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SPEAKERS

Jimmy Carper, John Benoveve, Speaker 3

J Jimmy Carper 00:01

65738 Let us know what you think. Should we play more of it? Should we not do it at all? But it is experimental music and its use Find a lot of experimental music coming from the queer community-.

J John Benoveve 00:19

-about that before you you're Yeah, played it. This is experimental.

J Jimmy Carper 00:25

That's right. That's right.

J John Benoveve 00:26

You know, speaking that we were just talking about the Venture Inn and their new representative. This year is Mr. Allen Wagner. Of him.

J Jimmy Carper 00:35

Gosh, I you know, he you need to get him on TV. Because that's the Wow, he is nice looking everything. Yeah.

J John Benoveve 00:44

And his camera.

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Jimmy Carper 00:47

Made me really nervous. Yes. You saw my reaction.

J

John Benoveve 00:52

And heard it. But we're gonna go on, I had the opportunity today of sitting down and speaking to the new owner of the venture. And we've got a little tape here. Listen to like, introduce Mr. Jim Roberts, the new owner of the Venture Inn.

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Jimmy Carper 01:12

In just a moment.

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Speaker 3 01:16

Okay. Hi, I'm Jim Roberts. Venture Inn and I've been here in Houston for about eight months now. from Albuquerque. And before that, I lived in New Orleans.

J

John Benoveve 01:31

New Orleans fun city, fun city. Now. I know you've done a lot of community service work inside the gay community. I know you're you were very active in New Orleans as well as Albuquerque. Ryan, what were some of the things you did in both cities?

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Speaker 3 01:52

Well, I was only in Albuquerque for 15 months. I didn't get reelected there. But in the eight years that I lived in New Orleans, I served on the board of directors for two eight service organizations. When I was a member of the board of directors and one two year term, nother I was a member of that board of directors for four years. And that is the service organization that provides the food bank in New Orleans. And for a year I was a director for a year I was vice chair. For two years, I was one of the co chairs.

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John Benoveve 02:25

So you have a lot of experience by liking moved to New Mexico from New Orleans.

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Speaker 3 02:31

It was just a job transfer. I've been in the pharmaceutical business for 20 years. And it ended a few months ago when I left a job to come here Houston FINALDIBLE

few months ago when I got a job to come here Houston [INAUDIBLE].

J John Benoveve 02:47

Now, what made you want to have you ever owned a bar before? Did you just all of a sudden decide you wanted to have a bar?

S Speaker 3 02:57

Oh, no, I've been thinking about a major career change for quite a while. And it just seemed like a good time. And I had an opportunity to look at a bar that was for sale in the Los Angeles area. And look here and I liked the cost of living and the cost of housing made a decision that the VINCI ran was was the place to go and Houston was the place to come to.

J John Benoveve 03:19

Now you've been to us some before if I'm not mistaken, you have spent time here before.

S Speaker 3 03:24

Yes, John, in the eight years that I lived in New Orleans, I've spent a lot of weekends here in Houston, enjoyed every one of them in that favor and making this decision.

J John Benoveve 03:34

And I the other city we're thinking about was Los Angeles. And I'm I'm astonished just by the cost of living difference from Houston to Los Angeles. But I can understand that decision. Did what made you decide to open a an existing bar that already had a name from opening one with your own name?

S Speaker 3 03:57

Well, I thought that, you know, buying an established business with established clientele. I liked a lot of the background of the venture in beautiful stage. And it's been known as a place to do fundraisers for a service organization. I want to do a lot more of that here and look like a good place to start with something that was already built in as opposed to try to build up from scratch.

J John Benoveve 04:23

Oh, I can understand that. I've been coming to the venture in for over almost 10 years without giving my age when I was still young man. It's kinda young now. But I understand what you're talking about. I'm glad to see that the venture in is is going to be around because I'm sure that

was a question on a lot of people's mind for a while. Are there any major structural fit? Well, number one, we're in your office and if that's downstairs at the venture and are there any other changes you're going to make?

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Speaker 3 04:57

Well, yes, this office is new. We're also planning to do a major renovation and reconstruction in certain areas and remodeling. Unfortunately, that's been delayed a couple of times. But it's looking now like, we're going to be able to start working real hard on finalizing the plans for that in the next month. If everything works out, okay, and on schedule within another month or so actually renovation.

J

John Benoveve 05:25

Now, I've noticed small changes like the around the front door here, there were some walls that were taken out, are you I've heard that you might be changing from a two bar system to a one, just one main bar.

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Speaker 3 05:42

Right, I will probably at this time anyway, plans could always change. But this time, I'm finding a knockout part of the law that separates the two bars that combine those two bars into one that will be one large bar that will have approximately the same seating your eyes to smaller bars do now. But it will free up a lot more room a lot easier for people to walk back and forth. Between where the bars and and the walls start than it is now because there's too many walls to bars and everything's-.

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John Benoveve 06:13

Alright, he gets very congested in there. Now going you said you lived in Albuquerque for 18 months. What would you say in the time that you live there compared to the eight months that you've lived in Houston is the biggest difference between the leather community as well as the gay gay scene itself?

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Speaker 3 06:42

Well, the biggest differences Albuquerque is really a very, very small, very, very beautiful town and certainly one of the most beautiful states in the country. But the scene there is very, very small. As a matter of fact, it's so small, there's really only one or two bars that are going to so the everybody is kind of just part of one bar. Whereas in this town, there are so many given night eight bars. Certainly on any given Friday or Saturday night, it's busy and bars. And so you have more of a choice of where to go, how that affects a lot of community and that I don't know here. And everything seems to be everybody seems to be much more together than in other towns where where the court does their thing and a lot of community does their thing and

various aspects. aspects of the labor community do their thing separately, and nobody talks to each other or cooperate with each other. Houston seems to be one big happy family for the most part.

J

John Benoveve 07:42

We try here. Well, there was a time when we had to fight for dates on to have events because we didn't know what one person was doing to the next HCC solve that problem. Which your bars remember. As far as Albuquerque, I know, a lot of wonderful people from Albuquerque, and you're right, it is a wonderful city. And I'm glad to see that their communities coming out a little bit more. And we're certainly lucky to get you from that from that city.

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Speaker 3 08:21

Thank you.

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John Benoveve 08:22

I know you have a lot of things planned for the venture and that are that are more on the community service side. Sure.

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Speaker 3 08:32

Yeah, I'd like to mention a few of them if I could, first of all, between the time that we're recording this and the time that this is gonna get played. Mr. Venturing contest takes place. And that's a benefit for a lady victoria loss UWA holiday fund and Stephens house. And I gotta mention something here I was recently elected or appointed to the board of directors of Stephens house. So you're gonna see a lot more going on here in the bar for Stevens house. That's fine, but he has her thing. But I would also like to make note of the fact that just in the first three months that I own this bar I spent over \$2,000 on fundraising for for the pet patrol. Yeah, so I was I was pacing at that point to have spent \$1,000 In my first year on fundraising for referrals. I'm really committed to fundraising or whenever eight service organizations want to remain here and in fact it doesn't even have to be an eight service organization I should say any community nonprofit other venture and it's the one of the sponsors this year, positively venture and softball HIV positive softball, but as far as other other events going on here in addition to the Mr. venture in contests tonight. The we do have guest bartenders here, the court in LA Houston, the bears Lancers and risk We all become a guest Sparkman this year rotating on various Friday and Sunday nights at the top bar.

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John Benoveve 10:10

And I know that they appreciate any any people that come into the bar. Of course, if you are familiar with any of these organizations, you know, they're going to treat you really well when you come in.

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Speaker 3 10:24

There are very, very good for the bar. And they're the Friends of the bar. And it's a very mutually reciprocal relationship with them, and they're able to help us to other events I'd like to mention real fast are the Koch 45/20 anniversary celebration will take place here on Saturday, June 8, and then on Saturday, June 15. Marcos clinic will be having a fundraiser here, and also on the first Saturday of the month, in May, next Saturday will not take place, taking place and chances. But the first Saturday of the month, or at least every other month is from a-

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John Benoveve 11:04

-service that I've heard about that I've heard about

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Speaker 3 11:09

America, you're gonna have to be stuck on?

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John Benoveve 11:14

Well, we could arrange that. But I probably feel more comfortable here than it chances are. I wonder why. I like canceled. Now that you had how many of those here?

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Speaker 3 11:29

It's got to start with that to hear. So there are two chances to have one. And then I can come back here it's going to kind of every other-.

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John Benoveve 11:37

If I'm not mistaken, is that the emphasis home bar champs Yes. Is that why they're doing the rotation?

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Speaker 3 11:43

Where the home bar for the for the Emperor and Albert Einstein was one bar in a year, the rain was canceled.

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John Benoveve 11:52

Now how do you know an amount that was raised off of the truth?

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Speaker 3 11:59

You know, again, I really can't give you that it's really hard to come up with dollar figure anyway, because it's a lot of personal care items that are donated. Money sits down and tries to calculate that. I can tell you though, in terms of dollars, that night in Blackwater a couple of months ago. I was here for that. That was very hot night participated. It was a lot of money. You're you're part of making that show happen.

J

John Benoveve 12:26

Oh, it was fun. And the idea that everybody's working together. You've got people like Don Gail, we're willing to produce stuff here. With with anything done deal. It's wonderful. Wonderful.

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Speaker 3 12:39

And Andrea was willing to Mr. venture in contests tonight. And then he will also be doing something else. Oh, yes. The micros clinic fundraiser here on June 15. We'll also be Don Bowden, this is the Master of Ceremonies tonight.

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John Benoveve 13:00

I like it. I like Don go on the microphone. But I liked don go behind the scenes too, because he's making sure everything's getting done. And I think he likes to be behind the scenes, you know, as well as being up in front because He does it so well. He likes being behind the scenes.

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Speaker 3 13:16

He's good at making sure it happens on time and minimal with no snatches at all going.

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John Benoveve 13:23

Going back to the Mr. Venturing contest that you're having this evening. Now, this person will represent the venture and at the Dr. Tremor contests. It is not an absolute requirement. No, but you're hoping-.

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Speaker 3 13:36

The winner we hope will go on to Dallas on May 18. And be sponsored by the venture and Mr. Goff post grammar contest in Dallas.

J

John Benoveve 13:48

That would be that would be wonderful. And the only reason I'm saying that is it's being the

winner of the first Gulf coast from come back to Houston. I think I am the first Gulf Coast drummer that brought it back to Houston in order to get it back or we need to send more people up there. I have the twist I like that you've added is that the Mr. Venture and contest if the even if they don't go and represent venture in Gulf Coast Fromer is a working title for the community. Yes, no, that that is very nice chain.

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Speaker 3 14:27

Yes. And that will certainly be part of the judges consideration here is that somebody really committed to using this title to fundraising will be a big part of the scoring system.

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John Benoveve 14:39

Yeah, yeah. Now does that what did they do to get ready for this to go do fundraisers beforehand? Okay. No.

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Speaker 3 14:53

They none of the none of the contestants have had to demonstrate any prior are fundraising before like Mr. Prime choice, right? This is a opportunity for somebody who just wants to get a get a fresh start.

J

John Benoveve 15:10

It'll be a lot of fun. I'm sure, I'm sure. And I know that they've got a lot of the Mr. Venture round of 96. We'll have a lot of people who are willing to help them along the way. And hopefully, we'll be able to get an interview with him tonight. Unfortunately, I don't know who to ask right now. So it's kind of hard.

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Speaker 3 15:31

About four hours from now.

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John Benoveve 15:33

And about four hours. Cool. Well, I'm certainly glad that you're here in Houston. I'm glad that you were able to do this little interview with us. Hopefully, we'll be able to do another one. As other upcoming events are coming to, to adventure and that are going to be going on here. Was there anything else you wanted to add?

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Speaker 3 15:58

Oh, I think it's something right after this is over. Right now. I can't think of anything. Okay. Well,

I want to thank you, John, very much for this opportunity to-.

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John Benoveve 16:07

-say like a nice introduction, a nice introduction. And now of course, it's kind of hard doing that introduction eight months later, because when you came into town, everybody wanted to know who you were. But I want to do a real quick recap of some of the events that are coming up here. If you'll let me read that here. Let tonight. Of course, you will be listening this and it will have already happened the Mr. venture in 1996 will be chosen. The it is benefiting the Stephens house and the lady victoria last PWA holiday fund. Look for guest bartenders at the bar upstairs. That will either be the court in LA Houston, the Houston bears, the Lancers or fist a new group of women that are guest bartending at the venture. And I believe also you have coming up the positive adventure in softball teams, a sponsor for them fundraiser for them last week. Okay, and then of course, we've got the CO 45/20 anniversary, and that's gonna be on June 8. Now, do they have a registration time for that?

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Speaker 3 17:26

I'm not sure if that's been worked out yet. I don't have the details.

J

John Benoveve 17:30

Okay. And then on June 15, you're having a benefit for the Montrose clinic. And on Gil, we'll be doing that production as well. Again, I'm gonna thank you again for the interview. I appreciate it. And I know we were pushing it here. Everybody, I'm very proud to do this. I'm very happy to introduce you to Mr. Jim Roberts, the new owner of the Venturi. And if you see him, if you see him walk up to him and say hi, I think last time we ended the last time we tried this interview, we ended up with whether or not you were single. Okay. Cool. Well, thank you again. I appreciate it.

J

Jimmy Carper 18:16

Here we are. Oh, that was terrific. That this time it worked out. Well. We had machine problems.

J

John Benoveve 18:24

Last time you had somebody who didn't really going well. We're not gonna go in-.

J

Jimmy Carper 18:29

Hey, you know, now you know, this is a learn not learn as you earn.

J John Benoveve 18:36

Bring my other half with me. Make sure all the electrical equipment, there you go. Have my own kind of little DJ. It'd be great.

J Jimmy Carper 18:47

I know. So so that's the owner of the new owner of venture in and we had Mr. venture in here. I really like how that works. Oh, yeah.

J John Benoveve 18:58

Well, I had to hit him immediately. Oh, I knew I had the interview with Jim. And I knew that was going on. I said, Well, wouldn't it be nice? Yeah. Of course, Jim told me tape it because he wouldn't be here at 1:30.

J Jimmy Carper 19:12

Yeah, that's right. I mean, this is this is heavy time for a bar.

J John Benoveve 19:17

So we got his tape and of course, I hit Allen right after.

J Jimmy Carper 19:23

I'm so glad you did. Yes.

J John Benoveve 19:26

So glad represent.

J Jimmy Carper 19:29

Yeah, so we were going to have Rock Lobster the story of Aaron Frick who took his boyfriend to the prom? Because we like to do that. We missed it last year. I thought we like to do it around prom time. So we'll have to reschedule that because I would much rather hear from Jim and Alan.

J John Benoveve 19:48

Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. And of course we got a little insert there from juror. Now please. I was very

serious. When I said when you see Alan out of course you're gonna know who he is. He's the one with the big Mr. Venture enterprise. Is this right? Is the other half is the one you need to go talk to because he's being ignored. And he's cute too. Oh, yeah.

J Jimmy Carper 20:08

I mean, what a handsome couple.

J John Benoveve 20:10

Yeah. Wow.

J Jimmy Carper 20:11

I should just ah just makes you nervous.

J John Benoveve 20:15

Yeah, I can. Yeah. People couple.

J Jimmy Carper 20:20

Oh. So what else is going on?

J John Benoveve 20:24

Well, you know, I was I was reading through the both both the outsmart magazine was a few things that caught my eye simply because I wouldn't expect him to see them. Oh I'm gonna read them to you sure go right ahead as astonished as I was. The first one is about a Michigan senators homophobic remarks the BackFire that has happened in Detroit to students by the name of Crist, Andy Andrez. And Steve, back now from Sterling Heights. Stevenson high schools say they were shocked by remarks made by a state senator Doug Carle when they dropped into his office recently to ask him questions about current events that interested them. The two students reported to the triangle Foundation, a local gay rights group that Carl told them. AIDS stands for anal insertion death sentence while they were talking to him about health issues facing teens today. Now Carl, a Republican and religious conservative admits he has made the remarks in the past but insists the comments were surely not for public consumption. At this time, I have to ask myself why he said that. He told reporters in Detroit, he thought the whole thing may have been a setup motivated by the desire to discredit him to the public. After being told of the incident, that triangle foundation made store made the story public issuing a press release calling Carl, homophobic and insensitive. Now, the reason I say this, because at this time, and at this time in our AIDS epidemic, I think the last thing we need to do is be throwing stones at at whether or not it's still a death sentence for a certain group of

people. I think maybe we're concentrating a little bit too much on who's being punished and who's not. And I need to realize more. Everybody that it's affecting your right. Another one another one that was astonishing, different paper.

J

Jimmy Carper 22:29

Oh, yeah. And this one is even even more astonishing. This is something that we put up with 10 years ago. And now it's come back to haunt us. I don't know where this stuff has come from. You know, is this woman been under a rock for 15 years or what?

J

John Benoveve 22:47

I'm I'm sure I'm sure I will. I am sorry. It's really gone. No. frazzled here for a minute here. What really surprises me the most is that if she had the audacity to have it printed on state, yeah, sure. Yes. And it wasn't just a don't bother me. It went in in detail. I'm gonna read it to you. This is the text of an April 15 letter written by Florida state worker condemning gaze on Department of Transportation stays stationary. The letter read Dear Sir, or Madam, I will get straight to the point with this letter. I do not appreciate mails such as you have sent see attached coming to me at the office and my capacity with the Florida Department of Transportation. I have no professional interest and your aids ride. In my capacity outside the office, I again have no interest in your aids ride. It is my personal belief that AIDS is a disease was created as a punishment to the gay and lesbian communities across the world. Unfortunately, due to the their lifestyles, many innocent people have also had to suffer for these people. I am truly sorry and hope that one day we can cure this disease as far as the gay and lesbians of the world let them suffer their consequences. I ask that you take me off your mailing list immediately. Sincerely, Leanne O'Connell youth Traffic Safety Program Coordinator.

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Jimmy Carper 24:17

I cannot believe that I do not believe that-.

J

John Benoveve 24:21

I know even at this day aid of a both letters both of them I mean both little excerpts in the paper both of them go back to this as some kind of punishment or group of people. I thought we had gotten past that. Oh, yeah, I thought so too. And I guess in most cases we have but it I guess we don't need to be surprised when we see stuff like this. And in all reality, it should just make us work harder. Because you can this kind of crap crap basically without any other word to describe it. Occasionally will pop up.

J

Jimmy Carper 24:58

Yeah, I guess I guess.

J

John Benoveve 25:00

And I met we may never see it in our lifetime actually stopped but that doesn't mean we don't know fight for it. Yeah, you're right. on a happier note, yeah, happy happy. The African American Lesbian and Gay Alliance held a banquet in March at the downtown DoubleTree Hotel and was a huge success. According to Ken Harris, who's been on the show, AALGA co founder and banquet chair honored with the Barbara Jordan Spirit Award. The Honorable Juden Boney stated AALGA is important to the city to the black community, and the gay and lesbian community because you speak from a unique perspective. Gerald Wadi, Assistant Director of the Texas State University HIV Prevention Center received the Essex Hemphill award for his lifetime activism and research on HIV and AIDS issues. Also honored were Evelyn Wallen from the ensemble theatre, Angela Larkin buyer, and Freddie Ivan Smith. Keith Boykin, Executive Director of the National Black gay and lesbian Leadership Forum stated in his keynote address, that the image of black gay men and lesbians is invisible. We must not allow Newt Gingrich, Eddie Murphy or even Louis Farrakhan, to define who we are as black, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people. If we let them define us, they will define us as they have immoral, ungodly, inhuman, and less worthy of respect and companionship. The AALGA was formed in 1995 to provide mentorship skills building and leadership to gay men, lesbians, bisexual, and transgender people of African descent. The AALGA is an organization also has a goal to destroy negative myths about homosexuals, and serve as just to build bridges with other black and gay lesbian organizations. That's good news. The other good news is switchboard training. In early May the gay and lesbian switchboard of Houston will hold a one weekend training session for everyone interested in volunteering for the switchboard. GLSH provides valuable service by using the switchboard as extensive resource guides to connect callers to community organization businesses and professionals and to inform callers about upcoming community events. Volunteers are also trained in providing vital, safer sex information and lending and understanding air when callers are coming out of the closet. Training gives switchboard volunteers the tools to assist the gay and lesbian community. But it also teaches participants important communication skills they can use every day. Training will begin 6:30 Friday, May 3, the Friday session will end at 10 training Saturday, May the fourth and Sunday May the fifth it will start at 8:30am and end at seven o'clock pm each day. Call five to 9:30 to 11 to sign up for training or to just get more information. You know, that's really wonderful. I remember being a teenager coming out into the gay community. Not having that guidance. This Yeah, this I'm gonna say this real quick. is your coffee.

J

Jimmy Carper 28:37

This Oh, thank you.

J

John Benoveve 28:38

I don't have any sugar. Oh, sugar. So if it's a little bitter, it's because well, they said you can't have fake sugar.

J

Jimmy Carper 28:45

Well. I'm pretty bitter my own self. So-,

J

John Benoveve 28:50

We all are. Anyway, getting back to you. I came out into the gay community when I was 14 years old. The last thing I really needed was to be in the bars that Yeah, that's right. That's right. Yeah. Unfortunately, it was the only way to find out about who I was. Because I could certainly couldn't go to my parents. And ask them how, you know, what am I supposed to do here? Yes. And now. Young people and I'm not talking about people under age 18-19 years old, have an organization to call and find out where their youth services were there. They can be around people their own age, and not have to worry about the bar saying That's right. If that's if that's not what you're into.

J

Jimmy Carper 29:40

There's so much now, there is so much now.

J

John Benoveve 29:43

And it's nice to see an organization that is pointing people in some kind of direction.

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Jimmy Carper 29:49

And we get those calls a lot. I'm a member of the switchboard and we get the calls about you know, what can I do other than the bars and you know, and there's all sorts of sports Senran variational things and a lot of people are afraid to go to bars because they may be alcoholics and they just don't want the temptation. Because I don't want to put down bars we've we've just been talking about the venture in and there are other bars just like it like the BRB, the Brazos River bottom, who just put on fundraiser after fundraiser week after week after week for community right, putting back into the community. And so we need to support those folks too.

J

John Benoveve 30:33

But the big thing that I as you were saying was you with with a gay switch? switchboard is the information.

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Jimmy Carper 30:42

Yeah, one yeah. Actually, you know, we're coming to with with the computer age, we're finding that people can find out better and faster information through the computer. But what we provide that you can't get by computer is that either.

J

John Benoveve 31:02

Yes. The person is just going to listen.

J Jimmy Carper 31:04

Yeah, that isn't and not judge. Yeah. Yeah. When you call the switchboard you're talking to a gay or lesbian person.

J John Benoveve 31:13

And their big issue is not not not to make a decision on what you know, preference. No, no, no. If you're interested in finding out local events that are going on, these people can tell you that they tell you who to get in contact if you need any kind of services at all offered by the gay community.

J Jimmy Carper 31:34

If you want to go to the bars, they can most often tell you what the bar looks like on the inside and what to expect when you walk in what kind of crowd right because even even though the switchboard may not be composed of a peep of people who go to bars a lot we do have we have our own bar run right where we organized and go to a half a dozen different bars just to see what they look like. Make because you know how many gay men have been to all the lesbian bars.

J John Benoveve 32:06

That's true. That's true. I I've only I've only been to one see. Yeah. And that's Bacchus.

J Jimmy Carper 32:16

Probably for a fundraiser there too. It was there for fundraising because they're they're always doing them.

J John Benoveve 32:22

One bar I haven't been to his ranch.

J Jimmy Carper 32:25

Oh, that's That's amazing. Complex.

J John Benoveve 32:27

I've heard- I've heard unbelievable. But again, it's the owner.

J Jimmy Carper 32:32

That's the the owner puts back into the community to-.

J John Benoveve 32:35

-see and again, you've got a perfect example of because it's off the beaten track. Most people wouldn't go there unless I knew about it if you need to. Now you have an organization that is going to tell you about it. Yeah. Again, I was saying they're not going to make any judgments. No, absolutely not. That's not what they're there for. It's an informant. It's to get information. Or if you like you said just need somebody to talk to.

J Jimmy Carper 33:01

And the other thing is bisexuals and cross dressers, transgendered people. If a straight crossdresser calls crisis hotline more than likely they will be asked to call the Gay Lesbian switchboard.

J John Benoveve 33:21

Is it because they're transgendered or it's-.

J Jimmy Carper 33:23

Because I think a lot of people he I think a lot of people at crisis hotlines equate cross dressing with gay and lesbian and don't realize and don't relate. Yeah, it's just a cane. It's just the thing that's-.

J John Benoveve 33:38

Yeah, man are not interested in sleeping. No. No interested in dressing in women's.

J Jimmy Carper 33:43

That's right. That's right. But, but I personally, I've dealt with so many cross dressers that-.

J John Benoveve 33:51

Well being on here you now listening to the difference between what we would consider a drag queen, a gay man who does female encouraged personation and a straight man who likes to crossdress women's clothes. After talking to them you realize the difference?

J Jimmy Carper 34:08

Because everything to do with orientation sexual orientation has nothing to do with it.

J John Benoveve 34:12

No nothing at all. It's to get a satisfaction or to fulfill some kind of need-.

J Jimmy Carper 34:19

Just like the s&m kink, you've you were talking about something that kind of shocked me at first when you were talking about playing with people the opposite sex Oh yeah. No, that's because in the s&m can't get a sexual preference is not the biggest thing there. No, Sienna and I'm play parties are very different. Yeah.

J John Benoveve 34:44

And what we would most people when you hear play party, they automatically assume it's an orgy of something. And no, actually no sex goes on. It's me It can't happen. It's right.

J Jimmy Carper 34:55

Jim found that out. He went to one a couple of weeks ago sees First and you know, his eyes were really open.

J John Benoveve 35:03

But I have on many occasion, because I do at different fundraisers I will do transgender thing, which I on many odd several occasions, I've had people come up and asked me if I'm bisexual. No, I'm not. But the thing that I'm doing for me, I'm fulfilling a need, it has nothing to it has nothing to do with my need. I'm fulfilling a need for other people to see men and women performing together, crossing some boundaries, crossing some lines, letting them know it's not about sex. It's about how you react-.

J Jimmy Carper 35:44

I think power and exchange of power, right?

J John Benoveve 35:47

Yes. And first time when I performed at an event for NFA here in Houston. I need to see ladies

Yes. And first time when I performed at an event for INLA here in Houston, I used young lady by the name of Margo car. Oh, yeah, electricity. For two or three days after that, I got comments about whether or not I was gay, straight what my deal was. And I've been on the community for a long time. Most of the people who really knew knew that it was, yeah, it's a dancer, that I can't believe you did that. But I don't look at it as sex, right? So I'm not right, being bisexual, I'm gay performing a fantasy group of people. It's not necessarily my sexual fantasy. It's, it's to do fundraising. Because drummer is a sexual title, even though it is oriented more towards gay man, because you have sure you have a drummer magazine, which is their main clientele. But it's also a sexual title. It's all about how you express your sexuality. I prefer to express mine more openly. It I don't have any reason or desire to judge anyone on their decisions. Sexually. I may not agree with it, but it's not my it's not my place to judge them on it. So that's how I look at this. I may not do that, when I am playing in what is sexually fulfilling for me and a fantasy? Sure. But I've got a I've got to represent such a large group of people. And I can't do that. Just as a gay man. I'm doing it as a or a leather man. Sure. I can't do it as a leather man. And it just be oriented towards Gacy.

J Jimmy Carper 37:46

It's a bigger picture here.

J John Benoveve 37:48

You look at the bigger picture, you get a lot done. There was a question that was asked or get it? I'm sorry, if I'm jumping around.

J Jimmy Carper 37:55

No, that's okay. Because we only have a few minutes left as a matter of fact.

J John Benoveve 37:59

Was a question during the contest if that was asked. I'm not sure which contest. But they asked them if age was gone. And there was one other problem in the gay community. What do you think it would be? And why? Oh, God. And honestly, the guy's answer was wonderful. But I'd rather ampac I believe it was Alan. But my interpretation of this number one is mainstream media what we just read. Oh, yeah, things like this happening that constantly caused us to fight amongst ourselves, not concentrate on moving forward. That and getting our in getting our freedom. They want us to fight with each other. Yeah, want us to have any organization. And every time we we allow this to happen? We're pushing ourselves we are and we do allow it to happen.

J Jimmy Carper 39:00

That an indifference Yes, you know, and I see more indifference in and the non s&m Gay Men's.

J

John Benoveve 39:12

I have a feeling and most people look at it like this. And if I offend someone, I'm sorry. Most people look at it like this. They either are, or they assume they're HIV positive. So they feel that sense. It's not going to benefit them. They should not strive for, for any kind of acceptance. Gosh, and the sad thing about it is if our forefathers had thought the same thing we wouldn't be.

J

Jimmy Carper 39:40

That's exactly right. That's right. And you have to look in that mirror every morning.

J

John Benoveve 39:45

Well, you have to understand that just because you can be a healthy person. Just because you won't see it in your lifetime does not mean it's not worth fighting. I've said that many times. I realize every day when I go out nice. I stay I'm at a function, or I do a workshop, where I'm teaching people about safe, sane and consensual, or where, where I'm speaking to a group of people, and I talk to them about this. I understand that I may not see a point where SM is completely accepted or gay people in general, are completely accepted. But it doesn't mean that I'm going to work in less for it. That's right. That's right. We talk about legacies that we can label the what? What was there or model lead to the next generation of, of gay and lesbian people that are coming into our community? We want it to be good.

J

Jimmy Carper 40:41

Yeah, I want to see more gay and lesbian people with their head held high. Oh, yeah. Yeah. There's I've seen so many in my lifetime. When I was a teenager, there weren't any well actually, there was one ray hill he was the only one who was openly gay and held his head up high. And now there are 1000s and I want to see even more I want to see every gay and lesbian with their held head held high.

J

John Benoveve 41:07

I think it must have it has good we have to remember we have to concentrate less on what are the differences are and more on what we have a lie? Yeah. And if we don't want it if we don't want it to concentrate on sex, when that's not the avenue we should come in on. True if we don't want it to be about race, or whether you're a man or woman. We don't take that many times. I've said we've got to look at this as a a humanitarian problem. This is a human rights problem. It's not a sexual oriented problem. The minute wait, and that's probably our fault because that's the avenue we took from the beginning.

J

Jimmy Carper 41:48

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