, it's not quite like in school.

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No, not quite. We're talking about education. We're talking about everything from just sitting around discussing protocols. It can be demos, you know, how do you flog? How do you play safely with hot wax? How do you do some other fireplace? fireplaces? Electricity, electricity, you know, ultra violet ones things like that? How do I do that? What do I do? What's it going to feel? What is the what's the experience? Like? What am I going to get out of it?

Gigi 1:24:11

Even things like bondage? Yeah, learning how to do it right? As a top or bottom? No, it's takes skill and it takes skill and also takes checking in periodically. Oh, yeah, definitely.

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Because a lot of the one of the big things with when it comes to leather sex is actually hitting that euphoria, that space where you just kind of zone out and all you are is just that emotional

feeling. It's not so much about an orgasm as it is about the headspace and and that euphoria you get from just being able to let go and just go there. I

G Gigi 1:24:46

want to kind of go around with each of the boys as BDSM for you ever been about pain, or is that been about something bigger?

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Start with Tony. He's So he's a kinky little one day answer, though.

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Well, thank you, I suppose

G Gigi 1:25:10

because there's this kind of myth that, oh, it's all about pain. Define

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pain? Yeah.

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Well, it's not so much for me for pain as it is for reaching the threshold of letting go. release of the and overcoming the uncomfortable feeling and getting beyond it.

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What about you there?

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Well, I think Tony kind of hit it on the head. For me, it's more of a I get what I get out of it is like Tony says release of is very pleasurable. I don't see. There's also a server to nature to it to that brings you joy. Well, at least it does for me.

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And like I said, I've written songs about that. You know, but a lot of it again, like I said earlier, and like they have just both kind of confirmed, it's not so much a sexual act as it is a growing experience, hitting your mental and emotional euphoria that really goes beyond sex. Yes, it involves sex and a lot of it is x. But it's again, pushing that threshold. To get yourself farther. It's kind of like tantric sex with play toys. With you know, okay, flog love, flogger, you know, single tail fire electroplate it's all to get you out of your body and into something better. But you mentioned pain, a lot of people think it's just all I'm gonna beat this kid with a flogger with a weapon? No, that's not what it is. It's

 Gigi 1:27:06

I'd also like to say from me, you know, because I've been both top and bottom on camera switch side pocket. Like, by no man's land.

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You can go wherever you want to usually do. Yeah, or has already been there. It's just revisiting. One

 Gigi 1:27:30

of the really most awesome things for me with BDSM with any scene is that it's not just saying I trust you to another human being. Because I trust myself. And it's not only just that, I trust my saying I trust myself. It's an experience of trust and action. Yeah. And that's a very different thing than I mean, we can all say, I trust you. But when you put your bet up in the air and have someone come down on it.

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Yeah, I think I think you're right on that one.

 Gigi 1:28:19

But, and, and what I get from it is this intense sense of bonding with that person I'm playing with in that connection. And

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yeah, and it goes beyond just it goes beyond just the sexual play. And, you know, you mentioned earlier that the concept of work, it's pain it a lot of it may involve a bit of pain, but what's your threshold? I mean, just plucking the nose hair make you scream. And it's,

 Gigi 1:28:45

but it's a different, you know, I guess the best way I can describe it. That was

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about analogy. He's sitting here laughing at me. That was a really bad one. Sorry. Oh, she's sitting here on

 Gigi 1:28:58

bread, the bottoming back and the topping bag. Yeah, really excellent. One of the things I bring out in the back is that, you know, even as a bottom when I stubbed my toe, it hurts. I curse. We're

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not talking about stubbing toe. It's a whole different pain, but what what you're doing with BDSM is a different type of pain. Yeah,

 Gigi 1:29:20

it's a very eroticized pain. Yes. And it's not always necessarily about pain. Sometimes it can be it's very pleasurable, actually. Well, sometimes it can be the interplay of just a feather. Yeah. And then ice cube and then it's different sensations. Yes. And it's those sensations in that in that yeah, logical thinking part of the brain and it gets us out of there because we don't the brain all of a sudden goes, oops, this didn't compute and then it switches sides and goes okay, now makes so now it makes sense. Exactly, you know,

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the the unpretty ability.

 Gigi 1:30:02

So it helps us get that part cut off. And then we can go into that trance.

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Yeah, I agree with that. I definitely agree with them.

 Gigi 1:30:17

I know that we were starting the groups pretty new. Right?



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Yeah, we found that the group in March 1. Yeah. So we're a new club in town, we've all been a member of this or that or this or that. Yeah. And it was just time for us to formulate a club that's going to fit our needs, and still be able to do what we do, which has helped the community. And you know, you can go out any on any given night and go out to one of the leather bars like the ripcord Mary's, whatever. And you will see subs there, obviously, subs bottoms, whatever you want to call them in all subs are bottoms. Some of them are very good tops. Thank you. But well, the misconception is just because your sub that means your bottom and it's not just because you're a DOM doesn't make you a top. It's that is a control situation. That's the head trip. That's the fun learning. But sexually, it has nothing to do with sex.



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Yeah, it has. Just because you find him in bed doesn't mean you're



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doesn't mean you're a sub now. Exactly. I mean, that the sex is totally different from what we're talking about, as far as the lovely lifestyle. Yeah, but I see so many subs out there. They have no idea about protocol. They I've seen, I've seen quite a few of them get into trouble in the bar. Yeah. Because they don't know what their limits are. They don't know how to say no, they don't know how to negotiate a scene, or they're afraid to say oh, there Yeah. And those are the people we are out there for



Gigi 1:31:51

how do you negotiate a see? What's the process? And I'm gonna go around because someone everybody to kind of jump in on this a little bit? Because it's different for everybody a little bit.



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Yeah, it is.



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Well, if the way I negotiate is seen is that first to get to know the person. If they're going to be in town for a while, that gives me a little bit more time. I pretty much if they're up and forward. If they're honest with you, they will they will share with you you know their experiences. You can find out with the rain, too. You might go oh, well, you know, you're hot look and but I'm not

into body pinching or I'm not into some of these sports. So you got to check out and see what that person's with that person's into. And if they're skillful at it, you don't want to find a top that isn't very skillful than what they're doing.



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On a floor, they say they're more skillful than they are and then they end up hurting. You didn't have a flogger in your face. Yeah, but that is also a matter of getting to know the person you're going to play with you don't just go home and expect leather sacks from somebody you don't know. Because you don't know what their level experiences and you could get hurt or you could hurt them.



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And generally a very good sir top Daddy will will usually tell you when you know, don't they're proud of their work they do. They're proud of their skill. They're proud of their their craft. So they if they'll generally be eager to talk to you about



Gigi 1:33:19

it. Oh, yeah. And I know when I've talked, you know, before I try anything new, I learn. I do a lot of research. I talk to people that have done it. I learned the ins and outs before I ever do it on someone else. Well,



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the most of the times with anything I play with I will play the bottom for it because I want to know what it feels like. So when I do it to somebody else, I know what they're experiencing. I know what feels good, what feels bad. And yeah, so I agree with that wholeheartedly. But you need to be informed you need to find out the safety issues of whatever game you're going to be playing whether it's a flogger wax, you need to know that they have the knowledge because there are certain I mean, you can play with some candle wax, but there's some kind of waxes that will burn a hole in your skin. And then there's some that are safe to play with. Yeah, and just knowing the difference.



Gigi 1:34:11

Which also, you know, knowing just what to do when you run into problems. I've seen I've been to scenes where problem came up during the scene and he panicked how Yeah, and didn't know what to do from that point on learning all the ins and outs but it's



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also setting a limit when you're negotiating a play session. Negotiate negotiating land said this

is my limit this as far as I go. And if they can push you a little bit further, they're gonna try and that's a good thing. But when you negotiate that safe word or you say stop, that means stop and no

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is not a safe word.

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No is not a safe word.

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Neither stop.

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Well stop can be a safe word if you flat out if that's what you've negotiated or even in so much negation. But again, if you are into a scene and you're into euphoria in your head, you can speak there. You can negotiate a hand gesture as a backup. Or, you know, if I wiggle my left toe, that means okay, slow down, you know, caution, slow down. Let's let me get back where I was, or I've gone. You pushed me a little far. Let's bring it back a little.

Gigi 1:35:20

So know that, you know, just from my experience topping, a good top. We'll read the bottoms about that. Yeah,

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you really shouldn't have to have to call a safe word. Yeah. But you need to at least negotiate it because the first time you're playing gotta be there. Yeah.

Gigi 1:35:39

Tony, any thoughts on all this? Yeah?

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So y'all, y'all are covered about everything I can say.



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Wow, which was



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the first time enjoy it? Well, last.



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Gonna say it's already it's already started again.



Gigi 1:36:01

And I also want to bring out the fact that, you know, I've been coming to the boy meetings and, you know, we're, we're not just about BDSM. No, sometimes we go out and just be boys. Well,



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we have members, we have members of Houston and other boys that aren't even into leather, but they are subs. You don't have to be in leather to be a sub. Yeah. And I think that's another kind of big misconception is just because you like to surf and you'd like being the sub in the situation doesn't mean you have to like leather. You don't. I know a lot of people that are more, you know, they're BRB cowboys, or they're just everyday Jr's kind of twinks that are subs and they enjoy it, but they have nowhere to go to learn. And they think well, if I'm going to get go there, I have to wear leather and I have to do you've got to be you.



Gigi 1:36:56

And he looked like he had something



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Well, I was gonna say is many people, especially if they are from that debt genre that Jr is crowded that South Beach crowd, they, they generally feel like we're unapproachable because we're in leather. We're



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kind of Yeah, we're kind of scary to them. And they need to know that we're not scary. If you just if you have a question, come up and say Hey, can I talk to you about this, I want to learn and



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chances are you'll you'll you'll, you'll get more than you bargained there'll be a leather man will be very eager to talk about what what he's into and so forth.



G Gigi 1:37:27

Now, what else I like to say, you know, people, different people get into BDSM for different reasons. Yeah, there's some that are just into bondage. Some that aren't anything else. Everybody



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had their own fetishes and what gets them off and I know people that they can even get an erection if they are not hogtied to the point. They can't move. Yeah, there are people that that is their specific fetish, but if you even dare try to tickle them, forget it. You know, they don't like tickle torture, or if you tie them. Some people love to be tied up and flogged. Some people don't even get that thing near me if you even try to spank paddle. Yeah, you know, every there are so many fetishes, and it's just what you're into. But you've got to also keep in mind, just because you're into something more extreme than I am. This doesn't mean a contest is not a contest. And your fetish is your fetish. That's what gets you off. Mine is mine. I've got way too many of them. Darren is even worse than I am when it comes to that. So you'd have to Yeah, you'd have to put me Darren and Tony all together to equal one to you. Would Houston otherwise also, you know, is not just about just talking and go running around having a good time. It's also about demos and things like that, too. Yeah, we can say, well, this is what it's like, this is what to expect. But when you actually have a demo, not saying okay, here's we're going to have a little demo, we got our little demo Dungeon Master, for lack of a better word, our dungeon master controlling the same explaining what's going on, you know? And then when you're done, you get the perspective of the top and the bottom in that situation. We'll say example for flogging. What is the person who's flogging get out of it. What is the person who's being flogged, get out of it. Yeah, and at the same time, it's also showing technique, how to do it properly without hurting somebody. Where to hit and where to hit, you know, no kidding. Okay. Don't hit the kid. You know, there's certain places that are good. That feel good. Okay, yeah, so sharp, smack it's a pain, but it's a good pain.



G Gigi 1:39:36

It's not a bad pain, knowing when to rap and not to rap. Exactly.



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Knowing how hard to hit, how fast to go. And so demos are a really good way to learn to see visually see what we are talking about. Be able to sit there and talk to the person afterwards say okay, so would you get out of that? How does it feel? What is it like?



Gigi 1:39:56

And y'all have seen me date them as Oh, yeah. And it's like I always when I do a demo, I try to involve everybody there. And if they want to, like when I do my fire play demos, I'll live my whole body on fire, including my penis. And then I'll go around afterwards, since I didn't want to feel what it feels like in the palm of your hand. And those that want to experience it that first



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of all sensations that kind of like, oh, and they're like, hey, that felt good. You know? And, um,



Gigi 1:40:24

you know, I said, people go, Oh, that was great. Can you do me here? Yeah,



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can you do me? And you end up setting three or four people on fire?



Gigi 1:40:36

As long as they're shaved? Yeah,



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but it's like when you did that one fire demo. And I was like, Ooh, the cupping that was highly intriguing to me. Yeah, cupping. For those who don't know, you take like a little tea light candle or something, you put it, light it and put it on somebody's body. While it's burning. You stick a cup on top of that, so that when the tea light, the oxygen is rushed down, the tea light goes out, it literally sucks sections, the cup onto your skin wherever it is.



Gigi 1:41:00

And it's the most pleasurable feeling. It's an



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it's like a full body massage. It's just absolutely incredible. It looks scary as all get out looks scary as hell, I can say how campaign looks. It looks painful. It looks scary. It's one of the most relaxing things you ever did. And I mean, I had what, four cups, five cups going down my back down my rear everywhere. And I was just like, No, don't take them off. I just want to go sleep.

But that's the whole thing about doing demos. Because then people get to see it. They get to talk to you. And I walked around for what 1520 Minutes with Us cups on everybody's gonna who was it? Like? And then whether Yeah, yeah, one finally fell off. And then Gigi was like, we need to take the rest of them off or he's gonna break on my glasses. Yeah. But I mean, in the interim, you been to cheap.

 Gigi 1:41:48

I mean, again. Yeah. But you ended

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up having three or four more people. It's like, okay, I want to try that. I want to try it. And they'd never in their wife thought they could even be intrigued by it. Yeah. So So I

 Gigi 1:42:00

think demos, you know, it's kind of like, there's a short learning versus book learning. Yeah, you can pick up a book and

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read about it, but until you see it in action yet

 Gigi 1:42:10

exactly experience it. It's totally different.

 Jimmy Carper 1:42:15

But anyway, that is so true. Oh my God, because I long ago, read about all this like psychology, part of s&m and I knew, you know, what people did to other people. And I was okay with that until I went to my first party and actually saw somebody being flogged and I was just done

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and yet, Jimmy, and it finally started connecting all this stuff. You are reading about seeing it in action, right. Yeah.

 Jimmy Carper 1:42:44

But you know, I don't know. I thought okay, you know, I can take that but wow, seeing

somebody flawed.



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So tell me Jimmy, did you jump up on the rack?



Jimmy Carper 1:42:57

Oh, no, no, no, no, no, no. All right, can take



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them bones to be flogged,



Jimmy Carper 1:43:04

but that's your like to watch.



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Yeah, it's also very erotic just to be you know, sitting in a scene. Oh, negotiate this thing where you're just the boy or you're sitting in the corner. Yeah, up to a chair just watching. Yes, absolutely. That's really good. Sometimes



Gigi 1:43:20

being put on exhibition by your daddy can be a hot thing. Definitely.



Jimmy Carper 1:43:25

It always is for you, Gigi.



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Yeah, well, of course. We're all here for Gigi. Yeah, no, my unfortunately my lot is I'm the one stuck in the corner holding the camera all the time



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to check such wonderful pictures, Robert. Yeah. Well, I'm



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good at what I do.



J Jimmy Carper 1:43:46

Really? Oh,



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God. Don't even get me started. For people interested



G Gigi 1:43:51

in Georgia.



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Boy damage demonstration pause.



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Right here right now? Yeah. Okay, in a minute.



G Gigi 1:44:03

We'll go there to demos. I want to ask if someone's interested in joining the east and lather boys, that content they can



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go to Houston leather boys.net. They can read about us see what our mission statement is? Find out who we are. There's some pictures in the gallery. We started putting up their contact email address if they want to get a hold of us. We even actually what I did this evening before I came over here, I put a new page on there informative reading, go good. And it's their books, whether they are tutorials about protocol, history, leather history, or just really good gay fiction that actually depicts the leather lifestyle correctly. I put a listing of different books that would be very helpful, you know, whether you're a novice or whether you're experienced a GG here, that they're there. good books. And one of the best ones I can say for people who want to learn about leather, basic leather protocols for public protocols, the history of gay laughter, I would pick up the ties the Bible, as my god guy Baldwin. And it's a really, it's a really good book, it

teaches you a lot of the basic protocols that it gives you goes into the history and have to let you understand where the leather lifestyle came from, and why these protocols exist. Yeah. And that's one of the best books I can say is to get to the ties that bind by Guy Baldwin and just read through that. And you can pick that up at Black Hawk, you can pick it up the leather forever, just about anywhere. Or you can buy it online. Yeah, you can do that as well now, too, so if anybody asked me and they wanted to know, I would say that's the first book you should go get. Okay, but yeah, if you want to reach us directly, just go to Houston weather boys. dotnet. It's all one word Houston letter boys. dotnet. Cool. Great.

 Jimmy Carper 1:46:00

Are you wrapping up Gigi?

 Gigi 1:46:02

Yeah. Is there any last words about the group? Any last thoughts anybody wants to share? Well, if

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anyone's interested our meetings are

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the first Thursday first Thursday of the month at 730. Currently our meetings are being held at bricks. And we are doing boys night out, which is the first Saturday of every month. We normally meet around 10 o'clock at bricks sheets from darts have some beers and we start a bar crawl from there. It is boys night out. With respect to all of the dorms as boys night out. Dom's are requested to go have their own fun evening.

 Jimmy Carper 1:46:40

You gave up your evening this month to be on the show.

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Well, yes, that yes.

 Jimmy Carper 1:46:47

Thank you. Thank you.

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He just he's not getting the whole time change thing between Friday and Saturday. Yeah. Had to go say,

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Jimmy Carper 1:46:57

Oh my god. Well, you know, we for for 17 and a half years. We were on Saturday night and I still can't get the Friday night thing now. I get it. I'm sorry.

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Gigi 1:47:08

It's hard for me to before we go. We do have someone who's also in the big blacks. Did you want to say a few words about the

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big banks? Yes. Darren is also the founder of the Gulf Coast blue plaques. CO Dara