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## SPEAKERS

Jimmy Carper, Roy McCarthy, Chris

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Roy McCarthy 00:01

This coming Monday, July 10, at 7pm at the Santa Fe bar, which is right next to Jr's. And if you'd like, more information, call dandy DiNardo at 713-862-3312 or you can fax him at 713-862-5577. And that's for more information on the equality rally. Stop Dr. Laura. Okay. And, as promised, as promised y'all last week, Chris does have a update on AIDS information.

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Chris 00:39

Yes. We're coming up here on two conferences of national international note really, regarding the AIDS crisis. Starting tomorrow, the 13th International AIDS Conference, is scheduled to set began in Durban, South Africa, from July 9 through the 14th. They're expecting about 10,000 delegates to attend this year's conference. One of the hopes of this is their continent, the world will recognize the importance of hosting this conference, in a developing country, in these areas of the world where the epidemic was at its worst, over 90% of the world's population affected by HIV. Now live in developing countries. Over 4 million South Africans are living with age AIDS and HIV. There are more than 1700 new infections occurring daily in that country.

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Roy McCarthy 01:31

You know, Chris, I kind of wonder if we had those same numbers hitting heterosexual people in Europe? Would it be would the world be so slow to respond?

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Chris 01:45

Well, actually, what's what is being considered as the majority of what you're seeing in Africa, is coming from heterosexual conduct? Because you're having a culture clash, and from what I can understand that you have a man who, who's the goal of the man is is procurer and take care of his family. And what happens if this man goes out, gets infected in dies? Well, not only is he infected his wife, but what happens in many cultures in their the tribal, the tribal culture in

a lot of areas there is that the brother would marry the widow. And we and that would then continue to pass on this disease through a family and it ravages through some of the families in Africa. For more information on the AIDS conference, you can go to [www dot h two thousand.com](http://www.hrw.org). Also start off with a story off the Associated Press news wire is 5 million Americans risk age. roughly 5 million Americans have sex and drug habits that put them at a high risk of catching aids, according to new US figures, that experts fear that an upsurge in the disease after a decade of stability. While aids infections across the United States have fallen dramatically since their peak in the 1980s. Public health officials worry that complacency about the disease has caused backsliding, especially among young gay men that could bring age warring back. I'm scared by the trends we're starting to see since Dr. Helen, Gail, AIDS, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Gail presented the latest data last Saturday at a briefing hosted by the American Medical Association on the eve of the 13th International Conference on AIDS. And looking at some statistics of the areas around here. The the top 10 states and recording the highest number of AIDS cases. Texas is currently fourth in the nation, with 51,449 reported AIDS cases. That's behind New York State, California and Florida. Rounding out the top 10 is New Jersey, Puerto Rico, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Georgia and Maryland.

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Roy McCarthy 04:05

I'll say this that I think that within the gay and straight community, there's become a new attitude of a Don't Ask Don't Tell when it comes to sexual partners. Pete everybody should assume that the person that they are getting ready to have sex with is infected. They should automatically assume that and take precaution. I remember back in the 90s, early 90s, mid 90s Madonna used to end a lot of her concerts by saying hey you don't be silly. Put a rubber on that Willie. You know, actually a very serious

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Chris 04:57

actually I saw last week I was If nothing else on our watch Madonna's movie, truth or dare, and during that tour, she had a benefit concert for Keith Haring, the famous artists who has done the National Coming Out. poster, your roster and several other gape promotional posters. And she was very moved by having this this ageless benefit for the victim of AIDS. And you could really tell that I don't I don't think she is that good of an actress that she was really emoting that,

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Roy McCarthy 05:32

and one thing that really surprised me ABC had a TV series, a number of years back called my so called life. Yes. And there was a gay Latino on there. Yes, well, first, right. And he's grown up. And he was at the he was at this Latino awards show, right for that cover music television, movies. And I was quite surprised to find out that one of the biggest drum beaters for safer sex in the Hispanic community is a very popular television talk show host in the Hispanic community out of Miami. Cuban lady by the name of Christina. And who's getting ready to have her show in English. Yeah, newflash.



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I've seen her sugar program and all that. Yeah, Wilson Cruz has become sort of a an activist. He's kind of thrown out in that light being an actual gay youth playing a gay youth on television, which was a big stretch. Unfortunately, you really don't see much of him lately in movies. I did see one movie he was in later on. That he his sexuality really wasn't playing through and that I think he's gotten he's gotten a lot of gay offers. I do remember one of the big game movies I forget which one is he was in playing the typical Latino gay. But for more information on AIDS prevention and current statistics, go to the CDC website@www.cdc.gov slash H i.



Roy McCarthy 07:28

Okay. Now, if you're tired, we're in a tux to a fundraising event. And if you're looking for something to eat besides overcooked chicken, wouldn't it be great if you and your significant other or buddy or friend or what have you could support the community without taking out a second mortgage. And if you don't own a home? Well, you can do all those with just in this one upcoming event, the Houston gay and lesbian community center, first annual resort casual fundraising dinner, and it's going to be on the 23rd of this month at Rivas Italian restaurant. And again there, the dress code of the day will be casual resort casual.



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And the people who are really sponsoring this lesbian gay voices. They couldn't define resort casual. They could not for the life of them.



Roy McCarthy 08:27

Well, it says here so you can resort to any old casual thing you got. It's the money that they're after. Anyways, there's going to be a cash part. yummy foods silent auction music reservation. And if you'd like more information, call Susan Guerrero at 713-524-3818 or 713-754-2811. Or for you cyber addicts go to SC Gu at sea. And Seating is limited to the first 120 people. So get those reservations to her by July 15. And Chris I did I read off that cyber address right? He is my computer guy.



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She left off half of it. She did. Yeah. That's that there should be more after that.



Roy McCarthy 09:20

Well, I tell the caller on the phone numbers that I gave to the community center.



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Susan knew that email address. I'll talk to Kim.

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Roy McCarthy 09:27

And so and there's a very good reason to support the Houston gay and lesbian community center. They do an awful lot of good. They support an awful lot of organizations and it's a place where you can have a forum for your group and talking about forum.

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Chris 09:42

It's a it's a low, a low cost way of getting a group together and several organizations. The use of lesbian gay community center along with Q patrol incorporated will be hosting a community forum on hate crimes. This forum is being held in memory of Paul Ricard, who was killed Nine years ago by a group of teenagers coming down from the woodlands. It will be held Monday July 24 2000. Because beginning at 7pm. We are forming a panel at this time of some experts on this case and other hate crimes cases. And we will be announcing that in days to come. One part that will be started at this event and will be continuing on throughout August at the community center will be a rainbow flag memorial for victims of hate crimes. We're asking for people to come in with their name down if you've been a victim of verbal assault or intimidation, physical assault, or even memory cards of people who have been killed at the hands of hate crime. This will be starting that night. On Monday, July 24, will be continued on display for the month of August at the community center, which is located at 803 and Paul Thorne. At Stanford, we're likely will have more details on this as it comes along. Ray Hill is working with us. And it's been a big catalyst for putting this group together. And it's from one person to organizational meetings. If we get the people in on the forum, you're going to be getting a lot of information on hate crimes you'll be getting at research you'll be hearing from the people who who prosecute and defend these and determine these cases and can be a very informative part for the community. It is free of charge and it's Monday, July 24. Starting at seven, we're not putting up closing times but we don't know how long we're gonna stay.

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Roy McCarthy 11:36

Okay, coming up this coming week, the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston will host a joint concert with the Shula contra Rossa which is a Gay Men's Chorus of Hamburg, Germany. And again, it's going to be just coming on Wednesday 7:30pm at the Kaplan theatre at the IW marks performing arts complex of the Jewish Community Center at 5601. South Braidwood. Tickets are available to box office tickets at one 800 494 Ti X. X S or any Gay Men's Chorus Houston member. The concert serves as a fundraiser for the festival 2000 fund to cover costs relating to attending the international gay and lesbian Choral Festival in San Jose, California. Again, if you'd like to see this group coming out of Hamburg Germany, there'll be this coming Wednesday 7:30pm at the Kaplan theatre IW marks performing arts complex of the Jewish Community Center 5601 South Breezewood



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the next PFLAG Houston monthly meeting will



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be Sunday, Sunday Sunday Sunday,



Chris 12:45

July 9, from 2pm to 4:30pm. at Christ Church Cathedral 1117 Texas San Jacinto. At this meeting, the PFLAG hatch youth Scholarship Foundation Scholarships will be officially awarded. Please join us in congratulating every markable group of students. After the large group session. They're asking you to attend one of their smaller groups is the heart of the monthly meetings in these groups provide everyone an opportunity to discuss issues, concerns and celebrations with others in a safe confidential environment. There's even a special group for spousal support for directions to PFLAG meetings or to meetings, go to PFLAG [houston.org/meetings](http://houston.org/meetings). For a calendar, you can go to [calendar.yahoo.com/public/pflag](http://calendar.yahoo.com/public/pflag) Houston, or if you're not cyber intended, go to PFLAG Helpline at 71346 p flag.



Roy McCarthy 13:50

Okay, now, for those of you who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and you have your own business or if you know somebody who owns their own business, tell them or you can bring a guest for a casual summer networking and socializing because excuse Greater Houston game that has been Chamber of Commerce is holding their summer rush party. And this is to promote chamber membership and receive a 10% reduction in your chamber renewals signup for empower. 2000 you can enjoy entertainment from the players of fairy tales, which is a current musical from Joe watts. And this summer rush party is going to be at the Sonoma restaurant 1415 California, this coming Tuesday from six to 8pm. Again, it's the Greater Houston Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce summer rush party. And it's going to be Tuesday, the 11th from six to 8pm at the Sonoma restaurant 1415 California.



Chris 14:53

Okay, theater with a cause is coming up here and off sort of way, the Bayou City boys club in Canada I'm sure with theater under the stars and the word them Center are graciously underwriting a performance of Evita. A Vita. Yes, we, for the courtesy of our people, we will not be singing it. The biocity Boys Club is benefiting body positive Wellness Center, Casa de Esperanza and the Houston Buyers Club. This event is Monday, July 10, at 730 and that is at the Wortham center. Limited tickets are available for \$50. There will be at the will call window if you purchase them for reservations and you better hurry is 713-520-5253



Roy McCarthy 15:41

Okay, and talking about hurrying because tomorrow, Sunday,



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Sunday, Sunday, sorry, Sunday, Sunday, Sunday. Sometimes it does that. I don't know what the deal is with that



Roy McCarthy 15:53

thing. Anyways, tomorrow or Sunday is your last chance to see the only thing where she could have told me Oh, last chance already already. And it has been described as a very funny and a very moving by the



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time I saw it a couple of years ago when the little room downstairs first did it.



Roy McCarthy 16:13

And it made it all the way it made it all the way to New York.



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Is that the Dan Butler play? Yes, yes.



Roy McCarthy 16:21

And anyways, and the Houston voice has called it a wonderful lavender romp around the things we call gay life. Again, like Chris said it was written by Dan Butler and his feature who, incidentally and for those of you who do not know Dan Butler plays bulldog on TVs Frasier.



Chris 16:40

Yes. Strange there that he plays a hound dog chasing the skirts on television in real life. He's a hound dog chasing the slacks. There you go.



Roy McCarthy 16:50

Anyways, this one features Andrew Dawson, who is down from New York, and he's reviving the role that he created. As Jimmy said a couple of years back at the little room downstairs. And tomorrow, Sunday is the last day the last performance if you have not received a ticket, go there get one or call 713522 I r d s and the little room downstairs is Houston's only theater dedicated to producing works by and about and of interest to gay and gays and lesbians.



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Okay, I'm going to guess that H G LP is Houston gay lesbian parents.



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That is correct. H G LP



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Houston. gay lesbian parents.



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Yes, it is.



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That's it. Okay, good. That was going to be my final answer. So, the July family event.



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I got your final answer right here, honey.



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Keep it up. Okay. rageous.



Chris 17:52

The July family event is a cool party on Saturday, July 15. Call 713-284-4939 for location time. The July support group will be meeting Tuesday, July 11. from seven to nine at his new location bearing United Methodist Church at 1440. Harold, enter from the rear parking lot and follow the signs entrusted to the rear. You're as bad as my brother in the neighborhood because he wants a parking in the rear sign. I don't know why you'd expect it in this neighborhood. Not the one you're thinking of Jimmy the other brother. The Support Group provides an opportunity for parents and parent wannabes to discuss their parenting issues. And for their children to meet other kids with family like there's childcare is provided through grade five youth in grades six through 12 have their own facilitated support group.



Roy McCarthy 18:49

Okay, and I want to finish it off with mentioning that the community awareness for transgendered support are also known as cats.



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And those and those girls were just on.



Roy McCarthy 19:02

Yes, they're having. They have their meetings every month and you can call them at 409-927-1705 and this is a group for people down for transgender down in the Gulf Coast area.



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What do you get that number again?



Roy McCarthy 19:21

That number one more time 409-927-1705. And for those in the metropolitan Houston area, the Texas Association for Transgender transsexual support cats is holding their next meeting at Vanessa's Fox fosters social and it's going to be on the 22nd and let me see if I have a number



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for her and Vanessa didn't even didn't even push that when she was here.



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I know. Ah. opportunity to plug Yes.



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But double plug. I mean a double plug opportunity and just missed it. Oh, how lovely turning on my microphone.



Roy McCarthy 19:59

Oh Oh, you mean? She has been without a microphone all night?



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We heard her fine. Don't worry. Oh, I'm looking at Yeah, I'm looking at the levels here.



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That's a good thing. I was sitting so close to the erect one. While he's still looking at Tech



Roy McCarthy 20:16

key. I got the number for cats. 713-780-4282.



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Okay, one final thing we want to do. Yeah. We want to give it a media. Congratulations to Bryant Gumbel. I emailed this to Jimmy and I don't know if he got a chance to read it. Brian Gamble's and a little hot water with the Family Research Council. He certainly is. He was interviewing some uppity up muckety muck, whatever it is in their group, regarding the Dale versus the Boy Scouts of America



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now now we have to step in there and say, this group that he's with, and what kind of group is this?



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The Family Research Council is a basically right wing group out of Colorado, I believe, who helped push through the initiatives in Colorado. They've sprouted groups in other areas.



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And all they do is instill fear in people about the homosexual agenda.



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Like we had, I believe, we can decide on what to call ourselves. How can we have an agenda?



Roy McCarthy 21:27

I'm on the board trustees at the caucus. I didn't agenda. We agree on anything. I



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know it's



Chris 21:34

it's incredible. But basically he came on and was was spouting his anti home his homosexual parts. The segment ended and according to the stories reported on IE online that I got through MSN, as the camera was panning in panning from the set there to the weather station. Brian gambols microphone was off. But he made a comment that only Peter would say and refer to the guy as what an effing idiot. Yes. And it was fairly visible on the screen on to on camera view. The FRC which I guess their initials already say that they're an FRC. Oh, I guess I guess to be polite. We just call it farce.



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That's a really good acronym.



Chris 22:25

So he heard it and originally they wanted to have Brian Gumbel fired Yeah. And now they're just asking for an apology. CBS has issued a statement going we don't know what was said. It was not intent. It was not an intended for broadcast. Some people heard something but no one nothing got out on the air. And mysteriously Brian Gumbel left for vacation. Send CBS a little note saying don't do it. Don't do anything to him. We kind of appreciate someone at least out there on the media. That's



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right. We think the Family Research counselors are effing idiots too. So So



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let them know about it. There was a very interesting story. I came across on that one.



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That was great. I loved it. And I've never been I've never been more proud and Brian Gumbel and I have not liked him for a lot of things in the past but



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and they say it I liked it. Yeah. They said part of it is just kind of his frustration over the news becoming to entertainment like which they don't worry about on the segment because it isn't

becoming to entertainment like, which they don't worry about on the segment because it ain't entertaining. News.

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Roy McCarthy 23:31

No way. You know, Chris, we have brought some kind of news. And we're getting the wrap up. We are ready. We're waiting for you to jump in with something.

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Well, I'm gonna jump in with music because Francisco and Sandy are waiting in the wings.

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So if you wish to send us emails of stories, suggestions, ideas, go ahead and say it roll your favorite things porno. Yeah, like you can actually receive it. You don't even know what a computer looks like. Send it to after hours. kpft@hotmail.com good.

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Jimmy Carper 24:06

Thanks, guys. Are the next week? Oh, yes. That was Amy Simpson from her brand new CD called strange circumstances. Strange. And the cup was angel. You're listening to after hours on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station on Jimmy Carter and before we get really into it with Francisco and Sandy.

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This isn't the Howard Stern Show, they will be able to see give me running into the studio Francisco destroying the other half of the studio. So all I caught from Jimmy's comments a second ago or something about circum and this sort of odd cut

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No, no, no, no. Anyway, dimension that Houston has a brand new Miss firecracker. Yes. Tonight. It was a wonderful, wonderful event over at chances raising lots of money. And it was the new ms firecracker is Porcelana B de there's a lot of court people there. A lot of caucus people there as a matter of fact, and I was real happy to see Mr. Buddy Thompson was there looking very, very fit. And he's lost 41 pounds looking really hot. made me nervous. I had that because I had to leave early and it wouldn't have been pretty busy. He was there with a date and you know. Anyway, but yes,

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I missed that event

I missed that event.



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It was wearing a t shirt that said my body is not a temple and I said Oh, yes.



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service begins we begin service.



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Oh, Francisco. Sandy. Have you been?



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Bob, I've been fine. I just got back from New York. So you have just glad to be back on the show.



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What were you doing in New York.



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We went with my my roommate, Brian to to see the parade and then check out the city. State for the Fourth of July. So



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a very, very nice



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guy asleep in the corner.



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And unfortunately, this is a second year that I missed Houston pride. But I was up in Dallas, visiting a friend of mine that was in town from Chicago. But the year before that I missed it when I was visiting David in New York. And so Sandy, Sandy's gonna share with us later, the

New York Pride experience, which is extraordinary.



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And I was here in the Houston parade so I can do a contrast because he was really good. It was awesome. What do you want me to?



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Did you want to start with? Yeah,



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I just want to first make an announcement for folks. And I don't know. And I just found out till very, very, very early this morning. I was out of town yesterday, unfortunately. But Gary, but Nottingham, who has been a pillar of this community passed away on Thursday evening, due to a heart attack, and had been someone that had been dealing with HIV and AIDS for a while he just sort of reminder to us and you know, all of all that it's big as that is in our community, you just never know when you're gonna lose someone or to what



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kind of he went into the hospital with pneumonia. Brenda had a heart attack there.



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Yeah. And so. And for those of you that, know, Gary, you don't know, Gary, I assume if you were on hand that some information will be posted. And all of that. I haven't seen anything yet. Some of his biggest accomplishments for dealing with hatch and the scholarship money that he raised, I think, almost 140 \$150,000 for Hatch over the past couple of years from their scholarship fund and working with organizations like EPA, with founding member of Log Cabin Republicans and a former president and of the group and someone who really, I had the opportunity to work with on a couple of things, including when we did the candlelight vigil for Matthew Shepard, and someone who really served as a mentor to me in a lot of ways. And so I think a lot of folks in our community that have worked with him, or they've seen him work or someone or we're gonna miss him a lot. So I want to dedicate the show to him. And then the first song that that we'll be playing later,



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play yeah, he was like the second person I knew who was out of the closet, way back in the 70s. He there was some notoriety when he was fired, he was fired for being openly gay. And it was all over the papers. I was I was still deeply in the closet. And I, that name has stayed with me over the years. Because it Ray Hill was number one. And Gary was number two.



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One of the things that I wanted to share is that I didn't get to meet him in person, but I know that he was very instrumental and to bringing the youth into, you know, bringing us into the gay movement in Houston. And, you know, talking about you beige in global and, you know, DLs say back in the 70s 80s. So, you know, that was very interesting, and we're gonna miss them.



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So, that had been said, I think it's probably we talked a little about pride. And Sandy would you went to New York and tell us how that experience was?



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Well, I was here for the Pride Parade, Houston, and I was marching with that with a global and we had a little float. And it was it was really interesting. And one of the things that I that I really liked about our parade, it was an it wasn't as big as New York, but it was very family oriented. He was very what's the word? There were a lot of kids there. Yeah. There were lots of children I was the first thing that I told my friends is like, don't give the beats to the adults given to the little kids. That's right. So many out there. And I was I was so impressed. And, you know, we were trying to, you know, put ourselves in a position that this is a good chance for us to tell those little children that we're here to stay. And that, you know, we were the kind of people they want to grew up to be



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minus some of them.



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Well, yes. It's a parade and you're expected go a little over the top with it. But it's that you're right. I read our parade as a family.



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Yes. It is also the best the best chance we have to show the community who we are. And then I was really glad that we do project the very positive image and the Houston area and with our parade, and the conscious with New York, it was it was very huge. I totally love that. There was lots of action, and you didn't feel everybody was included in New York. I mean, it's like almost every community participated. I was very happy to see that most of the businesses were also

there, which is something we lack we don't work. We're getting better. Yeah. And you know, we're not as strong with a business community. But you know, we had very good financial backers, and the bright which was really nice. And Chase. Number one talked about



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that. Yeah. shaves and first city, no trace, and there's some somebody else Wells Fargo, I think Wells Fargo was. And



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I was really glad for the fact that the in New York, they're also just as big since that they're Chase Manhattan, you know, and there's so good to the gay community. So it's like, I was really happy about Sandy. I



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remember seeing you bouncing around.



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That's where the parade is. Yeah, you know, I was Yeah, I was with the the community center, and everybody was riding and they said, Don't you want to ride? But no, I want to walk down the west timer on this night? Yes. There's nothing like it, nothing like it.



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And Brian and I have had a chance to go to New York and you know, experience the whole thing. And it was it was awesome.



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How, how different was it? I mean, you said you said you made the point that ours was more family oriented was with Did they have a lot of nudity or something?



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They were there were some some materials or some parts that I thought were not, you know, for the children's to see. And you know, they didn't make us look good. But at the same time is New York. Yeah. Gotta be extravagant. You got to show the





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world. Yeah, that's true. That's true.



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But you know, other than that, I thought New York was good. But I was really I would rather, I was glad that I was here in Houston to see ours because I had way too much fun.



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Good, good. I'm glad to hear that really. But there's must be incredibly long. And it was



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about four and a half hours, almost five hours started at 12. And he didn't end until like five or so. And afterwards, there were parties going on, and also rallies. Yeah. And I know James Dale, you just mentioned earlier it was I had one of the rallies to you know, talking to the community about his case. And you know, what's going on in his life. And he's a very good speaker. I've read a few articles, they publish on him in New York. And he was talking and he was feeling very positive about what, you know, this, this Supreme Court ruling, which he didn't, we didn't know, we didn't find out until afterwards, that, you know, they ruled against it. But you know,



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and all kinds of people were speaking out against that ruling, amazingly, but I



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was I was really impressed about the fact of how close it came to me. It was a five on board. So that I mean, that made me really happy because we know that. I mean, it was just one judge and I'm thinking judge vanquish. O'Connor,



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yeah, that's right, my counterpart.



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But I read the article I agreed and disagreed with with the ruling, but I was really happy that the outcome was, you know, five to four. Because it's like, that means that we're, we're getting there.





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I read an email where A someone has who was very active in Scouting has, I guess was a late scout leader, a straight man, right? has put in his resignation because of that. Because he just can't, you know, it's when you there's discrimination, right? And that is putting out the message that there's something wrong with being gay. And we of course we know better. What what



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saddened me the most was that the Supreme Court also turned floors New Jersey's for civil rights laws like



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and I forget what that was about something



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they declared was unconstitutional the one that he was using to get what he wanted and now they were questioning their approach Thor's the case because now they lost it. So now they have to go back to Congress to to the statehouse and try to come up with something the Supreme Court



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I think it would be nice if these things were not split down Republican and then



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and then it's not really in many cases on this on this one. But that's my, what I think about it, is that, okay, if you're going to have that type of organization, then you are a private organization, you can do that. But I don't think you're entitled to public money. Yeah. And public money doesn't mean just cash. It means, you know, I know a lot of scouting troops use public accommodations, either schools or or Yes. And it's like, yeah, no, no.



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I think one of my first reactions is like, let's stop buying their cookie.



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Scouts. And they don't have any kind of bias like that.



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Know, keep buying the cookies. Yeah, absolutely. Keep buying the cookies. They're wonderful. Chris is here.



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Actually, it's the Girl Scouts that sell the cookie. Yeah, the Boy Scouts sell things that pop and screw popcorn and light



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bulbs. I did not know that. I had no idea either popcorn and light



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bulbs, my microwave popcorn. And in some areas they sell if I remember correctly, they used to sell light bulbs.



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Who knew?



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People who sell light bulbs should be more enlightened?



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Yes, I would think so.



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But do they really know how to screw?



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Well, that's that's what you learned in the pub test.



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I have a very good friend who used to be a boy scout. Of course, he's grown out of that. Oh, yeah. Well, they all do. Sooner or later.



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Shout anymore. Amazing.



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Well, the last thing I wanted to share that I got a chance to visit the guests. The gay lesbian community center in New York is amazing. I was amazed about the services they provide the staff they have the funding they get. And I've been to the community center here in Houston. And I was sad. We're still haven't gotten Yeah,



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no, I know, we're way behind. But I mean, the one in New York, I mean, they're brazen, they come out and say, you know, give us your car, you know, put us in your will give us all your money when you die



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and keep tearing does the bathrooms.



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Well, I went to no choice room around and I spoke with the director of of their youth, they youth program, they have a really good program that it's sort of like a little pre hatch, kind of I would consider it you know, high school kids. Yeah. And I got a chance to speak with some of them about, you know, how they felt about New York City. You know, you know, I told them I was from Houston. And you know, I've been engaged for five years out to the community. And, you know, being to college and, you know, have an idea of what Houston is, to me as a you know, as a gay person, you know, where would I be comfortable being gay and what or I would not, and I asked him, How How did it felt to them? And I spoke with his street kids, and they're like, New York is very open, but they're talking about New York City.



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Yeah, Manhattan, we're talking about Manhattan. We're not talking about the boroughs.



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Right. That's what they were telling me and I was you know that once they come different boroughs ones from Bronx ones from Brooklyn little cleaning one was from Upper Manhattan. And I don't know whatever. Brooklyn Bronx, Queens, Staten Island. Manhattan. Okay. So, you know, they were old telling me that they go to those high schools that don't have no names.



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Oh, PS number. School Number. Yeah. Yeah, I have a T shirt says queens, PS number, whatever. It's wonderful.



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I'm not gonna go I



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don't know. But



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yeah, I was I was out I went to where they were to tell him you'll this I told him that we are so similar to fact that they say that once they go back to their bureaus, they have to act straight, they have to go to their house their homes and be straight or or, you know, because it's like, this areas that are not oftenly, you know, again, and it's like, the only time they have to interact with people that are gay is when they go to, you know, downtown, you know, when they go to New York to city, or when they go to the center, and they found the center very helpful, and to getting them to know people their age, you know, and then also share with me that they have to go into the computers to meet people. Sure. And that is sad, because it's so dangerous. But, you know, it was interesting, and I told them that I knew that feeling even though I'm not a New Yorker, you know, the fact that in Houston, you know, we have our little pockets as well. And once you leave the Montrose area,



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yes, easy to be queer in Montrose.



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And I've also told them how Montrose has changed for us a lot. I mean, there used to be a time that, you know, gay men used to get beat up on the streets, you know, that they were used to come in into the streets and beat the hell out of gay men and then go back to there.



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Yeah, and yeah, it was like a sport. Yeah. So the police would always look the other way but that's changed.



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The same goes here in Houston, Monday Night Football Friday night gay bash.



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But we've we've moved on and the community has become more open more accepting and we also have gotten more stronger. We don't take it anymore, right? Which is which is what what I told them, you know, eventually they're gonna grow up and you know, become better men and and change things. So that's the way to go. So I just wanted to mention that



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you know, has its problems or you still look at it.