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J 00:01 John Benoveve

So that so the chance for you to be a, a, I guess the right word, to use a law abiding homosexual role model is for everyone, as long as you have family, and you can pass those good values down to someone, you're doing something good for your community.

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Exactly. I mean, you don't necessarily, not everybody gets a chance to be interviewed on a radio. Or do I'm really lucky, I get to write for various local papers. And now I'm gonna be doing an article for drummer, which I have a

J 00:39 John Benoveve

read on the air.

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But they are, but that's where not all of us have the opportunities to do those kinds of things. It's, it's getting out in meeting your neighbors and letting them know that hey, you know, you're just like everybody else.

J 00:55 John Benoveve

Yes, I'm important I'm, I can be a very viable part of the community. Just give me a chance.

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Exactly. One of the things, whenever David and I were in Washington, DC, we had the opportunity to go to the Holocaust Museum. And that was, one of the things that just stood out so much, is that most of the German people did not know what was going on. You know, they closed their eyes that these people were disappearing, and they were being told something else. Well, if you don't, and but they had cut themselves off from whole groups are painful with the prejudice and the stereotypes they had in their mind. You know, if you're, if your neighbors or your your family disappears, somebody's got to raise the red flag. And in a way, we're protecting ourselves by being out and being as close as we can to people outside of our community. Oh,

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Stacey 01:51

yeah. What do you say to those people who cannot come out? I mean, a lot of us are really like, you and I, and John, and other people are really like you, we can be on the radio, we can have titles, you know, but there are a lot of people out there who don't have that type of thing. They don't have that type of freedom, how can they affect the community?

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Well, they, not everyone can be out in all aspects of their lives. But there's everybody can be out in some portion of their life, if it's being out to their parents, or being out to friends that they've made. For instance, my, one of my bar teachers, who's covering for me right now, he's actually in the Air Force. And so of course, now he can't be out at work, right. But he has a lot. He isn't out to everybody at work, but he is out to a few select people. So that's right there, you know.

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John Benoveve 02:52

And another thing that also goes back to what you were saying, You don't have to be out to be a good role model. For for our next generation. If you if you are teaching hate if you live that as your lie, whether you're gay or straight, you're gonna make an impact on the young people. You don't need to go around telling people you're gay. To be a good role model. Exactly. You it's just living your life, right? You can pass that on to the next generation, just by example,

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that sort of goes back to you know, people saying, well, you don't, you shouldn't be pushing your sexuality on somebody else. Well, I don't think I pushed my sexuality on someone else. Whenever I get to know them, and then the first time they asked me, Well, are you married? No, I'm not married. But I, my spouse is a very wonderful man. Whenever they open the door, whenever they open the door, you just have to take the step through it. And sometimes that's a very scary thing. One of the most interesting things I ever read was coming out is scary is a terrifying every time because every time you come out to someone, you never know how they're gonna react. Yeah, it doesn't matter how long you've known the person every, every time you tell someone you're gay or lesbian. You are coming out all over

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John Benoveve 04:26

again. Sure, it makes perfect sense. Yeah. And,

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and it's a terrifying experience. You never totally get over the fear of coming out, right? I know. You know, I'm, I'm a major leather title holder. I'm out to my three biological children, my entire family, all my neighbors, but every time I am in a straight environment, that somehow it presents the opportunity to say yes, I am gay. It's a terrifying experience because I don't know if they're going to slam the door in my face in Ramadan. horrible person

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Stacey 05:01

mentioned you're a major leather title holder is Mr. International drummer, the only title that you hold?

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I have my I have my regional title, which is Rocky Mountain region and then my international drummer. So yeah, I would I have two titles, but they're basically

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Stacey 05:21

one of the good. I know there's, I know there's a couple of men and women out there who are just for the first time getting involved in contests. Does the magazine help you? As far as monetary support? is most of this done on your own? What other type of support do you get from drummer? And who else do you get the support from?

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Drummer actually gives very little support monetarily, although mine is one of the luckier titles, and that as part of the contest, they have an auction. And each contestant from each region brings, they call it a basket and items from his auction or items from his region to auction off. And all of those go into the the title holders travel fund. So I have held and and in my case, I was very lucky, last year's auction rate of raised about \$3,000. Oh, congratulations. Yeah, that's pretty good. And then I'm also looking at a lot of the most of the times, whenever someone asks you to come someplace, they will help you out with part of your airplane fare or, and or finding you a place to stay. So that helps a lot. And then also we do a lot, I do a lot of fundraisers here in the bar, which helps a lot in people. And whenever I do go someplace, I always ask if I can get parts in which that raises money. And that helps out a lot. So, but a lot of it still is a very expensive proposition. If you have a national or major weather title holder,

because I'm very lucky in that we have a major hub here in Colorado Springs. So I have been able to fly every place for 100 \$200. Yeah, but whenever you're going like 30 weekends out of the year, that quickly eats up the travel fund and to your own money.

 J John Benoveve 07:27

Well, that \$3,000 in itself could be gone within three or four trips.

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Exactly. If you were if you don't do it very careful. We're

 J John Benoveve 07:36

not very careful about it. And you're expected to go to how many how many sanctioned events or events does drummer tell you have to go to well,

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now they have not necessarily told me I have to go to anyone, any of them. But I feel I'm expected to be at least to, to at least all of the regional drummer contests. And there's 1212 of

 J John Benoveve 08:00

those. Are my my stepping downs coming up? And you better be there. Yes, I'm going

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to be there. But then there's a lot of major title event all over the country. Like you just came back right. Mid Atlantic weathers a huge weather event and and you're just sort of expected to be there. IML I'll be

 J John Benoveve 08:19

there. Right. Another one is Lael. Yeah.

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And I was there for that, which was a wonderful, it was a wonderful experience for myself and I because we were in the leather but we're not really into the s&m, right as much as a lot of people and living in leather. It was a fascinating chance for us to learn a lot and meet a lot of

people that are into the heavier side of s&m and work out some of our prejudices that we carry. Oh, yeah. And understand that these are you know, saying safe and consensual is the byword for the s&m community. And we police ourselves very, very well.

 Stacey 09:02

Yep. How do you find the women reacting to you?

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I always get along really well with I, as far as it being international, Mr. Drummer, anyone that's into the leather and FMC. My bargainer is going crazy. Okay. That's an MC and they know who international Mr. drummer is. They're doing really well. And we just did last call and we're getting swamped.

 Stacey 09:34

David, we appreciate the time. Thank you very much. And we look forward to seeing you during the weekend.

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Coming back to us and as they say you take care John, John, you take care of

 John Benoveve 09:44

next few days. Okay,

 Jimmy Carper 09:45

thanks. Oh, yeah, Jimmy Somerville with dare to love and before that, Jeff crasner is brand new one on strong for you, which I thought fit pretty well.

 Stacey 10:04

That was good. I liked that last one. Yeah, good. Yep.

 Jimmy Carper 10:08

And even that interview that you just did. Yeah, that was terrific. Thank you.

J John Benoveve 10:12

Well, he's an amazing man. And hopefully within the next couple of weeks you'll be able to meet him. Because he is an amazing, man. Great. And you know, he had to be the winner because the contestants picked him. Not only was he picked as Mr. International drummer, he was picked as Mr. Congeniality to he got the golden whip award. Yeah, but

S Stacey 10:33

John likes his legs. Yes.

J John Benoveve 10:35

That's why I voted for you mentioned.

S Stacey 10:39

You mentioned something that we were just talking about out there was people who always talk about doing SM but never do.

J Jimmy Carper 10:49

Yeah, well, they say that they're not into s&m fantasies. Yeah, but they have fantasies, or they do things like that, that they like to be held down. They get off on that. You know about being strapped to a pool table or

J John Benoveve 11:08

was he originally s s am started out as S and M which you were either say this or you are masochist. Now. SN SM as a whole has encompassed so many varieties of sexual fantasies and fetishes. If you have a fantasy of being tied down, then you have theirs. Nine times out of 10. You are bringing you're right on the boundaries of some kind of SNL. Yes, yes.

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I think somebody listened to an old show tape.

J John Benoveve 11:46

But it's, again, I've always gone back, it's you have to identify as to what that fetish is, because they vary. And the thing I like so much about the SM community as a whole is no matter what that fetish is. We have a place for you. Oh, yes, we have a comfort zone. Yes, can be nasty with

us.

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Stacey 12:07

One of the things I wanted to bring up, not just to you because you've heard us say this 1000 times. But people that are listening, it starts with your biggest sexual organ which is in your head. And once it starts there, it's gone. If you can dream about it, there's a good likelihood you can do it. But just do it safe and sane. And consensually don't get any

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Jimmy Carper 12:33

drugs. The other thing we were talking about is the negotiation part. Thalia? Yes. You know, we've talked here about the negotiation part of the leather as an SM King. Fan and muted. Yeah. And, and I kind of I was I was talking to Stacy earlier on this, this trip that I made to Hawaii. It was one of the best trips ever. And you know why? Because my lover and I did not have a fight. Why did we not have a fight this year when we had a fight last year? Well, because we negotiated, we he and I live different lifestyles, he goes to bed at 1030. I go to bed, right? So instead of fighting over it, we sat down and negotiate it. Okay. You know, if you'll stay up later, you know, I don't mind going to bed a little bit earlier. The trip was so much more pleasant. Oh, yeah, enjoyable.

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John Benoveve 13:35

Negotiation can go. Either way, whether you're in Amsterdam or not, it's always good to negotiate. That's right. It makes for a much more pleasurable trip

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Stacey 13:45

about much more pleasurable people.

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Jimmy Carper 13:48

Boring, no kidding. Because we actually talked about about things. And there was no resentment, hidden resentment, like, well, well, gosh, I I'm going to bed three hours earlier, and he's only going to bed one and a half hours later. But we talked about how we felt about it. And he read late knowledge that I was giving up more than he was, and all of a sudden it was okay. Yeah, I wasn't holding any resentment about it.

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Stacey 14:15

That's right.



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J John Benoveve 14:16

Which is what we tried to eliminate that resentment in the beginning of any s&m scene, and we do that's why we go through negotiations. So you know, what to expect and what what not to expect. There's nothing no stone unturned.

J Jimmy Carper 14:32

But using negotiation techniques in any form of your relationship really is amazing. I mean, I know that Stanley and I've been together 17 years and of course there has there has been no negotiating techniques used throughout that but I wasn't doing it consciously. This time. I did it consciously. And it worked a whole lot better. No, no, yeah.

J John Benoveve 15:00

Speaking of negotiations, what we're going to do is Stacey and I pulled out our little handbook that we normally go by SM 101. And we're gonna we're gonna talk about scenes how to set up a scene. Okay,

J Jimmy Carper 15:11

I'll leave it to you. And I just wanted to mention that you're listening to after hours, queer radio with attitude right here on KPFT, Houston, and ke O 's College Station, Brian, and at three o'clock will be the next show coming up, Bob returned to the sons of musical chairs with Billy Gilbert. Now, so we

J John Benoveve 15:32

won't, we won't keep you that long. We'll set the scene up real quick.

S Stacey 15:35

Yeah. I'm one of the first things is always no, always be orderly. Always try to be organized. The biggest thing is be be timely. Keep all your timing going. And SM quickie is a serious contradiction in terms

J John Benoveve 15:55

are Yeah, doesn't happen. happen. But if it does happen, you're probably not going to have a good time. Another thing, another thing that is very important. How

S Stacey 16:05

long is seen last is between you and your partner? Yes. So try to keep as much time open as

possible. And let it go for as long as it needs to go.

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John Benoveve 16:15

Yeah. And another good note, if you're in any way inhibited, whether you're tired. Or, again, if you're on any types of any type of drug, whether it be alcohol or something illegal, it's better not to play, right. Another thing that is really good before is make sure all your tools are clean. Okay, anything that you're going to be playing with, especially if it's someone new, you want to make sure that that has been cleaned thoroughly before you use it on them. And afterwards. And afterwards. Yeah,

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Stacey 16:46

yeah. Let's see, oh, keep your toys handy. Don't have to run across the room to get something. Because what you do is you break your concentration. Yeah, you break your timing. So keep everything happy or handy. Try and keep it organized. And yeah, keep it happy.

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John Benoveve 17:06

Another thing would probably be privacy. You want to make sure that the person that you're with does feel comfortable. And in most cases, an s&m scene is going to be private. That's where we have to draw a line between what is performed in a fantasy on stage and what an actual leather SM scene is. And privacy can be a very key issue.

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Stacey 17:27

Oh yeah, it's very important. Also, if Allah if you tend to be a little noisy try to find ways to muffle the sound. carpet is good. Putting blankets or something over the windows even gags

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John Benoveve 17:44

blindfold sight privacy. I also have Sant privacy, it has a lot to do with SIDS deprivation, which can is a turn on in itself. Oh, yeah.

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Stacey 17:53

Yep. And that's just that's just real quick overview. If you need more information, there is so God for a drive and pages. Yep. And it's really a good book. It really does. It's really, it's handy. It's not a book that you sit down and read in one sitting though. It's a book that you constantly use, as you can tell.

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John Benoveve 18:17

Yes. Always go back. You always go back. Oh, yeah. Um,

 S Stacey 18:21

just some fun things, some interesting things we found running right along with what's going on in our community and stuff. I was really reading the November 22 issue of Texas triangle when they were talking about Toy Story and how it came out. And the author of the article like me is a big Disney fan. And he says he looks forward to all the Disney movies and things. But a line that really stuck out for me was still whenever I hear about a new Disney animated film in theaters, I am filled with a child childlike hope and eagerness to be odd into submission. I just thought it really fit. Let's see. Oh, I found this really interesting. We were talking about sm 101 is our guide book. The gay and lesbian community center in Dallas presents a free seminar called gay 101. The basic facts about homosexuality. It was held on January 3, but I liked the name of it. So I thought that was really neat.

 J John Benoveve 19:32

You know another thing is Rokit in here Dallas Fort Worth has an s&m area movers and they take the pain out of moving. You can look for their ad in the back of the twit. I thought that was really cute.

 S Stacey 19:43

Yeah, that is really cute. Being a Disney fan, I'm always on the lookout for stuff that they're doing and things like that. One of the things I wanted to bring up was Disney. recently extended health benefits health insurance benefits. partners of homosexual workers and the Florida Baptist state convention and the people involved in that did not take too kindly to this. About a million members. About a million people were asked to in this is in Florida to boycott Disney's parks and products because of the extension of the health benefits. The resolution asked their members to pray fully reconsider their continued purchase in support of Disney products, and promoted and it was promoted by Disney's decision last month to extend the insurance. What I liked was Disney's rebuttal. Let's see, the Baptist said that Disney also hosted homosexual lesbian themed nights at its parks and things like that. But I've got the rebuttal here somewhere

 J John Benoveve 21:01

basically, basically, Walt Disney has just told him to you know, take a flight, right? They, they're basic, they're not gonna lose any money by doing that. It's not going to cost anyone anything.

 S Stacey 21:18

Disney spokesman in Burbank, California, said the company had no intentions of reversing itself on the new policy, and said it was consistent with the firm's non discrimination policies. This is about providing health benefits for employees and nothing more. And that's how they decided

to respond to it. So for all those people that are boycotting all of those that can go out and support Disney go for

J John Benoveve 21:44

it. Hey, I look at it like this. Mickey Mouse has always been my friend.

J Jimmy Carper 21:49

related article, MGM adds Partners Health Benefits, and this is from outsmart their latest issue of outsmart Metro Goldwyn Mayer, parent company of MGM pictures, United Artists and several other entertainment companies will extend health insurance benefits to the domestic partners of its gay and lesbian employees beginning February 1, the benefit program will not apply to unmarried partners of opposite sex couples, according to MGM spokesperson, because heterosexuals have the option to marry. That's

S Stacey 22:29

good. That's very, very good.

J John Benoveve 22:32

You know, every day we make one step closer, we make one step closer.

J Jimmy Carper 22:36

It's amazing when you look at the overall freedoms that we do have now. As opposed to maybe 1520 years ago, it's just amazing. When we're buying views. Yeah. I mean, we're, we're becoming just I mean, look at look at how we're portrayed on TV. Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. Five years ago, we were hoping to get a gay character on a sitcom.

J John Benoveve 23:05

And honestly, I've been watching this Melrose thing. Yeah. And I feel real sorry for this gay man, because he has a real hard time picking the right ones. That's the only complaint I have. Because I know so many men who have been in wonderful relationships. And I think they need to they need to find somebody for this man and have him stick together for a while. I mean, I don't really know what happened with his first lover but the second guy he got involved with killed his wife and blamed it on him. Oh, brother, and then you know, it goes on and on. Our our characters are getting stronger. But we're killing people last No. Yeah, exactly. Exactly. Okay, we need a you know, there's a comedian Shan car. You've heard of her production company is trying to start a gay network. Oh, and then it'll be gay owned, gay operated. They will produce sitcoms and try to sell them to certain Yeah, network. Yeah. On that type of basis to try to show people exactly how gay people live their lives.

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Jimmy Carper 24:21

Yeah. You know, there are. There's a there's a group of folks here in Houston that are doing the same thing together a gay soap opera. and market it. Oh, really? Yes. I heard that. I heard an interview with him on lesbian and gay voices a week or so ago. Oh, cool. I

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John Benoveve 24:38

think we need anybody not mistaken. Isn't the same group looking for people who are not well known, right are looking for people who are not actors. Right. I could do this. Yeah, I

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Stacey 24:49

was just thinking we could do this. We could do this. I'm just to end this on a little bit of fun. I was going I was up in Dallas over Chris Missing Of course, being up there being at home I grabbed all the newspapers and things. And as I was going through, I guess it was the Dallas voice. They had an article in here about a group of about five or six guys in Fort Worth, called the Fort Worth own. Worse called a cow cow.

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John Benoveve 25:23

Unbelievable group of men.

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Stacey 25:25

Oh yeah, there's only about six seven. Now what I liked was how the article opened up. gentle, kind, sweet and always willing to help. They go the extra mile and comfort those in need. Okay, they describe these guys as the cow town Leatherman. They went through a list of all their accomplishments. Okay,

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John Benoveve 25:47

unbelievable man. Unbelievable group of man. There of course, their membership has ranged in size they do right now have five members than thank God, every single one of them is willing to devote some time because these these men do get a lot accomplished. And I have to take my hat off to the cow town Leatherman. They do a variety of different runs, different sales. They have one here called pet paws. It says about one and a half years ago, the cat town Leatherman began raising money for the visionary local projects called pet paws, designed to provide bead and supplies to pets of PW A's deposit project became operational three months ago, with \$1,000 worth of Kroger store gift certificates secured and available in increments of \$20 to two qualified persons. It's kind of the same thing that our pet patrol does here. Yeah. But we're talking about a group of five men. Incredible. Yes, just like David Walker was saying earlier, nobody can say they don't have something to offer, oh, this community to move it

further. If you it, it all depends on how you live your lifestyle, and how you project yourself. If you project yourself in a in a way that can be accepted by people, then you will be accepted. My grandfather used to tell me if you live your life as a free man, then you're free.

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Jimmy Carper 27:20

And that's where I say, you know, we're all activists, from the people who are screaming at queer nation, by the way, which will have a meeting at the Montrose Public Library at 7pm. Monday, January 29. To the people who just live their lives in suburbia, you know, gay men and lesbians, who are couples and just living in quiet neighborhoods just being themselves. Yeah, that is a coming out process. Because yes, because your neighbors see you and see how you live your life and realize

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John Benoveve 28:00

it's okay, if they live next door. That's your normal,

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Jimmy Carper 28:04

and you're a contributing member to the society and to the neighborhood. And that's what it's all about.

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Stacey 28:10

And I wanted to bring out in this article real quick, is this group of guys been together for about 12 years? They are a leather group. And it is a fetish. But I was really, I really liked the idea that whoever wrote this article of the squat, how they described him in the beginning. And in my opinion, it just goes to show for people that still hold a prejudice. We're not We're not beating each other up. We are nice people. Well,

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John Benoveve 28:44

we are beating some people.

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Stacey 28:48

It's consensual.

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Jimmy Carper 28:51

Listening to after hours Greer queer radio with attitude with attitude.

J John Benoveve 28:57

This is John and I'm saying good night.

S Stacey 29:00

Okay, I get the last two minutes hold on myself. Yeah, sure. All the coffee you drink?

J John Benoveve 29:08

Well. Yeah, I could probably do longer than

J Jimmy Carper 29:10

well, you're listening to us on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station. Ryan. Yay. And let's see.

S Stacey 29:19

Let's go back to negotiations.

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Well say a few things first. Shake your head. here every year, Michael. Saturday night at midnight now on the first Saturday night of the month. We've got Scott Lewis and the bisexual folks. On the second Saturday of the month we have gay and lesbian news and transgendered news with Sara dipalma. Now the third Saturday of the month we have Scott Lewis again, with Lujack Tyler. And then the fourth Saturday of the month. We have Howard, Howard McHale and Jim Griffith. And Stacy and John. Yep. Yeah. Other news. Yep. That's it. I did it. And if we have a fifth Saturday, it's all music. That's coming up in about a week have news. And after that will be the return of the sons of musical chairs with Billy Gilbert. And

S Stacey 30:30

do we have time to play that k.d. lang song,

J Jimmy Carper 30:32

there we go. Okay. In the background, we have Jimmy Somerville. Good. It's that remake that hey, we'll be together. Okay. So until we next year from you, take care. Thank you.

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Stacey 30:47

You too, Jim. Goodnight.