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## SPEAKERS

Peter, Jimmy Carper, Tom Richards, [Together], Roy McCarthy, Stacey, Speaker 3, John Benoveve, Speaker 1, Speaker 4, Connie

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 Connie 00:01

Big I think beaner Tikka like into big a little way I think-.

 Peter 00:07

Connie took a liking to I'm not gonna say which one but.

 Jimmy Carper 00:11

They were all they were they were all I don't want to say we're all very snack ish snack is in-.

 Peter 00:20

Seven course meal.

 Connie 00:22

But you always are.

 Peter 00:26

Fat bits run another aerobics performance on the big deck. Isn't it time? What's your chair girl and gopher up and down and step into?

J Jimmy Carper 00:38

Okay, it's time for RuPaul.

P Peter 00:40

It's time for RuPaul we love Ron Paul. Okay. And then what?

J Jimmy Carper 00:45

And then Stacy's here,

I [Together] 00:47

Stacey.

J Jimmy Carper 00:49

We're going to talk to Tom Richards. In the meantime, in between, we are between RuPaul and Stacey, we're going to talk to Tom Richards about something going on in the neighborhood.

P Peter 00:59

Hey, and that means we're out of here right that's it. Hey. It's been fun. It's been real. It's been nice been real nice.

J Jimmy Carper 01:07

Well, if you if you have to be out of town next next month on the fourth Saturday, we'll rearrange. I remember the out-.

P Peter 01:13

I read may and I got this. Miss let me know in Detroit, and we may but we may move bump up a week or two. So hey, Houston, listen up every Saturday.

J Jimmy Carper 01:26

You may catch them on the third Saturday. Next Yes, never know.

P

Peter 01:30

But you definitely want to write to KPFT with your ideas about what you'd like to hear on the show. We will bring in anybody within reason. And our research department will look up anything within reason. And we'll just keep on doing it for you. So if you like it call in write in let us know which one here. Hey, Kami. Peter. I love when you say it that way. We're gonna meet you at rascals. See you Houston. We love you.

J

Jimmy Carper 02:05

Oh, yeah. New Music from RuPaul. Isn't that cool? It's called. I don't know what it's called snapshot. There it is. It's the that was the covers radio edit. And that was donated by Miss. Connie Lingus. So you you'll be hearing more of that on after hours. Queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. I'm Jimmy Carper. And with me right now is Tom Richards. Hey, Tom, how you doing?

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Tom Richards 02:35

Hi, brother. Hi. I haven't seen you for a few weeks. I know.

J

Jimmy Carper 02:40

Busy Yeah, you've been doing? I don't know. I'm with I don't know who?

T

Tom Richards 02:45

Well, I've got something new long. Again with politics. You know, we had on the air here the Marcos Democrats. Yes. You remember Jim? Okay. Well, I got I got a flyer in the mail this past week and and it's talking about several politicians that are coming to the to the love it in this next week. And that is 501 Lovett Boulevard.

J

Jimmy Carper 03:12

Yeah, it's right now. Yeah, two doors down, get-.

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Tom Richards 03:14

The blocker show downstairs. And they're gonna have stellar Jackson Lee there Jackson and Jack Abbacy.

J

Jimmy Carper 03:24

Oh, jabbers. Yeah. So cool.

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Tom Richards 03:26

He definitely deserves our, of all the candidates that are running probably Jack Abbacy has done what he has promised 100% that's right for the gay community. He treats us not any better. But he refuses to treat us any, any worse than anybody. He wants to treat us. The same. He said he said you are citizens of the city. You are citizens of this county. Therefore you deserve the same You bet. And that's what I liked about Jack and ended up-.

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Jimmy Carper 04:01

Qinning a lot more. He police enforcement.

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Tom Richards 04:06

I see his constables in Montrose quite a bit. I have talked to them. And their attitude has been really great. And once really has, Oh, yeah. Deborah Danford will be there. There will be some, some judges for for the Court of Appeals and so forth there. And we're just different people all the way. But I am going to ask some questions I am going for I'm going to ask some hard questions. I'm going to ask Shiela Jackson Lee why why she asked for my vote. Well, first of all, before I say anything this year, I am going to go 100% Democrat really no if ands or buts about it. That's how I'm going no vote. And I don't care who knows it. I usually don't tell people how I'm going to vote or even I wait for a while even after I vote to tell them how but yeah, you don't know. But this time without question, I'm going to vote 100% Democrat. Okay. Which means I'm going to vote for Estelle Jackson Lee to see right. But I do not like her stand on what she did with the Defense of Marriage. Oh, I don't either. So I'm going to ask that and I have a couple things that I'm not happy with. Deborah dance Berg with either and so I want to ask as I'm going to ask some questions. And I'm going to also record these on my recorder. And, and I'll see if I can bring them back to you this next week. Their answer to the questions, but I would also like to invite anybody if you can't come all the it is it is Lovett Boulevard Sunday, September 29. This tomorrow Oh, tomorrow tomorrow okay. At the Lovett inn from four in the afternoon till six now it's being sponsored by these candidates. So there's gonna be some freebies there. Okay. They're going to have a silent auction for for President Clinton's book between hope and and history there. They're going to have that and a question answer period with the candidate. You know, I take my, my, my voting card, as probably the most important piece of paper that I have on, because that is where that's where my power lies. And I go vote every time the polls are open. But but but I do want to invite anybody who has a question, if you can't make it to the meeting. It's at 501 Lovett Boulevard, between four and six, tomorrow afternoon, Sunday, and you're more than welcome to come on. Okay. Now, I would like to invite those who are will not be able to to come if you would like to call the station, I will be here to station for a while longer. And and if you want to give me the question that you would like to ask now. I am not afraid to ask people questions. Okay, I'm not afraid of preacher. I am in fact, I am probably the most the biggest, or the shortest and loudest mouth sob queer you will ever find. But, and so I'm not afraid of these people. And when they think they can stand up and intimidate me, that's when I come up. And and and I grow about six feet. And by the time they finish, they're sitting on their butts. I don't take now I want to talk about one more thing. There are some people who listen to the station here, listen to the show. And they don't like what I do and what I have, because one of them told me and I can't believe they lived in a queer complex

and would say something to the effect of, if you just keep your mouth shut, then they would leave us be No they won't. They will not know they won't know. So. So again, I have people on my case. So I want to talk about one more thing, Jimmy. And that is and I came across this week. In in twit and I am a Taurus and this is my horoscope that it says and this is who this is the way I am 100% Taurus accept me for who I am I or tough luck, or in other words, screw you gay bulls who seemed so emotionally committed to others. And I do. And that is what I do. I commit myself to the gay cause. Okay, and others can turn off the spigot and go the wrong way. If their needs are not supported. Well, I'm not ready to do that. And it'll be a long time. Because I can't do that. You probably never faced inner conflicts over who you are. And people would accept you instead of the fire in your closet houses enables you to seek the company of those who would accept you for who you are. Who loves in all in other words, honey, I'm going to be loud and I'm going to be proud and I don't give a tinker's damn, who does or doesn't like it. Good for you. Okay, but, but and I want to send that out as a special to those who would say to me, Well, if you keep your mouth shut, they would leave us be. Hey, I've been around too long to know that ain't Truth. And so but I wanted to bring up Baptists Montrose Democrat meeting with the candidates tomorrow. And I and I really think it'd be a lot of fun. But if you have any questions, please call the station right now. Call calls right now and I'll be in station and give me the question you want. And, and it's what I would like to have is also your age, you don't have to give me your name. Or if you want to give me your name, that's fine. If you don't want me to say it tomorrow, that's fine, too. But but give me your question. And I'll be more than happy to pass that on to the candidates, and you can count on that 100% or more that it will be done.

 Jimmy Carper 10:39

And that's 5265738. Jimmy.

 Tom Richards 10:43

I still love you. And, and, and I do send out my love to the community.

 Jimmy Carper 10:49

Thanks, Tom. We'll probably we'll be talking to you in the weeks to come by hopefully. Okay, and so now here's a few things for you to stick in your ear.

 Speaker 1 11:01

How'd you like to help out a worthy cause? Meet people with similar interests and build your resume all at the same time. Okay. KPFT ball membership drive is October 2 Through October 16. And now is your chance to help out by becoming a volunteer. It's easy and you'll have fun. Just call 5264000 and ask for Lisa. This is your chance to help out listener sponsored radio 90.1 KPFT.

 Rov McCarthy 11:39

If you like rock and roll that never lets you down tune into the beside Friday nights from 11 to one the beside features rare choice cuts of classic rock and lots of old favorites he had just can't hear anywhere else. So please join me Logan Hunter for the beside every Friday night from 11 to one when I'll bring you two solid hours worth of great rock and roll that will never let you down.

J

Jimmy Carper 12:11

Okay, we're back. But I want to we're running into Stacy's time. And so I really wanted to say a little something and then we're gonna go right into Stacy.

R

Roy McCarthy 12:23

Okay, yeah, a couple of weeks ago. We were talking about Stonewall. Yes. And the movie? No, the real stone rod that and gay teenagers and what was happening to the teenagers back then. And I want to give a little update to you and for our listeners and the impression that I had back then. And I guess you did too is that those horrors were over were history. Because the American Psychiatric Association is from somewhere in the mid 70s took homosexuality off the list of mental illness. And, well, much to my disappointment this past week, and I was watching it on 2020 with Barbara Walters, a teenage girl 16 year old teenage girl from the Midwest just this past year, she came out to her parents. And her mother had her committed to a psychiatric hospital where there were other lesbian girls at that hospital and gay teenage boys whose parents had committed them to this private hospital. And they're getting the treatment, so to speak, what kind of treatment? Are they going towards her treatment? You mean? A version? They call it? A ersion therapy.

J

Jimmy Carper 13:48

And, you know, they're there. They may not even be real psychiatrists, because when the American Psychiatric Association finds out about this, these guys lose their license.

R

Roy McCarthy 14:03

This hospital needs to be shut down and every one of those people that that do this need to be locked up.

J

Jimmy Carper 14:08

What do you know that a couple of years ago, there were hospitals right here in Houston doing that? Yes, it was. Remember that like spring shadows or whatever it was.

R

Roy McCarthy 14:19

And then as far as I'm concerned they need to be locked out Yeah And those places shit

AND THEN, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THEY NEED TO BE LOCKED OUT. TEAM. AND THOSE PLACES SHUT DOWN.

J Jimmy Carper 14:28

But so if you think it's still not happening, it is.

R Roy McCarthy 14:32

It is and those of us that are grownups that can do something about it. We need to stop this. Have we be quiet, nothing will happen. No, get off our case. That's not going to happen. We need to get vocal we need to get active. And I hate saying it, but we need to speak up. Okay. There we go. That's my two cents worth.

J Jimmy Carper 14:54

Thank you. Right. All right. That was big, Roy. That guy you you speak to when you call us it 5265738 I love hearing from all you. Now it's time it's way past time for Stacey time.

R Roy McCarthy 15:08

It is my one and only girlfriend.

J Jimmy Carper 15:12

And I'm here with-. Oh no, don't

S Stacey 15:14

Start the tape ups. Is my mic on?

J Jimmy Carper 15:17

Yeah, your mic is Oh, hi. I just hit the wrong. I hit the wrong button.

S Stacey 15:21

I'm here. I'm Stacy. And I'm here on the radio hanging out. John is gone.

J Jimmy Carper 15:28

Where did he go?

 Stacey 15:32

Yeah, he went to another contest. Oh, no, John, standing model. He's got to be pretty well, he is. Yes, he is. For a guy. He's got a nice back end. Yes. Anyways, um, yeah, I'm gonna do the show tonight. Just me, myself. And I, all three of us, we're going to have fun.

 Jimmy Carper 15:54

So what's going on in the kink neighborhood, um.

 Stacey 15:58

Basically up in Poconos, focusing on SM and abuse. And I think what really woke me up was the OJ Simpson thing. Yo, yeah. I mean, that really brought abuse to the public forum. And I thought, you know, how does this fit into SM? Why do people think they're the same thing and the whole bit? So last week, John, and I got together with the Montrose Counseling Center and did an interview, which we'll be playing in a few minutes. And also, I contacted the Houston area women's shelter, and asked them and said, you know, we'll work out a time. That's cool. You don't have to be here at 1:30 in the morning. And I will put it on tape. That's great. And they refused. No, yes. How come? Um, I guess because they still think SM is abuse. I am sitting here with an article that's too long for me to read from them. That basically says SM is abuse. What? Yes, yes, it is the feminist point of view. And they still think it's abuse that consent and all the other things that John and I talked about, and a whole bit is just to cover up for people to beat each other up. And I'm like, excuse me how old you people think you are?

 Jimmy Carper 17:18

That's unbelievable.

 Stacey 17:21

Yes. It's scary. Yeah, it is scary. It is really scary. So now that I've got my soapbox, and I've got this article. I know her and I fine.

 Jimmy Carper 17:33

No, it's just It's just frustrating. Yes. You know, with with, how long have you been on the show? Two years? Yeah. With with all the education we've been doing, you know, month after month after month.

 Stacey 17:44



Stacey 17:44

Let me see if I can see how old this article is. It's gonna take me a minute.



Jimmy Carper 17:48

And people keep thinking in those terms.



Stacey 17:51

Yes, it's folks. It's not abuse. Everybody involved says yes, when they're sober that they want this. Yes, this is consent. This is legal. And it's fun.



Jimmy Carper 18:03

And we've talked about the differences between the two and how to recognize right many times.



Stacey 18:09

That's why we're doing this again. Because I don't know people just don't get it. And I don't I'm like you how many times do we have to tell you? It is not abuse? Oh, this is good. This is January 30 1990 from the Minnesota daily 1990 1990. The title, the title of the article is lesbian sadomasochism is violence towards women. Now what surprised me number one, was that the Houston area women's shelter refused to do the interview. Yeah, that really surprised me. Montrose Counseling Center was like, yeah, yeah, let's go. Let's go. I mean, they were all excited. And what the other surprise was this article. Yeah. And I was just like, what time period are these people living in? Yeah, it makes you wonder. Yeah, it scares me. It really scares me because I mean, even now, collars and piercings and all of that is faddish for so what is this self abuse them?



Jimmy Carper 19:21

I guess, I guess.



Stacey 19:23

According to these people it is. Yeah, it really is. And I was really surprised and a little scared. Because I would hate to think that the place I needed to turn to for help, would turn me away.



Jimmy Carper 19:37

Yeah, I know.

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Stacey 19:39

Yeah. Luckily, luckily, thank God. I just gotta grab my dog. Start my truck. drive north. I'm going home.

J

Jimmy Carper 19:50

Don't think that's gonna happen with you and Sue.

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Stacey 19:52

Oh, thank you. Thank you. We had a fun evening. We really did. We've been out goofing off and having fun. Oh, I agree. Totally with Peter, folks, if you haven't been the rascals go, Oh really? This is a gorgeous bar. What he didn't tell you was downstairs is the dance floor with two or three bars down there. Tons of room for dancing, lots of hot, sweaty bodies. There's a patio on the first floor up front, a patio on the first floor out back. You go upstairs. There's a patio out back. Oh, there's a room with to pay to pool tables in the cleanest bathrooms in town. I'm sorry Ripcord. I'm sorry. You just lost it. Sue and I were in there a week ago. Okay, I the bar had just opened. So the bathrooms were clean. We went in and then and up. Came back out. We were drinking and talking had to go again. They had been in there within an hour or an hour and a half and cleaned again. Wow. Now being a female This impresses me. So the restrooms are gorgeous. They're clean. The two pool tables are everything in this place is brand new. No pre owned pool cues. No old you know worn out velvet on your pool tables or whatever. All brand new. The oh, the upstairs bar is a quiet bar. It's got all window seats in it. Boxed window seats. You can see Westheimer for miles you can see downtown. It's gorgeous. Nice. Yeah. Behind that is a real tiny TV bar. A little corner bar with few seats and big screen TV in it. It's a nice bar. They've got lightwood on all the walls. Oh, and it smells so great. And then kind of a deep purple painted. Nice bar. Nice.

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Jimmy Carper 21:52

I can't wait to go.

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Stacey 21:53

Oh, it's gorgeous. It is gorgeous. Anyways, um, I guess what I'm going to do tonight is we're going to play the tape. I'm going to do a brief rundown of SM vs abuse again from my handy trusty sm 101. Right. And then I'm just going to talk about some basics. Because tonight I hit a lot of people ask me some of the same old questions. Where do I get stuff? Who do I talk to? What do I need to know? What is protocol? One of my one of the most interesting questions I got tonight. What's the difference between the top and a mistress? Wow. Nothing, just what that person wants to be called. That's about it. So So what then we're gonna do some more funny stuff. Remember when I first came in? I had that you might be Yeah, leather. Yeah, if-.

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Jimmy Carper 22:49

Yeah. Oh, great.

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Stacey 22:51

Nothing different. We'll do them again just for giggles. We're gonna start with SM versus abuse. Okay, as SM is always consensual abuses it never is. SM play is never done with the intention of really harming the well being of the submissive. If you're involved in a relationship, both partners know each other and trust each other. Everything is pre arranged pre negotiated, and you're really not going to get that hurt. God forbid you do. Your partner's gonna get you the help you need. It's all there is to it. Abuses done with the intention of causing harm. As employees negotiated ahead of time and agreed upon. Abuse never is SM play enhances the relationship between the players abuse damages their relationship. SM play can be done in the presence of supportive others, even at parties given for this purpose. Abuse needs isolation and secrecy. SM play has responsible and agreed upon rules abuse lacks any rules as in play may be requested or even eagerly desired by the submissive. Nobody ever asked for does or desires abuse sorry. SM plays very erotic. Abuse is not erotic at all. SM play can be stopped at any time for any reason by either party with a code word. A victim cannot. A victim cannot stop their abuser unless they fight back. SM play the dominant keeps their emotions under control and abusers emotions are out of control. After SM play the submissive often feels grateful towards the dominant. A victim never feels grateful towards an abuser, right that's right. And these are basics people. These don't have to just be SM That's right. These are rules for meeting people. Also. I mean, if you don't talk about things, and you don't agree upon things, and you can't stop any type of action from one party to another, then you're moving into a real scary realm called abuse. John and I did a little intro on the tape. You're gonna hear some oops and ahhs and yeah, we'll edit that out, which we never did. But that's okay. That's what makes it fun. And that's what makes this show fun. You bet. These are recorded right there their names. I didn't write their names, but they are two people from the Montrose Counseling Center, who agreed to come on the show and give us some information on abuse. Predominantly same sex abuse. So whenever you're ready, punch button will roll the date. Okay.

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Jimmy Carper 25:58

And you're listening to it on After Hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston, and KEOS college station,

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Stacey 26:08

Radio and I'm here with John, and we're back again for Saturday night's show. And right now, what we're going to do is we're going to talk about sem versus abuse. As most people know, who listen on a regular basis, John and I are both involved in SM relationships. But there's one thing that people tend to think that SEM and abuse of the same thing and as many times as we've gone over this, John, I don't know if we're getting our point across so I thought I'd bring some experts in.

J John Benoveve 26:40

On abuse or SM well were the experts when it happened. This is normal. Why don't you introduce our guests?

S Stacey 26:55

Okay, we have Mindy Snodgrass, Snodgrass, sorry, and Kevin Campbell where were both from the metro Montrose counseling center or MCC for short. And y'all are located where where's the center located?

S Speaker 3 27:12

At 701 Richmond Avenue at the Montrose area.

S Stacey 27:15

Okay, at the corner just at the corner of Montrose and Richmond just east of Montrose. Right. Yeah, a couple blocks blocks. Okay, great. I wanted to get that address out now. And if you don't mind at the end, we'll give the address the emergency if you have a 24 hour hotline, which I think you do, and in the daytime phone numbers. Okay, cool, right?

S Speaker 3 27:37

Was it your first time there, Stacy?

S Stacey 27:42

Yes, it was. I've been there before, so I won't. I was just gonna say, Kevin, how did you get involved in this?

S Speaker 3 27:55

Well, I've been a therapist at Montrose Counseling Center for about four years, and a master's level therapist. And I have been involved in personally and somewhat professionally in the leather community for several years also. So I do have an interest in both mental health and, and SM activities, both professionally and personally.

S Stacey 28:19

Good. Good. And Mindy.

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Speaker 4 28:22

Well, I'm also a master's level therapist at the counseling center and a community educator. I really got involved in, in domestic violence in the gay and lesbian community in response to a need that was clearly demonstrated at the counseling center for some folks who had some expertise in this area. Because we've had a lot of clients who present with issues involving domestic violence. I also in my capacity as an educator have encountered this issue frequently. So it's been one that I felt the need to research and get up to speed on and have been doing that for a year or two now. So good.

J

John Benoveve 29:10

Now, you say you are a counselor at the Montrose clinic before or therapists on the therapists. Counselors? Yes. Now you are therapists there before you started working with your, your, your group on with lesbians.

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Speaker 4 29:27

Yeah, I was there before I started doing domestic violence work. And I now run a group at the Counseling Center for Lesbian survivors of domestic violence.

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John Benoveve 29:39

Did you have to take certain classes or what what? What did you have to do to go from that to there?

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Speaker 4 29:47

I did a lot of research in professional journals. And there there is not a lot to be honest with you. There's not a lot written about gay and lesbian domestic violence only in the last two or three years. Have we seen much of anything at all in the way of written material or research conducted on domestic violence in the gay and lesbian community, but I read everything that was available. I also collaborated with other community mental health facilities in other locations in Los Angeles and Boston in New York City, who already had domestic violence projects up and running, and got some ideas about how we could get a project started at the counseling center in that way.

J

John Benoveve 30:32

Did they give you any ideas as to how long it would take them down? To get to that point? Where or do y'all see a light at the end of the tunnel? It's basically I guess, what I'm trying to say?

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Speaker 4 30:45

Well, I think the light at the end of the tunnel is beginning the process of educating our community about the existence of gay and lesbian domestic violence and what to do about it. And in that respect, yes, I think that we know a lot more about domestic violence in the gay and lesbian community than we did three years ago, more people are responding to the issues involved. I'm getting more and more folks who call and say I need some help. I need to get into a group for individuals who are battered. There is a program here in town called pit the pivot project, which works with batterers. And that project now has a gay and lesbian component, so that they work with gay and lesbian individuals who are batters. So there has been a lot of a lot of progress made in this area, in the last year or so, in Houston. And I think there is a light at the end of the tunnel, it's going to take a lot more work, to educate the community, and to educate service providers who are not part of our community about the issues that affect gay and lesbian individuals. But certainly I think there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

 Stacey 31:57

Does the cancer center or MCC, for short have information on the pivot group? If someone's interested? Yes. Okay.

 John Benoveve 32:06

Let me ask you a question, though. How common is it for a, an abuser to come in and say I need help.

 Speaker 4 32:12

It's not uncommon, okay. It is also not uncommon at all, for a court to tell an abuser, that that person needs help. And then they access services, either at the counseling center or pivot project, or really, for dealing with battering issues, those are probably the only two places in town that that services can be provided other than individual private therapists.

 Stacey 32:41

Okay. All right. Let's just start with the basic stuff that you and I always do. What is the difference between SM and abuse?

 Speaker 3 32:52

What do you want? Maybe we should start with a definition of the abuse. The differences?

 Speaker 4 32:59

The the classic definition of domestic violence, and this applies both in a heterosexual or gay and lesbian relationship. Is any act carried out with the intent or perceived intent of causing physical injury or pain to a family member.

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Stacey 33:19

Okay, non consensually, of course, right? Is this as written on the law or just a general-. Definition? Definition? Yeah,

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Speaker 4 33:29

that's kind of a working definition that's used by most experts who do research and write on this issue. You know, it can be embellished a lot by giving specific examples of the kinds of things we're talking about.

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Stacey 33:44

How do they deal with an SM relationship as opposed to this? Or how would you deal with an SM relationship involved in this situation?

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John Benoveve 33:55

Well, I guess another question was, have you ever dealt with an s&m relationship?

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Speaker 4 34:00

I think I have one client who was involved in an s&m relationship and also had domestic violence issues involved. I guess how I would deal with this is by saying there can be domestic violence in the context of an SM relationship. But SM is not by definition, domestic violence, right. And it's because of the conceptual issue that you mentioned. I would work with an individual who is in an SM relationship that is violent, the same way that I would work with an individual who is not in an SM relationship, but is in a violent relationship. And, that is we try to work toward empowerment of the individual who is being abused. We try to work with the batterer the abuser to change his or her behavior, because hitting people and other forms of abuse are learned behaviors. They're not some sort of reflexive reaction and their behaviors about which people have choices. So if they can choose to do them, they can choose to not do. And that, in a nutshell, is how I would address those issues.

J

John Benoveve 35:19

So you're basically what you're saying is, is that in SM is different than abuse? So you handle it differently. Right? Exactly. You handle abuse, like abuse, and you handle s&m, if you can handle s&m? Absolutely, exactly.

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Speaker 3 35:36

And I think one thing that's really important is abuse can happen, no matter what role you may play in an s&m scene, you know, the bottom can abuse the top can abuse the butch role. So it really doesn't matter at all, you know, somebody smaller can be abusing somebody that's larger. So it doesn't necessarily follow the roles of an SM relationship.

 S Stacey 36:01

Not at all. Basically, what we've touched on here, and I forgot to bring the information as the actual definitions, like abuses, not abuses, isolate isolation plays usually out in the open and discussed about abuse is, non consensual, consensual the violent act of rape be with a partner or with without your partner, you know, Stranger usually involves drugs of some type. SM does not involve alcohol or drugs. That's basically what we've hit on here. And I guess what we brought you all in for us to get more information on the abusive side.

 S Speaker 4 36:46

One point that I would make is that I think we take some risks when we when we talk about rape being a function of some sort of impairment through chemicals, because lots and lots and lots of rapes take place, that that are not where there isn't a chemical prison. So I just wanted-.

 J John Benoveve 37:11

Thank you. Well, I don't write as a sexual offense. It is not, in my opinion, it's not domestic violence. It's not abused. And I understand in some cases, you will have an individual that is sexually assaulted by their partner.

 S Speaker 4 37:26

It's very common in domestic violence situations for there to be right, or some other similar, sexually based act.

 J John Benoveve 37:37

Well, then let me ask you a question. I don't know how they handle that in a heterosexual relationship. But considering that they do not consider homosexual homosexual or lesbian relationships, as being legal or any are valid, how do they handle that? That form of rape?

 S Speaker 4 37:57

When you mean they?

 J John Benoveve 37:58

I mean, I'm not talking about our law system or government. Any any laws that are there to protect the victims.

 Speaker 4 38:06

Should it should be treated in the exact same way that rape in a heterosexual situation would be treated? And under I've worked with a number of individuals who have been raped by their partners in violent relationships and the police process those charges, although I'm not sure they yet take them as seriously, as they might take an incident where a heterosexual was involved in being right. Although, you know, in the context of marriage, if someone is raped, I'm not sure the police always take that seriously. But but I've certainly worked with clients where the police took the charge process the charge, and prosecutors were willing to go forward and prosecute a charge of same sex, sexual assault.

 John Benoveve 39:01

Well, that's really nice to hear. It really is.

 Speaker 4 39:05

The prosecutor's office takes a very, very dim view of sexual offences. And they are pretty non discriminatory and how they prosecute those offenses. They they don't place much emphasis at all on the fact that it's heterosexual or homosexual relationships.

 Stacey 39:27

What is the percentage of men to women in violent and domestic relationships? Are there more gay men being battered or more gay women? Is it equal? Which?

 Speaker 4 39:43

in your I'm not sure I understand it. First

 Stacey 39:45

gay community.

 John Benoveve 39:46

Hold on just one minute I have to change sides. I'm sorry, that was my mistake. We still have a little bit.

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Stacey 39:55

Okay. Within the gay community, what is the percentage or do you know if any of the percentages of gay men being abused, abused versus gay women?

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John Benoveve 40:06

Before you answer that before you answer that? Earlier, you said that they aren't doing any testing, and they're not doing any research would any figures that they had be accurate?

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Speaker 4 40:21

I think that what I said was that there was not a whole lot of research that had been done. What research has been done, suggests that domestic violence is experienced in the gay and lesbian community in roughly the same numbers, as in the general population, and that's about 25 to 30% of the population. And those numbers have been true for gay men. Right in the research that's been done, as well as for lesbians. So there's, there doesn't seem to be an indication that there, there is more domestic violence experienced by gay men than by lesbians or vice versa.

J

John Benoveve 40:58

I guess that would go back to what we were saying earlier before we started the day. That is something that's learned. Yes. Because that it has a general effect on the whole population, not just a certain group of people.

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Speaker 3 41:12

Yes.

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Stacey 41:14

Okay. All right. Let's see. We talked about the Houston area women's shelter earlier, and most, most lesbians and probably gay men would turn their first candies, people also turn to the Montrose counseling clinic. Do you want to take them off the quiet?

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John Benoveve 41:43

Well, she's the expert.

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Speaker 4 41:49

The Montrose Counseling Center is a community mental health facility. And we provide with a primary outreach to the gay lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities. And we provide

counseling services for individuals who are survivors of battering. We do provide some services for batters as well. We do not have the capacity to provide any shelter for individuals who need to get out of a dangerous situation. And the only resource entail that is available to lesbians and gay men. In terms of shelter services, is the Houston area Women's Center. Okay, they provide very limited services for men and general services for lesbians within their larger population of women who have been battered.

 S Stacey 42:42

Okay, here's my question in in the context of describing an abusive relationship, they say the batter or the abuser always isolates their partner from the outside world. Yet, I also read later on that you can not only go to the Houston area, women's shelter, but friends. And my thought on this is if these people are being drawn away from their community, how do they have friends? How do they have anyone to turn to besides the current shelter?

 S Speaker 4 43:17

And that's a very real problem.

 S Speaker 3 43:20

Especially in the SM community where there may be a sense of isolation in a very limited community.

 S Speaker 4 43:26

Absolutely, there may be even more isolation and I think there probably it's fair to say there is for individuals who are in a violent relationship within the SM community. I think we're