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J Jimmy Carper 00:01

Now, John and Stacy.

S Stacey 00:04

Hey, we're here. Sorry, we're running a little late. But that's what happens. I'm Stacy as you can, as you can tell or can't tell.

J John Benoveve 00:12

I guess that means I'm John.

S Stacey 00:13

Yeah, hopefully. Not unless you switched on me.

J John Benoveve 00:18

broke something here. Hold

S Stacey 00:18

on Always, always. Okay. We're, you've already done the station nouns. Oh, yeah. We're set. Well, we are here tonight with Dean Waldrip of NLA. Houston. Hi, Dean. Hey, how are you? Doing? Wonderful. How about you?

J John Benoveve 00:34

Trying to get it fit?

J Jimmy Carper 00:35

It's okay. It seems to me when you mentioned Dean Waldrip. I mean, it's just I mean, when you mentioned NLA. You think of Dean Wayne Waldrop?

J John Benoveve 00:45

Yep.

S Speaker 3 00:45

Yeah, let's try wall rod.

S Stacey 00:47

I'm sorry. Just go ahead. Let me step on my tongue. Thank you. Um, tell us a little bit about yourself, Dean.

S Speaker 3 00:59

I'm a 45. I have a husband. I have a boy as in a submissive. I also have a son and a daughter. Been in Houston. 19 years. Been in the leather out as a gay man for 13 years and been out in leather about six to seven years. Wow.

J John Benoveve 01:18

What do you say a lot of changes. Oh, yeah. And our community? Yeah.

S Stacey 01:21

You're also one of the cofounders of NLA Houston. Right. Great. Great. Give us a little background on that.

S Speaker 3 01:29

And all the Houston was chartered in 1991. Its social service, educational organization. We also kind of function within the club community, the leather club community here in Houston and

Texas. main emphasis right now we're starting to push his education in the leather smbd communities.

J John Benoveve 01:52

Good shows. Anyone who is associated with in LA has gotten it in the mail. Right and having several different kinds of workshops. Oh, yes. Recently you had one on

S Stacey 02:03

submissive workshop. How did that go?

S Speaker 3 02:05

went great. We had about 25 people we had five experienced from novice to experienced panelists that were leading the workshop, it was missives, only 25 People went really well.

J John Benoveve 02:18

Did you get the letter? It said masters do not come?

S Stacey 02:21

Yes, I got. Actually Sue Got it.

S Speaker 3 02:24

We should have we should have rewarded that respectfully, please. Are you planning to do a masters or top workshop? Yes, we are. We're going to do actually probably two we're going to do one it TLP it'll be the same time as we're doing submissive to the sequel. So we're going to do it TLP and we're going to same time to a Dom's only workshop or roundtable that there was at the same time. Well, that way, the Dom's are in their room. And then we're going to do that again. Here in Houston. The TLP is in Austin. Right. May and we're going to do it again. Houston. Pride weekend. We do two weeks shot workshops on the 22nd of June.

S Stacey 03:04

Okay. Okay. Well, that also reminds me you are on the pride committee.

J John Benoveve 03:08

Right. I'm secretary for this year's pride. Right. And

S Stacey 03:10

that is mid June. It's June 14,

S Speaker 3 03:13

I believe through the 23rd. The parade is the 23rd.

J John Benoveve 03:18

Right. And if I'm not mistaken, y'all just did nominations for Grand Marshal. Right. And both male and female who are those

S Speaker 3 03:25

nominations are in and they're open until the April 16. Meeting. That's when the committee votes on him. I know a couple names. The period courts been nominated for organizational Grand Marshal Jeanette Vaughn, who is their secretary, their proverbial secretary has been nominated for female Grand Marshal. And now I don't have the rest of the names. My notes but wasn't it that meetings?

J John Benoveve 03:54

I believe, Bill heck have heard Yeah. It was nominated.

S Stacey 03:59

Good. Good. Okay. Great. Um, not only for you have done a lot then you are also you're also currently the secretary for an LI Houston. Right. And you're a chapter representative for NLA. International, right, which means what

S Speaker 3 04:18

it's an voting position on their executive committee. It's a new position. Chapters, that individual chapters each get one vote and they elect a representative. So I'm working with chapters and I'm working with membership to get membership moving and going and growing and and straightened out and NLA internationals just recently come through a real dry spell and some organizational problems, but we're back up and

J John Benoveve 04:46

— it's nice to see that it made it through it.

 Stacey 04:49

How is the NLA Houston membership here?

 Speaker 3 04:52

We're right now we're have about 20. We have 14 Associate members Good. Well, actually we're about 20 because we just acquired three new members, congratulations. We were just growing. We have in the last six months, we picked up about eight members, which is a good sign.

 Stacey 05:08

Yeah, good. If you don't mind at the end of this interview, I'd like to put out a couple of phone numbers where people can get information. Okay, I appreciate it.

 John Benoveve 05:17

Just recently, we were in New Orleans at a pantheon and you received an award for the South Central Region. Right. Now, I know that's not a shock. You don't have you've been you've gotten an award there before. But if I'm not mistaken, you got the publishers award at Pantheon the year abroad. Now, of course, it's great to be nominated. But how does it feel to actually get up there and say, Thank you.

 Speaker 3 05:47

You always forget what you're gonna, what you need to say like, you're gonna thank your husband, you're gonna thank the people that support you. So you forget that I tried to make up this year for last year. But there was this year, there was just there was there was I think, 19 that were actually in that category from around this region. And I made some some very big names and in the leather community and people that were are really movers and shakers. So it was, it was an honor just to be nominated. Which I know a lot of people say but you know, it's it's neat to be in that category with those people, including yourself.

 John Benoveve 06:21

Thank you. Sorry about me now, I know. But you've also been involved for past three years in Lille,

 Speaker 3 06:33

right little living in leather is national inner NLA International's annual conference. It's mainly an educational but a social and educational conference that takes place. The first big one I was involved in was living in leather ate, which was here in Houston and 93. It's about 40 workshops over a three day period. Mr. Ms. NLA, international contest, opening ceremonies and play parties. When we say play parties, we're talking about dungeon parties. The last one, the next one was nine, I was actually director of that one. It was in Toronto, which was our first international conference outside the United States went extremely well had huge mainstream press coverage, including TV, I was on TV twice in Toronto with interviews and stuff. So it was and the community accepted it very well. And then this this last year, 95 was in Portland, and it was a 10th anniversary.

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John Benoveve 07:40

Being that you you've been on the international level, you've gone, you've been the director or the director of oil when it was in Toronto, you see a difference. And you see more of a widespread spread difference in our communities across not only the United States, but in other countries. What do you what do you think about that? As far as Do you see it? Do you see that it's gotten any better? Or is it is it worse, or?

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Speaker 3 08:05

I think things it's regional, obviously. I mean, where are you goes, there's Toronto was very open. I mean, we were on the front page of their newspapers and, and there weren't people counting down and protesting and there wasn't people running down as tourists to look at at the freaks and, and so it was just very acceptable at Toronto. Canada is very weird, because it's so hard to get stuff in and out of Canada. But yet once you're in Canada, it's very open. Much, I think free or socially probably than the US a lot of us is but that's regional here, too. Yeah. There's aspects of Houston that it's very positive to be here. And same with Dallas and Atlanta, but you get into some of the other regions, and it's very homophobic and leather phobic. And

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Stacey 08:56

when you say getting stuff in and out of Toronto, we mean some of our magazine publications

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Speaker 3 09:00

and stuff like that. They're they're really tightening border down. Yeah, you can you can get there and you can buy the stuff there. Because what they want is their tax money. Right. But you've tried to bring it in out. Not black men black, not black market, but I mean, just to bring it in. They want their money. Oh,

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John Benoveve 09:19

yeah. So good taxes.

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Stacey 09:22

Great. Great. What was some of the biggest differences you saw between Toronto and Houston?

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John Benoveve 09:29

Well, I guess the biggest difference will probably mass mass

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Speaker 3 09:33

transit, pass transit and press coverage. Yeah, yeah, the weather. I just think Houston's been, in my opinion, is just coming out of where probably Toronto New York, LA San Francisco were five to six to seven years ago. weren't that far behind and were just a lot of the leather clubs Heroes have died have have shrunken numbers and, and the apathy and the deaths and people are just aren't are tired. And I think they're just coming out of that now where we're starting to get new members and younger people involved and, and that's what I see. You know, hopefully in the next five years we'll be back up there and and moving because Houston was probably one of the largest leather communities in the country 1015 years ago.

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Stacey 10:26

Yeah. Oh yeah.

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Speaker 3 10:28

I mean, there was eight, seven or eight leather shops in Houston when leather buy boots came into town 10 years ago. And he's the only one left that's, you know, now there's a couple of there were and and a couple but that's about it. There were maybe Thunderbird Thunderbird. Yeah, those are more motorcycle but it's it's

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Stacey 10:50

a little tear where it's more exotic. Right.

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Speaker 3 10:53

But they they do cater to the SM BT community. So yes, erotic leather.

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Stacey 10:59

Yeah, they're more on the west Gessner I guess they're closer to where I live down by

Sharpstown. But to do well, convenient.

J John Benoveve 11:10

Let's see you saying your stuff there a lot. No.

S Stacey 11:13

But haven't in a long time. Their budget has not allowed it.

S Speaker 3 11:16

But 10 years ago, this was a huge leather community and and we've just lost a lot of it to AIDS and some of it in the boom when people moved away. Right. And I think we're just coming back. I mean, the average age of our some of our new members is probably 25 to 30. Which is exciting.

S Stacey 11:36

Yes. Good. Good. Okay. Um, we mentioned NLA. International. Let's move on to there. You we were talking earlier, and you mentioned a couple of co chairs. I think you said Mark Fraser. Go ahead. I'm sorry.

S Speaker 3 11:53

Mark Rogers, the male co chair from he's from Dallas. And Katie Chase is the female co chair from Portland.

S Stacey 12:01

Okay, great. Great. And your treasure is David huffing, Bakker right. In from Portland, and Secretary Phil Swanson from California. Okay, what is now y'all publish a magazine bimonthly every other month, every other month

S Speaker 3 12:22

in LA Houston.

S Stacey 12:23

Houston called the chain link right? And it's got a lot of great information on it. A lot of great information on it some really good articles. But it seems to be a lot of educational stuff just

getting information out there. What is more or less NLA statement of purpose why was in LA created and what got you involved in it.

 Speaker 3 12:48

Partially what what got involved is just the image it's it's NLA was originally started to help fight the stereotypes that the leather smbd community is not the big bad guys and the and the negative and the motto and creed that Analy goes by is safe, sane and consensual. Safe and that that you know what you're doing. You're educated. You educate yourself, you get educated and you don't do things that could necessarily endanger someone Saturday's is of course being nervous and run you

 Stacey 13:36

make noise with the pen

 Speaker 3 13:38

Saturday is is mainly going after a drug free or alcohol free. Is is a major part of sanity. Right and and smbd play taking John's toys away that's it. The third one of course is consensual and that is that both parties are all parties involved in whatever scene or play that's going on or sex is mutually consented do SM is SM consensual SM is like consensual sex, right? If a person says no then it becomes right. Right if the person says no then it becomes violence or abuse.

 Stacey 14:25

Okay. Speaking of them and a move off this just for a minute maybe get your opinion on this and yours also John, the

 John Benoveve 14:35

let me turn the switch on hold on the firefighter

 Stacey 14:37

earlier this week. The poor guy. Okay. Do you know what I'm talking about? Okay. I just heard a clips of it on the local radio. The poor guy got back in touch with an ex girlfriend. He was promised sex by his ex girlfriend. If she would let him blindfold her by blindfold him, and then she cut off his lower extremities now, all of them no, no. Okay, I'm halfway. Okay. I didn't hear the whole story about halfway.

 John Benoveve 15:11

Well, if I'm not mistaken the story I had heard what she called him at first station and enticed him over.

S Stacey 15:18

Right. I promised him six when he got there. We said, Okay, I'll put a blindfold on you.

S Speaker 3 15:24

We wanted to tie him up. He wouldn't commit to that. So he would. He did allow the blindfold. So while she was giving him oral sex, she took a knife and started slicing. Oh, my word. Okay. Oh, please. That's what the Chronicle reported. Okay.

S Stacey 15:40

Okay. Just my point on this is this is not a sound. This is abuse, serious abuse. This is not what we're about. And that's what NLA tries to do. tries to get the information out about, right. Okay.

J John Benoveve 15:57

Well, one of the big one of the big, good things about LA is that you're offered information so that you don't make stupid decisions, right? Because you don't set people on fire and don't know how to put them out. So that you can work so that you can work the releases when you have them tied down. Right. And something happens, right? That's why the workshops,

S Speaker 3 16:21

right? Very much, though, it's just keeping people informed. And we have a lot of young people. Again, like I said, the average age coming into the organization right now is 2025 to 30. And you have people that think it's cool, and it's hot, and tattoos are neat. And piercings are neat and, and leathers neat, but they don't have any idea what to do with it. And don't exactly know where to go to find out

J John Benoveve 16:47

where you think that a large majority of our younger generation is doing it more as a fashion statement than as a lifestyle.

S Speaker 3 16:55

Oh, yeah, to a point, but they're also dabbling in. Because they, they hear about it, and they see about it, and they read the stories and they read the fantasies and drummer and other magazines and and some of the the hit magazines and and so becomes a fantasy to tie

somebody up. I mean, tying up somebody is very common in vanilla community, right? And and if you don't, if you'd make the wrong move, or you tie him up and walk away, and you know, what if they have a heart attack, right, there's an earthquake, they're not going to happen. Houston was there as a hurricane.

J John Benoveve 17:33

A number of things going to happen not only to yourself, but to that person, right being tied up.

S Speaker 3 17:39

I had a friend that came to me one day, and he left his boyfriend tied up at home and he was at my house and I said, What are you doing here? Well, he wanted to be wanted tied up. I said, Yeah, but what if he has a panic attack? What if he, what if he, you know, chokes to death on something. And another time the same guy didn't learn because he took a trip home and tied him up and went in the other room and and passed out drunk? So that's not saying

J John Benoveve 18:08

that again, that would Jim here can testify to this because he has he has taken safe, sane and consensual and contracts and so on into his vanilla relationship. Oh, you bet. And just that little bit of common sense. You wouldn't go home with someone and pass out with them untied in your house.

J Jimmy Carper 18:30

I've done that. And it was it was it was a serious lesson. I've never done that again,

S Speaker 3 18:37

ever. But you'd be surprised that people are out there that are doing it. Yeah. Oh yeah. Fenella or leather.

S Stacey 18:43

Now a lot of a lot of your information, unfortunately basically goes to the gay and lesbian community. How do you How does NLA try to get more information out to the mainstream, or even more to the hats

S Speaker 3 18:57

we're NLA is pansexual which means we take transgenders we take hats, we take gay, lesbian, transsexual and there's a whole community out there and leather we've just started pushing

more and dare were just not to pump them as a commercial place but they have given us an outlet for putting up posters and and was very instrumental in getting at the submissive workshop we had this month about half the group was was had and they had learned about it from Delaware and couple other you know getting out even if it's if put an ad in public news or put an ad in the green sheet or whatever works good and people are curious. We work also with a group called pap, Houston pap, which is a predominantly it's hat, but they're also pansexual. But the group here is predominantly hat so we work really well with them and get the word out and they're a play club but they also try to educate and be informed and work with us. Right,

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Stacey 20:01

right and I've worked with a few those people also and they are very informative.

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John Benoveve 20:06

Let me ask you a question. What would you say is probably one of the biggest obstacles that we have in in combining our, our straight leather community and our gay leather community.

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Speaker 3 20:19

Phobia bias on both sides. I mean, there's this as many gay leather man probably because they're the obvious genre the the ones that have been around the longest, the most organized. The Old Guard leather, there's still a lot of those that don't want anything to do with drag and with transgender and with with hats, and vice versa. There's hats out there that are very homophobic. Fortunately, I think we're slowly breaking those barriers down. And NLA is is a good example of that because we have a sizable hat membership not in Houston, we'd like more and he's we're getting there. And when internationally or nationally, there are chapters that are predominantly have

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Jimmy Carper 21:05

been on the on the outside looking in. It seems to me that that gay and lesbian leather people are much more out in the open than then hit leather people. Is that a stereotype?

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Speaker 3 21:18

Or no, it's very much the truth because we, particularly with the gays, we have the leather clubs to go to and we can be out. And it's it's not an it's unusual to see gay men and leather. But at the same time, it kind of fits what everybody kind of expects Leatherman to be. I mean, before I came out, I thought you were either a drag queen or a leather man. I didn't know there was an immediate point. So it's just easier for us to be out. Even the lesbian community is very closeted with leather. Oh, yes, they don't have the clubs, there's a few that will come out and go to the venture and or go to PS or go to rip cord. But for the most part, they keep their leather life very closeted as much as the heads do. Because they're not welcoming in clubs.

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Stacey 22:04

Unless, unless you're involved in a club where you know, people at the club, but a lot of the lesbians don't go bars

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Speaker 3 22:11

and clubs just don't encourage even a leather jacket.

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Stacey 22:17

Sure, sure. Especially from especially being a female. I'm going to one of the, the leather Levi club here in town, I got off of work, and I was in a skirt and heels, waiting for my lover. I was I stood out very much in the club, even though it's five, six o'clock in the afternoon, there's guys in there in blue jeans and T shirt, not very much leather, not not anybody really flagging anything. But I'm sitting there waiting for my lover and a skirt and heels. And it takes a little bit for me to get waited on more than usual. Again, it's because the lesbians don't get out and don't say, hey, look, you know, we're here also. And that's one of the reasons why I do the radio show. To say, hey, look, we're here. And we do this also?

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John Benoveve 23:10

Well, I don't I don't think that the lesbian community is hasn't been given an invitation.

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Stacey 23:20

No, they have they've been giving a couple. Yeah,

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John Benoveve 23:23

because I know that for the most part, most of the bar owners that I have to deal with. Don't mind and have extended invitations out to women.

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Speaker 3 23:33

But I think part of the problem is it's still a peer pressure. There's still a lot of the lesbian community and there's gay, in the gay community that do not accept leathers, which is part of the reason that I became involved in the pride committee four years ago and five years ago, was to help dispel some of that I go as a leather man, I am there and they know that I have a lot of friends now that have started coming to leather functions and that have started getting involved and they're not afraid of us. And they know that we're very serious about the very

same thing that they want and that's their civil liberties. Right. But the peer pressure within the lesbian community is hard very hard. Because I think there's more strength in in the leather in the lesbian community, just my personal opinion. And so it tends to push out the, the leather.

 Stacey 24:25

It's the comfortability in numbers, right? You know, going down the ranch and hanging out there every Saturday night is a whole lot more comfortable for a female thing going up to PS and trying to meet new people or out to the ripcord or vn

 Speaker 3 24:40

and it's the same for us, right.

 Stacey 24:41

So it's a strength in numbers. What is some of the things that any of us can do leather, gay or lesbian club affiliated or not to try and reach the leather people are the people who are interested in SMB De fetish lifestyle and leather and say hey look, it's okay. How can we cross help? Well, let me get more specific. How can we make the lesbians more comfortable?

 Speaker 3 25:11

I think being out there and working with them getting involved in pride committee getting involved in and other committees and and other organizations that are non leather, but being there as a leather person.

 Stacey 25:23

Yeah. I've gotta go to a station announcement real quick. You are listening to KPFT 90.1 Houston. Ke O 's 89.1 College Station. And this is after hours queer radio with attitude. Oh, yes. And are we going to go to a little more music You are Who? Oh, I'm John.

 John Benoveve 25:44

I'm Stacy. And it's

 Jimmy Carper 25:53

Stacey. Now. You go to a piece of music for your music, okay. I've had a request for a piece of music by the flirtations, a, and I'm always glad to play them. This is my all time favorite flirtation song it's called something inside so strong.

 Stacey 26:15

Now I see why that's your favorite piece. That's all acapella. WaveNet. That is a lot of people. We can't hear you. You said a lot of people.

 Jimmy Carper 26:31

Turn on my mic. Now a lot of people have done that song, but they do it test.

 Stacey 26:36

Yeah, that is good. Okay, we're back with Dean.

 John Benoveve 26:40

And I believe that we're going to touch a little bit on domestic master. But

 Stacey 26:47

before we do that, we're gonna take your toys away. Give you a quiet one. Okay. I couldn't make it loud. No, please don't. Your mic is the sensitive one. It picks up everything.

 John Benoveve 26:57

Let's get back serious here. We're doing. We're talking. We're going to talk a little bit about domestic abuse and the difference between domestic abuse and s&m, and I guess, some of the stereotypes,

 Speaker 3 27:09

yeah, we've mentioned it before. And la International, in particular, has started a program three or four years ago, and they actually wrote a statement on domestic violence, which has been used in the court system here in Texas and helped an individual win a case where one of his submissives, who was his play partner, sued him over for domestic abuse and violence. And she had consented and he he won the case. And so it's actually in the court records. But basically, the domestic violence and abuse is very important to NLA into the other leather SM community, because obviously, we get pinned a lot. I don't know how particularly it is now and I'm starting an investigation on this from my own purposes, and for NLA, and so on. But there was a time when particularly lesbians who were in the leather community, in the SM lifestyle would go to a violence, domestic violence shelter, seeking shelter. And when that was found out that they were in an SM relationship, they were turned away, because basically you asked

for it. So you've got it. And that's we want to keep away from that. Because the whole point with SM and BD is that it's consensual. When you say no, it stops, right? Yeah. Doesn't stop then it becomes biased, is really

J John Benoveve 28:40

important. The important thing, I guess, is to give enough information out so that the people who who, when this does happen and someone does go to someone they can tell the difference between domestic violence is and what SNL right or

S Speaker 3 28:55

we have. I'm kind of I've got somebody with a ADBA I think it is, or a VDA, which is one of the violence, leagues anti violence leagues here, whatever, that that she's very open to working with us and getting educated and I'm going to pursue that and, and there's also the fact that there's shelters out there. Domestic violence isn't just leather as an issue. It's a gay issue. It's a it's a women's issue. It's a head issue. There are shelters. I'm right now starting to ask questions. If there's a shelter for that will take gay man. I was gonna say there's domestic violence in the gay community is just as long as it is. Oh,

J John Benoveve 29:37

yeah. And that that is not that we're not including the s&m community No.

S Stacey 29:44

I knew the domestic violence on the head side was large. I knew it had it was very as large if not larger on the lesbian side. But I didn't know that gay men The game, the gay man's relationships were also some of those were very abusive. And I didn't know the numbers were as high as they were. I was very surprised.

S Speaker 3 30:10

I think it's kept very quiet and you don't see a lot of violence in the bars and stuff. Because that's just not the way our bars are. But you do it is in the home and it is in the in the dark.

J John Benoveve 30:23

Right? A lot of times it's more soccer, soccer, illogical, right? Yes, yeah.

S Stacey 30:29

Is it also a lot of the male ego, they can't go out there and say, Look, I'm having some problems at home. I need someone to talk to.

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Speaker 3 30:39

I think it just, it's, it's the same genre that hits women and whoever is the victim, it's the victim, the state of the victims, mind you, I've been a subject or a victim of abuse and, and until you realize that you don't know that there's help you don't know that it's going on. Because you're, a lot of times mentally, you're being put down. Alright, so you believe you deserve that you believe you deserve it, you believe that? That it's not happening? When it is you feel like you're a turd anyway. So what's the difference,

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John Benoveve 31:11

because in most in most situations, when you are a victim, you are made to believe that you have nowhere else to go. But if, if I wasn't here for you, then you'd have no body. And if you leave me, then that's where you're going to be with nobody. And we can most most victims, the last thing they want to do is be alone, even if it even if it does mean staying with someone who is physically hurting them.

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Speaker 3 31:35

And we get stuck financially. I mean, a lot of times the income, you know, you may be where am I going to live, you know, when my particular situation, I had gotten custody with my two kids. So here I am with two kids, and I've got, you know, a mentally abusive lover, and I'm trying to, you know, work it out so that I don't lose the house and lose the you know, the home for the kids as well as my own life. So,

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John Benoveve 32:02

okay, so many cases, you I guess you have to make that decision. Is it, I guess really worth it? What do you mean, it worth it to stay? Because a lot of people think they have no outlet, right?

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Speaker 3 32:18

And that's where we have to let people know that there are outlets there are places they can go there are people who care. You know, it's a catch 22 Sometimes you're sitting there and you think are you really know that someone a friend has been abused mentally or physically? And do you say something? Do you not say something? And if you do, they may fluff it off is now that's not happening? You know, because they don't want to admit it. So it's it's a catch 22 for everybody. Okay. Okay.

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Stacey 32:49

I appreciate we really appreciate you coming down, especially so early in the morning.

 Speaker 3 32:53

You disrupted my dancing, but that's alright.

 Stacey 32:57

There will be more dancing tomorrow. Yeah, there'll be more dancing tomorrow. Before you take off. I'd like to leave the people with a couple of phone numbers, if you don't mind. How about a phone

 Speaker 3 33:06

number and address that? Cool. That's cool. Let me pens and pencils out.

 Stacey 33:11

So I can write these down and maybe give them out a little later on. This is in LA Houston or in LA international Houston.

 Speaker 3 33:17

Okay, go ahead. Okay, the information message line. It's 713-527-9666.

 Stacey 33:27

That's easy to remember. Okay. And there's

 Speaker 3 33:31

four boxes on there and you get general information you can leave your name and address for information to be sent out. And also we have a P.O. box, and Allah Houston, P.O. Box 66553. And that's Houston, Texas. 77266 Dash 6553.

 Stacey 33:52

Now is this also where they can write or call and get information or the chain link

 Speaker 3 33:56

— they can write, get information on the chain link. It's goes generally with membership, but we do some subscriptions.

 S Stacey 34:03

Okay. Also, you've got a couple of big events coming up that we didn't want to touch on lightly.

 S Speaker 3 34:09

You've NLA Houston is having their fifth anniversary which is called a spring inequity. It's the same weekend as the West River Street fest. Okay, so combination run and social. There'll be cocktail parties and there'll be food and there's a lot about accounting guests coming in some big rigs from LA international are coming in and celebrating the fifth anniversary and we're having a play party Saturday night and by going to be in town yes by and mistress mirrors. We have some Toronto and La Toronto people coming down. Good. Some New York people Stacy and her Ms. International and Ally International was coming. And Mark Fraser supposed to come.

 S Stacey 34:56

What weekend is that? That's

 S Speaker 3 34:58

April 12 through the 14th Think 12

 J John Benoveve 35:01

through 414. And I'm sure they can get information. I think information is hanging out whether by booth right

 S Speaker 3 35:09

leather by boots, also at venture in our home bar, draft and leather forever. Leather forever. Yes, I'm good. And I think I sent stuff out to Delaware.

 S Stacey 35:22

Good. Good. Now you've got TLP coming

 S Speaker 3 35:25

up, right. And Ia Austin is hosting Texas leather pride, which is their fifth year. I happen to be contest director. So I'm somewhat involved with. I'm retired in case I do all this. But anyway, that's there. It's a combination run in education. There have been two days of workshops about 30 workshops this year. More generally, Houston is providing about for those different members or providing for different other workshops. That happens may 3 through the fifth. And it's actually Thursday night registration. Friday and Saturday workshops contest Saturday night. And then on Sunday, for an extra fee. They're doing they rent a boat, and they go out to hippie hollow, which was also first splash weekend.

 S Stacey 36:21

Yeah. And there's also I believe, a run if you want to do a run for the bus, there's a small charge for that. And there's also T shirts available.

 S Speaker 3 36:31

And they do also do I think they're gonna do two nights of play parties Friday and Saturday night. The group with no name in Austin.

 J John Benoveve 36:39

Have you ever been to TLP? No. Okay, well, number one first trip. You're gonna love it. Because the demos, I mean, the the workshops as they do our workshops, I mean, they're really, really good.

 S Stacey 36:49

Well, the only thing is we're probably not going to get there till Friday night. A hands on

 S Speaker 3 36:54

workshop. We're trying to save the good ones for Saturday. Oh, good.

 S Stacey 36:56

Thank you. Thank you.

 J John Benoveve 36:59

I swear I saw my interest in electricity started there.

S Stacey 37:03

In for anybody who knows, John, you know how this interest goes?

S Speaker 3 37:07

Well do. John's doing a workshop on electricity here? Good. He's helping. April 20. So you can get information on TLP great through the NLA Houston mailbox, or the phone number or the electric workshop. And we're doing a fire workshop in May

S Stacey 37:25

when your host of that is going to be mistress jam. Yes. Larry Harvey. Yes, yes. And

J Jimmy Carper 37:33

before you go, we had a listener call in and wanted the NLA mailing address it get them out again.

S Speaker 3 37:40

It's in LA Houston. PO Box 66553. And it's Houston, Texas. 77266 Dash 6553. Great.

S Stacey 37:54

Well, appreciate it now. We

J John Benoveve 37:55

certainly appreciate it. I hope you had a good time. Yeah. Fun.

S Speaker 3 37:58

We'll come back.

S Stacey 38:02

Well, that takes care of next month.

S Speaker 3 38:06

Good talk relationships. That's one of my hot points.

J John Benoveve 38:09

Oh, yeah. Okay, that would be a good idea.

J Jimmy Carper 38:11

That would be a great idea. Yes, Jim. But the seal of approval.

S Speaker 3 38:16

Gotta come back. We're in a we're in a unique new one, because I have a lover. And then when we have a submissive boy. So it's kind of fun to watch people react to that.

S Stacey 38:26

And we can see that through chainline. Yeah, yeah, that is a good article.

J John Benoveve 38:30

Oh, by the way, if you don't know what they're talking about, they're telling you about the series and the chain link about boys,

S Stacey 38:37

boy and the boy for a day in a day and

S Speaker 3 38:41

my boys started, I had him start writing. And then when I read the first part, I said, Well, gee, I should write from my standpoint, too, because I had just as many questions and qualms because this was the first relationship that we've been in like this. So we have the second part is in the latest and the third part will be in the next issue. And it's just breaking down that one day in particular, what we went through mentally and physically to get ready and contracts and expectations and limits and the whole thing.

S Stacey 39:10

Yeah, it's really good. If you get a chance to get a hold of it, get a hold of it.

J John Benoveve 39:15

And not only that, so I mean, I'm looking forward if you're coming back because I'd love to talk about this in more detail. I know that James over here with his mouth open going contracts of talk to me

J Jimmy Carper 39:28

probably doesn't know it, just from knowing John and Stacy. I had the best vacation with my lover ever. We negotiated. I mean, we consciously did it. You know, I've been with with the same man for 18 years and we probably negotiate kind of, but I did it consciously this time and had a great time. Last year, we fought and

S Speaker 3 39:54

this whole thing with the boy with us with my lover and it has actually improved our communication This Oh my bad because we have to communicate about him and we had to communicate about us and what we're doing and what I'm gonna do and what he's gonna do and, and how it all fits because I'm more of the master in this situation. And so he's having to do a whole new scope because he's basically kind of been my lover boy, but at the same time because he likes to do things for me. So now he's had to learn to let the boy do the things that the boys should be doing. So it's been fun that we'd love to come back and talk about them. Yes,

S Stacey 40:31

yes. Wonderful idea. That would be great.

J John Benoveve 40:34

For Saturday of next month. 130.

S Speaker 3 40:39

How about we do this he will be in the boys will be in San Francisco celebrating his 30 but 30th birthday, so you're out of luck.

S Stacey 40:45

No, we're not. We can get him on tape. I like tape. Again. We're

J John Benoveve 40:51

gonna say thank you very much.

 Stacey 40:53

Yeah, we appreciate. Yeah, it was fun.

 Jimmy Carper 40:56

We can go to a piece of music. Let's do a little bit of I have something from Jeff crasner at New York. I've been playing it for several weeks now. And we get requests. It's called How long do I have to be strong?