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J Jimmy Carper 00:00

The following program contains some language or images of explains more sensitive nature which may be considered objectionable this question is following program contains some language or images of more sensitive nature may be considered objectionable oh yes you've tuned into after hours queer radio with attitude right here on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. The crew of after hours is ready to bring you news interviews dialogue and music geared for gay lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people and their friends. Hear it after hours. We may be diverse, but we have one thing in common. We are all out of the closet and urge everyone to come out of their closets. That means standing up for yourself taking responsibility for your own life and being proud of who you are. Realistically, we know not everyone can do that because of age job or frame of mind. That's okay, we're here for you too. So sit back, relax and enjoy this week's edition of after hours. Hello, Houston and College Station and welcome to the

C Chris Harrison 02:56

What am I doing it for? College Station I thought we were on

J Jimmy Carper 03:02

in Thank you what's going on here? And welcome to the Saturday January 24 edition of after hours. Hello, I'm your engineer in training. And CO producer Jimmy Carper

C Chris Harrison 03:17

and I'm Chris Harrison.

J Jimmy Carper 03:18

Yes, my my co producer and gone couple of weeks and it all goes away.

C Chris Harrison 03:28

See what happens when you get sun during the during the winter? That must

J Jimmy Carper 03:31

be it I got sunstroke or something I know I'm gonna have to possess put somebody else in his engineer seat. Anyway, let's see we've got some stuff going on here. I got a little something from Pegasus production. About the third Coast Family Weekend contests being held Saturday February the seventh at Aegis AES is from six to 11. And they proudly announced the third Coast bear and cowboy contests. This is a fundraising event benefiting Lazarus House Houston, titles being awarded our third Coast bear and third Coast cowboy. If you're in Houston or plan to visit, please stop by and support this worthwhile cause. The reception show is from six to seven. This is all that EJ is at 2517 Ralph Street, meet the contestants and judges from seventh to eighth pride party and raffle eight to nine and the contest starts at nine. And if I know them, it's going to be prompt. Yes. Thinking DJs Well, hey, something that came through the station Charlie King, who's a good friend of the gay community and Karen Brandao will perform in concert Friday January the 30th at 7pm at the first you Unitarian Universalist Church 5200 fan at South Moore. This is a fundraiser for KPFT radio. Tickets are \$15. And I can say that because this is a fundraiser Yes, you may call KPFT directly at 713-526-4000 for information and you purchase tickets on a credit card, and Charlie and Karen are phenomenal topical folk singers. Their music covers diverse themes involving human dignity, social justice, gentle political satire, and they do have songs about the gay community.

C Chris Harrison 05:38

Yes. That part of the promos when they were talking.


J Jimmy Carper 05:41


Most songs insightfully document real events and real people who took a stand and made a difference. Would you like to give out this information about Louis when it's happening?


C Chris Harrison 05:56


Let us entertain you weekend 2004. The after Mardi Gras party is February 26 27th 28th and 29th here in Houston. The website is Louis weekend. That's l u e y weekend.com. For the run schedule. That weekend includes Friday night snacks run pin shouldn't be pin run. Now run pin, cocktail parties Saturday morning breakfast power hop, Sunday dinner, Saturday dinner Sunday brunch and a Show of Shows would you could probably think of playing with my pocket.


J Jimmy Carper 06:00


 Jimmy Carper 06:33
But it's so much fun. Like you're complaining Why my my

 Chris Harrison 06:39
registration fees if you're out of town, the is free, limited to the first 1000 people. If you're in town, they do ask for a donation. Yes. And like I said, That's Louis weekend.com. And trying to find the phone number. There's not a phone number to contact them well, or you just email them or you can send them snail mail at Houston Council of clubs

 Jimmy Carper 07:00
or you can stop by the ripcord and pick up one of these little sheets right there with the publications. That's where I got mine. Okay, we want to put something in your ear right now about an event that's happening next Saturday night. Sponsored by after hours and KPFT and when we come back, we've got the Colt 40 fives here with Gerald McNeil, Judy Reeves is here. Of course Chris is going to be here. We've got daddy rose and boy Steven and he's wearing that kilt. My oh my. Anyway, listen to this.

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On January 31st 2004, come up proclaiming victory riches Houston, MTN entertainment and official media partner KPFT 90.1 FM in Houston. To the party tonight. Are we celebrating the return of Saturday nights at enriches? Yes, it's true. KPFT is after hours and will be on hand. But the nonstop base for radio doors open at 9pm this special DJ Joe goes. For information call 713-759-9606. Check out WWE oil department's dot com www.kpft.org.com.

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After our arts and crafts, boys and girls live for the Superbowl not anywhere else.

 Jimmy Carper 08:33
And that was the voice of Michael Williams. He evidently grew with third ball. Yeah, I mean, where does he get that voice? And the reverb on? Yeah.

 Chris Harrison 08:46
Speaking isn't let me have an event tonight with the the tour.

 Jimmy Carper 08:51
Excuse me? I don't know. I don't think so. Okay, I don't think I think we have a weekend off.

Okay, I thought he's in Dallas with his parents. Okay, so, okay, so

C Chris Harrison 09:01
we can't rag on him. Okay, let's Yeah, of course.

J Jimmy Carper 09:03
He's listening. He's got to be on the computer. Anyway, let's get to the Colt 45 Cheryl McNeil. We've got hatch waiting in the wings and the second half. We've got the leather line, but right now Jerel, McNeal.

G Gerald McNeil 09:19
Hi, Jamie.

J Jimmy Carper 09:20
Hi. How you doing doing very well. And to be reused is here. Oh, I can't see her. She's around the corner.

G Gerald McNeil 09:27
Hello. Yeah, she's hiding in the wings.

J Jimmy Carper 09:30
How you doing? Doing very well. How's the Colts doing?

G Gerald McNeil 09:34
Well, we were doing okay. Yeah,

J Jimmy Carper 09:38
yeah. It was a wonderful, fabulous Christmas show. Thank you. And

G Gerald McNeil 09:43
while I have to thank rose for that. Oh, Rose is with us and also she's our Chase trouble fund chairman Hello She did very well on the show and all the proceeds


chairman. Hello. She did very well on the show and all the proceeds

J Jimmy Carper 09:58
that would be ATF right at added. Yeah. And those proceeds went to ATF. Great, great. And I was able to pick up a couple of those little trees. That was fun that that various people auctioned off and at least one of them is now the property of the Gulf Coast archive and museum proudly displayed

J Judy Reeves 10:19
in the front row.

J Jimmy Carper 10:21
Yes, yes.

G Gerald McNeil 10:22
It was a very good idea of doing the trees and things little miniature like three foot, three foot, two foot trees. Trees, that quite a few of the organizations or clubs in the community, but together. Yeah, yes. Yes. It was a very good idea. Raised

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\$1,100

G Gerald McNeil 10:43
for the whole thing. \$1,100. That's right.

J Judy Reeves 10:46
Wow, nice evenings work.

J Jimmy Carper 10:48
That is nice. Nice. Nice to say

G Gerald McNeil 10:50
... ..

hello, Rose. She's with us. Yes, she's very good here.



Jimmy Carper 10:56

And before we go, daddy rose and Jarrell together in one room. And



Gerald McNeil 11:06

all throughout the second time, he's done



Judy Reeves 11:08

that forgotten. stepchild?



Jimmy Carper 11:11

I'll never hear the end. All three of you have been nominated for grand marshals.



Judy Reeves 11:18

I've heard that somewhere. Yeah.



Jimmy Carper 11:21

It was in the triangle this week. Some of the information was to, to correct, but they got the names. Right.



Judy Reeves 11:28

Well, you know, what's really neat about that? Is it none of us have to vote against each other. Yeah, we're in different categories. Oh, good. That's great work. Yeah, that works.



Jimmy Carper 11:35

That is cool. That's very, very cool. Because rose, you are? Honorary, honorary? Yes. That's because you were a straight woman.



11:45

Not not quite sure. Equal Opportunity. Okay.



Jimmy Carper 11:48

Okay, that that will work. I like credited. And Gerald, you were nominated for mail. That he got that right. And of course, Judy was nominated for female bench. KPFT has been nominated as organization. Yeah. Right. As well, as I see. Oh, wait, space city empire. So that's going to be a fight to the death there.



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Congratulations.



Jimmy Carper 12:15

I am torn into slag. I mean, there's lots of different things. We'll be talking about all denominations nominees later in the show?



Gerald McNeil 12:26

Well, it's very, it's a big honor just to be nominated. That's really it really is. Absolutely.



Jimmy Carper 12:31

So what do you have to talk to us about tonight?



Gerald McNeil 12:35

Well, you know, you and I have talked about this for some time this weekend, we put it often. Well, actually, I have what they call 40 fives we had a situation in April, that the Colt 40 fives found out about that one of our past financial officers and embezzle some money out. And I know I've received a lot of phone calls and emails regarding this of what's going on. And the cold fortifies have been around for 27 years. And we celebrate our 28th year in June. But it's a situation that it's very difficult to talk about, but



Jimmy Carper 13:27


but I think I think I think you're I think this is really great that you're coming on and speaking on the air and letting the community know what's going on, rather than keeping this all secret?



Gerald McNeil 13:41

Well, we don't want to keep a secret, right, because all of our funds come from the community. We've never in the past have received any funds from the federal government or Ryan White

We've never in the past have received any funds from the federal government or Ryan White funding or anything like that, because we've never had a what they call a certified audit. That now with the situation that come up in April, we had to relook at everything. We turned everything over to an attorney and we do now have a certified audit. And we're very, I'm very proud to say that the person that did the audit for the CCO 40 fives has mentioned that we have had the best books that she has ever seen. Can't be to do like that. No, you can't. You really can't. And after 27 years of receiving money from individuals in the community it's really hard to look back on this and then individual that has been the treasurer of our organization for three years I don't know it's

 Judy Reeves 15:06


is it? Do you think you've gotten to the bottom of it now? I mean, it's it's all out there on the table with the auditor and so on. And there's not going to be any surprises down the road for you

 Gerald McNeil 15:17

know, it's not going to be any surprises down the road. Right now, all the books are with the, with the district attorney. And it's just a matter of their of them accepting the

 Judy Reeves 15:35

APA, but with the district attorney, that means they're looking into it, or are they looking at possible prosecution or, I mean, things like this happen, and it's something that you have to ask.

 Gerald McNeil 15:47

I'm sorry, this is not easy for you. That's, I've been a member of the portfolio fires for the last eight years and have been president for the last four. So this is really hard for me, because of the person that is in question has was my lover for 16 years. I understand that there. And one of the money that was given to us by every member of this community \$1 at a time and to find out that it's confirmed that it's over \$15,000 is in question. It's really hard. Yeah, it really is. There are some things that I can't mention. I can't mention names. I can't. There are some things I can do.

 Jimmy Carper 16:32

That's perfectly understandable. What what are some of the actions that are going to be taken? Well,

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with a colt 45 Since we had a certified audit, the auditor, Janet Langham. I can mention her

name. She's a wonderful lady, that we'll do our books every year. We have a individual that's an auditor one day with the well, I don't think I can say that. Okay, that'll be good. He's gonna do it. Every three months, we have an inside. We're gonna set up an inside auditing team within the cult 45. Look at the books, it's given to Wendy, he's going to do them. And then we're going to turn them over to Janet, to finish them up. But that's what we've done. Okay. Well, we can't write a check within the cults without somebody else looking at it before it's done, whether it be for the phone bill or to the AFH for the stone Soufan, okay, somebody has to look at it, and how about deposits, deposits, we have to fill out a form, and somebody else has to look at it. Okay, good. In fact, the other day at h trouble fund, when we're very proud to receive \$1,000 check from Diana foundation. Sarah, she's our ATF chair. And she looked at it and, you know, confirm that we have a deposit that's made. And when the financials done, she can verify that the deposit was made.

 Judy Reeves 18:12

So it sounds like maybe a step backwards was taken, but you've taken two steps forward, once you found out about that's what's important is to save the organization and, and to keep moving forward.

 Gerald McNeil 18:24

Well, after 27 years, the California fires with every penny that comes to us. We've never had any federal grant money is where

 Jimmy Carper 18:36

the costs are. Just the organization that people look

 Judy Reeves 18:40

up to. I can't imagine this community without them.

 Jimmy Carper 18:43

Absolutely. all the wonderful things that the Colts have done for people with AIDS over the years and, and the confidence that the community has in the Colts that the money that they give is going to go to the recipients.

 Gerald McNeil 18:59

Any hands. Yeah. And it will always well, yes.





Jimmy Carper 19:03

And now this kind of thing could happen to any group, any corporation and has too many.



Gerald McNeil 19:12

No, I have to say. I'm also a member of being a la international member of Annaleigh. Houston, right. Member of ACC Yes. And a lot of people and I sue Ah, yes. And I get kind of pissy when somebody brings up about financials, surely months, and I don't have a I have a question. I want an answer.



Jimmy Carper 19:37

Well, you've been many organizations,



Gerald McNeil 19:41

they need to come up with an answer. Yes, so a lot of people have learned, okay, and with Jen Lang Amar, CPA, bless her heart. She's a wonderful lady. Oh, God. A lot of different organizations are learning Hmm, always question. I don't care how long you've known the individual. It doesn't matter. Always question.



Jimmy Carper 20:07

That's right. When it doesn't hurt, we need to take a little break here and remind people that they are listening to after hours queer radio with attitude. Pacifica station KPFT Houston 90.1 FM, and down in Galveston way at 89.5. And there's a we have the elections coming up. So every half hour, we give you the opportunity to learn a little something about some of the folks who were running for office, and this is one of them. KPFT elections are underway, candidates speak their piece every half hour.



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Hello, my name is Vince Cole, a rap artist from Houston and I own my own record label called coal black records. The reason I'm running for board member at KPFT Pacifica because we need a radio station that has the heart compassion and the Kahunas to broadcast to the world the hurt the pain, the injustice, and the real reason dope is in the community and who was behind it. But my main focus is on our future the children and the community. And the Outreach Program is a perfect vessel for us to accomplish those goals. See, it's not about me or you the individual. It's about us as a whole and what we can do to serve you, the community a little better. So peace was a way to do Assalamu alaykum Shalom are just playing with things.



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To find out more about KPFT elections, visit the KPFT website@kpft.org.

J Jimmy Carper 21:40

Okay, okay, we are back with the CO 45 Jerel, McNeal, daddy rose boys, Stephen and Judy Reeves is here also, Chris Harrison and Jimmy Carper. And we're discussing a rather serious topic that has happened to the Colts. And I wanted to ask our has there been anything put into place to get this money back?

G Gerald McNeil 22:07

All right now, after the certified audit, our attorney has put everything with a DA. And with a DA it's like a crapshoot, depending on whether they're going to take it or not taking Oh, because everything's with going on in the in their department. Yeah, they can be got it political. And so we have to kind of wait. We have to wait and see as as far as that has the individual

J Judy Reeves 22:39

that has come forward and tried to make amends or make any arrangements, you know, themselves as opposed to the DA, or someone making noise for them.

G Gerald McNeil 22:50

Yes, he has. He's made a few payments. To ord the the money that was taken a couple of months ago was stopped. Oh, and so far, there's no money coming in. But it's apparent that he doesn't foresee that the issue was serious enough that he's out in the community to join himself. Without trying to make amends. I've asked several times. And it's very difficult right now for me to mention his name because I can't

J Jimmy Carper 23:32

No, no, no, I wouldn't ask you. Because because

G Gerald McNeil 23:37

I can say that. He was my lover for 16 years, which makes it very difficult. Yeah. Well ever not and the frame after that you're taking money from people that need it. I know the answer

J Judy Reeves 23:55

to this question. But I want to ask it anyway. Because I want everybody who's listening to the show to know the answer to you said this happened last April. What has taken so long for y'all to come forward and tell the community about this. Well, it's important that they know why and they need

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Gerald McNeil 24:10

to know it's when we first when I first learned about it, I went by the office to write a check for one of our It was either an awards vendor or our phone bill. And I saw checks on the check register that was issued, pulled them up and found out that my signature wasn't on the check. Somebody else's was but my name was on it. But in other words, my signature was forged. That's what got it all started okay. Nicole colts had a an attorney that we had the we went to to ask questions up and he suggested that we Do a promissory note for the funds that we're taking? Well, we did that. Okay. And that was the funds that stopped coming in Sure. When we actually got an attorney to look at everything and do an audit everything together, found out that we shouldn't have done that. But that's what got everything started. It was just looking at the actually.

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Chris Harrison 25:32

Well, you had to start off and find out the extent of what had happened exactly. There was basically there had to be to use the fancy legal terms, a forensic accountant to go in and see where you were actually at and what had happened before we could really proceed. And so that, that takes time to figure out the extent of what had happened. Well, we have now

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Gerald McNeil 25:53

and it's over \$15,000. I gotta say this, go ahead. I trusted an individual that I've known for many years. And I've got to tell every organization in this city. I don't care if you've known him your whole life. Always question you have to when somebody takes money out of out of somebody's mouth, our brothers sisters that are dying in this community, pay their rent, utilities, food out of their mouths. I don't care who they are, you have got to question they have got to come down to the penny. Every one of them. I don't care if it's Miss camp is crew. Co 40 fives IC o h res Reese's. I don't care who it is. They have got to make whoever they appoint as their treasurer account and show and prove they have got to do that. Or it's going to happen to them. It will

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Jimmy Carper 27:06

you? I think that I think I'm gonna call. No, I think after tonight, a lot of organizations will look at their treasurer's position and the checks and balances, and maybe make changes I know with the G cam. I was the treasurer for the first couple of years. But Judy, really add the books. So there were two of us there all the time all the time. All

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Chris Harrison 27:40

the time. One of the downsides also is with some of the banking laws I've learned recently with cube patrol. Yeah, the bank that we use for our account, even though our bylaws and all that say you have to have two signatures on a check. The bank doesn't care about No, that's right.

They don't look at the checks. I mean, they've they've done specials on. I remember a couple of years ago, I think 2020 did a special, they had wrote checks, and they signed Mickey Mouse on the check and it cleared. Yeah. So unfortunately, there's we would think that with the issues that he came up with Enron and all that there would be some ideas in the banking industry that you know, things need to be looked at a little closely. Well, and unfortunately, we're not talking about a corporation the size of that, no, but it's a 501 C three, that is well known and well respected and well funded. Yes, unfortunately, is a tempting apple in the barrel.

J Judy Reeves 28:41

Do you think that this is confined to your organization? Or you say this is a longtime, you know, representative of community? Is there any chance that there's any other organization that has been involved in that might be having problems that they may not even know about yet?

G Gerald McNeil 28:57

I don't know. I really don't. But it doesn't hurt to look, it doesn't hurt to look, it doesn't hurt to say it often enough. Yeah. You can't. You have to look. Yeah, it doesn't. There's no problem with asking. If somebody gets upset because you're asking, Did you need this? Yeah, you really do. If not just

J Jimmy Carper 29:19


Well, it sounds like your organization has taken the right step. But investigate it thoroughly. Find out how much talk to a lawyer see what you can do, and put it in the hands of the DEA. And, you know, you really can't do much more than that.


G Gerald McNeil 29:35


Now, but you know, can we wake up the DEA, let's get with this. Again, yeah. Politics. You gotta love it. Yes, yes. I do. I did want to say that. After the books were audited with a gold 40 fives for the last three years. Our CPA said we had the best books he has ever Same nice, and I'm very proud of that. And we're going to continue with that. We have an auditor to look at him every three months. We have an inside auditing team that we're going to put together for the calls. And our CPA will do our financials every year. Taxes and the whole pet


J Jimmy Carper 30:22


and the culture will go on. Yes, we will be using money being beneficiaries from other organizations and giving money where it's needed to people with AIDS, and doing it all with no overhead costs. No, every man overhead cost works their butt off. They really, you know, because it's a small organization. Actually, I was surprised that so few people did so much work.


 **Gerald McNeil** 30:56
waco through roughly \$80,000 a year. That is all donated from the community. Wow. Wow. And I want to invite the community every Tuesday night at the BRB upstairs, and I'm very proud of the BRB, they do not donate our office space upstairs, the BRB, but every Tuesday night, we have the AIDS trouble fund meeting.


 **Jimmy Carper** 31:23
And they've been doing that for years and years and years. Yes.


 **Gerald McNeil** 31:27
And rose. Roses are age trouble fund Chairman. And I invite the community to come by and every visit every week. Every

 **Judy Reeves** 31:39
major She's fabulous. She really is. For you, girl. Oh,

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yeah. Come on, come out, see me. We'd love to, we'd love to introduce the trouble fund to the community, kind of explain what we do. We provide emergency rent utilities, to people who are disabled and living living with AIDS and trying to pay their bills. And you know, everybody knows that Social Security disability doesn't pay for a whole lot. No. And we're there to help them out.

 **Jimmy Carper** 32:11
You know, when you're on SSI, and you're getting 800 bucks a month. It's really hard to live, first of all, pay rent and buy food. And then there's medication. Right? So it's really tough on folks,

 **Judy Reeves** 32:27
you didn't get that big \$12 Raise this year.

 **Jimmy Carper** 32:32
You know, since I am HIV positive there, but for the grace of God go wise that I could one day be a recipient, and I'm thinking, you know, okay, this person was taking food out of my mouth. Yes, yes.



Gerald McNeil 32:49

Yes. You have to understand, too, that everything that happens that UBH travel fund is totally confidential. And, again, I welcome anybody in the community to come by, you have just signed a little confidentiality agreement. Because what happens in that room is confidential, just like



Judy Reeves 33:08

when you don't want to do that, then you don't need to be



Jimmy Carper 33:11

just same thing.



Gerald McNeil 33:13

I also have to say that several months ago, when the federal funding kind of stopped, our client base doubled, go, but it did, it went almost 50% It was 76 people from 38 people. And because if the the organizations in the community and with the AIDS trouble fund, we put out a list for other for organizations that other people can go to first because we are as ro said, We're emergency assistance. Right? And if they don't have funds, they come to us. And actually H trouble fund is running out of money. We really are we're averaging



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\$2,000 a month in in direct client assistance right now. Last Last year, we brought in from the community \$19,000 for the AIDS trouble fund and get and gave out 24 Oh, so we are we're definitely in need of community funds. Anybody who can come out and help us out. We're working on a huge fundraiser probably in April that we're working on a proposal as well as our anniversary shows fall harvest our Christmas show Diana's Diana country dinner is always has always been very generous to us. But we need we need the community's help. Sure. And for anybody who would like to apply for assistance also we do have a hotline you can call and Even message we are a volunteer organization so nobody mans the phones constantly staffs that staff some either




Judy Reeves 35:05


number if if people have a pencil, okay,




Jimmy Carper 35:12


so that number is


 Judy Reeves 35:13
71352660770 gave it to me. Oh, I knew he'd ask. Is there a website? Yes. Very good. Who called for


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five? s.org


 Jimmy Carper 35:35
Oh, okay, that's okay. Your boy Steven with you and he's wearing that. It's just even just just Steven. Steven. Oh, okay. Still wearing that kilt what kills that wet kill somebody killed?

 Gerald McNeil 35:56
I've been waiting her long his knees to stand up. Can we help you air dry? There's ladies present? Where?

 Judy Reeves 36:08
The show folks. Thank you. Oh, it did get a modeling for us. How lovely. Oh, damn, they don't claim

 Jimmy Carper 36:20
so much. That's my paycheck for the week.

 Judy Reeves 36:23
I may not be interested, but I do appreciate. Thank you once again. God will have to pay him out of his chair now.

 Gerald McNeil 36:33
Cheyenne. Yeah. Bless her heart. She doing? What is she doing?

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All over the community.



Gerald McNeil 36:41

She always she is she's everywhere. Urine Danis. God, you name the place. They're there. So the



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last weekend for sauna and their emergency medication fund? Yes. They were there. They put on a great show put raise. What \$10,000? In two hour, three hours. Wow.



Gerald McNeil 37:01

14,000 14,001 like that



Jimmy Carper 37:06

for G cam. We are really poor.



Gerald McNeil 37:09

I'm working on that.



Jimmy Carper 37:10

Thank you.



Gerald McNeil 37:11

Thank you. You're welcome.



Jimmy Carper 37:12

We also need space.



Judy Reeves 37:14

Yeah, we outgrew our space before we actually got moved into it. But that was only two years ago.



Jimmy Carper 37:20

So we're leaving space and money. Because we're in a one bedroom apartment right now. So we can only display a very small quantity of the collection percent of what we actually have. And the rest of it is in storage in Judy's warehouse.



Judy Reeves 37:38

Which is a whole nother story. Yeah. Yeah,



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behind those closed.



Jimmy Carper 37:46

So many great organizations, and we all need help. Yes, yes.



Gerald McNeil 37:50

Has that ever changed though, Jamie? No, no, no. It's been that way for years. 15



Jimmy Carper 37:55

years really? The game has been switchboard. And it was a struggle every year to keep our heads afloat.



Gerald McNeil 38:03

And it will be that way. Yep. For a long time. Yeah.



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So we make it when we need it. The community's there. Yeah.



Judy Reeves 38:13

Good. I have that in writing. They are just getting ready to make a very special request to the community. And I



Jimmy Carper 38:22

know there were times that the switchboard was broke. And



Judy Reeves 38:27

I can remember when you couldn't pay your phone bill, your light bill your Yeah.



Jimmy Carper 38:30

And pay the phone bill and your switchboard. You're in trouble.



Gerald McNeil 38:34

Did you guys ever apply at ATF? No, we did. Why not? Yep. But they wouldn't call.



Jimmy Carper 38:44

I was talking to someone about that. And Nevada. You remember Nevada? The singer? Female? Yes. I mean, yes. she overheard me and she said, I'll put on show for you next week. And she did that every once a month. She donated one show to the switchboard. And really it really really. I you know, and I haven't seen her and and so long



Gerald McNeil 39:10

as she's been out for some time, but I read.



Jimmy Carper 39:13

The reason I thought about her is because Judy and I were at Nancy forts today, and we were picking up some memorabilia.



Judy Reeves 39:21


I'll have to tell you what happened to that memorabilia, James. Oh,





Jimmy Carper 39:25


and one of them was a picture. I don't know from the late 80s, early 90s, maybe





 Judy Reeves 39:33
89 but who's counting? 89


 Jimmy Carper 39:35
It had a picture of Nevada.

 Judy Reeves 39:39
Yeah. Yeah, my warehouse on the shelf. actually ended up in the front seat with me on the way home. Oh, yeah. But I didn't hit the dog.


 Gerald McNeil 39:50
I needed to be writing this down.

 Jimmy Carper 39:53
Because it was put on top of another box.

 Judy Reeves 39:55
Yes. Oh my, my little gkm mobiola allowed if we went to pick up four boxes, and we ended up stuffing the car to the point where

 Gerald McNeil 40:06
in the front seat stuffing and expeditions my whole exhibition was like, well overloaded and in this dog talking boxes and stuffing it just I gotta be careful, don't I? Just okay. Well, it's quite a long list here. So here

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you didn't have a list.

 Gerald McNeil 40:38
Hello, how are you? Good, but I don't know what I did when he talked about Bay City empire. Yeah, they're made as well.



Jimmy Carper 40:47

That's right. That's a car for organization. Yeah, I have a schedule of the upcoming events for ICT waste, because I wasn't here for the general meeting.



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He has some



Gerald McNeil 40:57

cheer me. I love you dearly. But you are on the board. And we have a a phone number that they can call for. And that would be coming to VADs don't ask me this. Oh,



Chris Harrison 41:13

do you know the website at least? On the website,



Judy Reeves 41:16

I have such terrible complaints about the



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space city empire.org



Judy Reeves 41:20

I've had five I've got five computers in my house. Which I can work out what I can do. I can't I'm sorry, freezes up my computer and it is like



Gerald McNeil 41:32


I've never really makes a wonderful computer.



Judy Reeves 41:36

You know, that Social Security champion we're talking about work at that \$12 Raise issue. Yes. New computers are not in that but I've never been on the website.




 Gerald McNeil 41:47

I'm gonna work on her.

 Judy Reeves 41:48

I mean, I've tried to get to the website. I never get past this big red screen of something. Oh,

 Chris Harrison 41:54


well, you got to scroll down and click on the skip intro to get that far first

 Judy Reeves 41:57

for my computer freezes. So did you want to find here but that's okay. I'm on the list. I can follow that calendar in my emails. He's got a better computer. The radio station bought his mind seven years old. What can I say?

 Chris Harrison 42:14


Well, we've got the connection today was was a little off but this opened up nicely to full of

 Judy Reeves 42:19

water. We're in Houston. Seems like

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most of there's music and sparkly stuff. And yes, it is. It's actually won. One web awards. One web

 Gerald McNeil 42:35

one for web awards. Okay,

 Judy Reeves 42:38


keep been waiting for. things this year.

 Jimmy Carper 42:47


Oh, it's probably not even past the 20th yet. I'm not sure if the website's open.


Chris, what's going on next week? You're looking at the calendar. Okay.


 Chris Harrison 42:49
On the 31st It's a night under the stars.


 Jimmy Carper 42:54
And what is that about?


 Chris Harrison 42:55
I don't know. I'm waiting for the pop up to pop up. I don't want to go there. Saturday, January 31 2004. At 8pm A night under the stars. Hosted by Montana summers. It's her birthday show night. PJs. And let's see what's on this Sunday.


 Gerald McNeil 43:18
At eight o'clock.

 Chris Harrison 43:22
Yeah. There's nothing on Sunday. That's when Montana's birthday actually. Yes,

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I think there's a jukebox show coming up to

 Gerald McNeil 43:30
Kim Montana is 35 and she works at Mary's Oh, she's gonna hurt me for this.

 Jimmy Carper 43:38
Thank you for that. She's a

 Judy Reeves 43:41
five a game. Now.

C Chris Harrison 43:42
I don't want to there's a board meeting on the 29th a night under the stars on the 31st.
Actually,

J Jimmy Carper 43:47
the board meeting is on the 28th Oops, I read it wrong. No, they

G Gerald McNeil 43:53
change today. So that Thursday now? Yeah. Well, they had to move it. Oh, my God. Well,

J Jimmy Carper 43:59
again, Tuesday, then Wednesday, no Thursday. Thursday,

C Chris Harrison 44:06
I didn't say anything about


G Gerald McNeil 44:08
me. Don't make me come over.


J Judy Reeves 44:11
I'll go ahead and go. I'll take pictures


G Gerald McNeil 44:13
of me and I are both on the board. So go back and come over there.


C Chris Harrison 44:17
Jimmy would enjoy a little content. Yeah,


J Jimmy Carper 44:19
that's been


 Gerald McNeil 44:26
Oh, well. Oh, well. Oh, well, you know, Montana has a Ballantine show on the 14th of February two. Oh, she's really working.

 Judy Reeves 44:34
Pretty good timing.


 Chris Harrison 44:36
That's not on the calendar. Sorry.


 Gerald McNeil 44:39
I'm a little ahead of the game. Sorry. It's at Mary's at five o'clock.

 Jimmy Carper 44:43
Is that benefiting G Cam.

 Gerald McNeil 44:46
I'm setting the schedule for G camp. We have four things this year. Oh, yes. I just have to get a hold of them the monarchs to set the schedule.

 Jimmy Carper 44:57
Okay. Thank you. See? See works

 Judy Reeves 45:06
No, you don't I will go across and hurting But this

 Gerald McNeil 45:13
to me, you're on your own now.



J Judy Reeves 45:15
No one can protect him from me. Well, I

J Jimmy Carper 45:17
we've got hatch waiting in the wings way past there, ya know, it started. It's Tara, she's a night person like Suresh I remember for coming on and need the rest of making the announcement and, you know, being very open to the community.

G Gerald McNeil 45:43
Thank you, Jamie.

J Jimmy Carper 45:44
Thank you very much. And and the fact that actions are in place to be taken.

G Gerald McNeil 45:51
almost definitely, just kidding. The DA to exactly going yeah. I do have to say that's an individual such as this that did what he did, and still be out in the community. As I said earlier, I can't mention names but to be out there in the community and acting like nothing ever happened is very difficult to deal with. Sure. But the cult 45 will go on.

J Jimmy Carper 46:30
struction have a wonderful, long friendship. That's got to be personally grievous to you.

G Gerald McNeil 46:39
I've dealt with that since April. And I've gone on and I have some wonderful members of the cult 40 fives that have helped me through that. Two of them. Stephen and Rose are here. Yeah, that's me. And we'll go on. It's just that. Like community these now that? I really want to mention the main No, but I can say this. Yes. And after I say this, I'll shut up. Okay, for David to save

J Jimmy Carper 47:22
his mind this app? No, yesterday.

G Gerald McNeil 47:28

All right. I'll shut up. Okay. I think the community knows I think the community knows too. But thank you very much for allowing us to be here. And thank you.

J Jimmy Carper 47:38

And are you going to put out like a press release now or?

G Gerald McNeil 47:41

Yes. I'm sorry that Nancy wasn't here this evening. But she is going. Yeah, she knows that. She's going to do it. Yeah. Because she is honest. And will say it like it is.

J Jimmy Carper 47:58

You know that.

G Gerald McNeil 48:00

Thank you very much. encouraged you all for being

J Jimmy Carper 48:03

on after hours. Thank you for having us. Jim Rose. Steven Jarrell

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vote for us.


J Jimmy Carper 48:10


Yes. All right. There we go.


J Judy Reeves 48:12

Do a quick gkm commercial before you go to hatch. Very quick. Tomorrow at three o'clock is our history series on Sunday afternoon history series and Sue and Jim Nol are going to be our guests are going to talk about a 30 year history and GNP flag. Hello, yes. It's going to be at the museum 1609 West. My number four was that facet of James That was wonderful. Thank you very much. Okay,


 **Gerald McNeil** 48:33
but you say

 **Jimmy Carper** 48:36
that later on. I was going to talk about it in the beginning, but I knew you were here.


 **Judy Reeves** 48:41
I'm here. Okay. Can you give it to me? Are you there tomorrow?

 **Jimmy Carper** 48:45
Thank you. Thank you. Thanks for being here.

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Thank you Jamie. Okay.

 **Jimmy Carper** 48:49
And now you are listening to after hours queer radio with attitude. Pacifica station KPFT Houston 90.1 FM and Galveston at 89.5. And your is a another person who's running for the Station Board.

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KPFT elections are underway candidates speak their piece every half hour.

 **Chris Harrison** 49:18
Howdy. My name is Drew Dobbins Beck and I'm the candidate for the Local Station Board. Now it's a very special time for KPFT. With the new bylaws and a democratically elected board we can support the purposes of this station at Pacific as never before. Now's the time for the Local Station Board to put into place long term strategies that will ensure KPFT is finances and facilities. Now's the time to reevaluate how we support the diversity that is within Houston Galveston and its neighboring communities. Now's the time to investigate when new technologies such as chat rooms, listserv, streaming audio and digital broadcasting can and should be integrated into KPFT ability to meet the goals of its mission. Finally, now's the time when KPFT is needed as an alternative and relevant station in this area. I think it is an exciting time and I'm asking you for your support by electing me, Drew Dobbins back to the board so that together we can ensure KPFT is long term success. Thank you.



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To find out more about KPFT elections, visit the KPFT website@kpft.org.



Jimmy Carper 50:14

Okay, Jimmy wanted me to come on to the on the air and tell y'all that this is a dedication to Chris All right, we're back on KPFT. This is after hours queer radio with attitude. And we're here with the hat. And David is the assistant engineer tonight. Yeah, this is the hat radio segment. That I guess you are? And I'm Brian.



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I'm Tara back to co host tonight. Yes.



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And who do we have in the studio?



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Our lovely. We have Sarah and Brennan. Brennan are your earphone hot on?



Jimmy Carper 51:06

We're working on it. Okay.



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Technical difficulties are my favorite.



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No, they happen quite often.



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So, what do you got in store for us tonight, Brian? Oh,



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we're going to talk about back school tonight. Back to school as in best schools and back to school issues. Issues have been issues in



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tuition costs, gay issues, they issues not affording books. I'm half of that.



Jimmy Carper 51:38

tuition cost. That's a good one to mention. Again,



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tuition costs you want, yeah,



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scholarship, paid my tuition and didn't pay my book. That talks I'm now attending for classes, and I have a total of one book. Which scholarship is this? The hatch PFLAG. For \$500 a semester, that's great.



Jimmy Carper 52:06

A lot. Okay, y'all need to keep talking.



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So I received a \$2,000 hatch PFLAG Scholarship, which equals out to about \$500 a semester and at community college, it covers just my tuition, basically. And then the \$400 in books is basically what I'm trying to figure out how to afford.



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So yeah, books are pretty expensive. These days,



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I paid 100 for a math book 75 for an art book, 75 for a sociology book, and about 25 for a history book. But in actuality, you only use them for about half the semester. And then they just sit on your desk collecting dust and professors never really assigned any work. And um, and so

sit on your desk collecting dust and professors never really assigned any work. And um, and as long as you listen to lectures, usually you don't use them. And it's you know, it's a waste of \$400. Because every other semester, they have a revised edition, so they don't buy back anything. So you're throwing away your money and books that you'll never look at again. So like Brendan, do you ever referred back to your colleagues?

 Jimmy Carper 53:20

I, you know, I do? Very rarely, but every once in a while I do. And it's always the subjects that I liked anyway, it's never, never the ones that you had,

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right? It's, for me, it's always the folks that didn't cost very much. English books, history books, some of the smaller books that you know, make great coffee table pieces,

 Jimmy Carper 53:43

you know, I know a couple of colleges would get together and they would do a book trading thing where where you could write the book down, and it would be in a like a card catalog. And students could go there and see what was available. And trade out is kind of an informal thing. But I know a couple of groups do that on college campuses to help cut down the cost of books because that can be expensive. And

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it can and I go to the north Harris Montgomery College, and it has Kingwood Tomball. sigh fair. And then it has about one to two branches off of each one of those. And every branch uses a different set of books for classes. Yeah. And it's just anything, anything it seems anything to make \$1 there.

 Jimmy Carper 54:31

Yeah, I mean, part of it is the professor has that academic freedom to teach how he or she wants and the state doesn't regulate that all English 101 classes have to use this. But I mean, there's there's arguments for that, and I understand that but it is it is annoying when you spend \$45 on a book that you don't hardly use it in class.

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Right. So those are my issues with college

 Jimmy Carper 54:55

 Jimmy Carper 55:02

and the state just deregulated tuition so that it's all you guys out there going to college are planning on it, you're gonna pay a lot more than people have had to in the past, which sucks right now

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I'm hoping to transfer to UT and I just slowly watch their tuition climb free.

 Jimmy Carper 55:11

And you to get you with fees to, oh, hidden costs.

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I don't understand why a lot more people don't do community college first. It's it saved me. I'm paying maybe 800 \$900 a semester. They're paying easily 2025 30 a semester and it just I don't see the use of it. Really? I'm learning the same thing in a smaller environment. Yeah.

 Jimmy Carper 55:42

You're gonna love Austin. UT isn't great school for you. That's a good choice. I can't wait. One of the nice things about a community college is that you get all the benefits of small school and lower tuition costs to so that's really nice.

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Right? I mean, I mean, there are drawbacks, but I really enjoyed it. So far. It's a I think one of the drawbacks is you don't have a sense of community there at all. Yeah, which is something I miss. I'm so used to being in this community. And now that I've, I've taken myself back from it being out in this area a lot. I don't get that sense of community at school. And I'm not out here getting it. So kind of at a loss or where my home and community is.

 Jimmy Carper 56:28

What's the gay and lesbian community like at a community college? Is there a centralized groups really,

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no, there's nothing, they have very few groups that very few people participate in, because no one's got the time, right, basically, at community college for one of two reasons. One, you didn't get off your duff in high school and get good enough grades to go to a four year or two,


you can't afford it. And you're probably either living on your own work and, and go into school or living with mom and dad work and and go on to score. So no one's got the time to put together organizations that anyone's going to show up for, you know,

 Jimmy Carper 57:05

my, my college years, I was very active in college and, and through that activity, and through that work with organizations, I it was some of the best years of my life. And one of the great things about UT Austin is that they are so open minded, and there are a lot of resources for gay lesbian students. And so you're gonna it's just a really good environment.

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I can't I can't wait for it. I just there's not a lot of other colleges that have such an outstanding film, radio right? Program. It just doesn't happen. But I mean, I've enjoyed my time, but it's either have a sense of community there have a sense of community here, and that's where I've gotten it is here. And, you know, until recently, I was doing everything down here. I was in the community a lot. So. Yeah. All right.

 Jimmy Carper 58:02

Brian, what are some of your issues going back to school? Well, I transferred to HCC for a semester. And so I'm having, you know, I'm not in many organizations, with, you know, as I used to be, I'm still living over, eh, though,

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is that because of your lease options?

 Jimmy Carper 58:26

It's because my lease options, and, you know, why move out of the apartment when I can still live, you know, where I live? And so a and so, I, it's, you know, it, you know, I'm having some of the same excuses towards pretty much you know, you go to school, you take the bus over to school, you know, you go to school, you do classes, go back, do your homework, you know, it's pretty much just the daily grind and nothing else. Right? The The advice I would give everyone who's entering college, make sure it doesn't matter what the organization is, for me, it was student government, but it doesn't matter what the organization is. Find something find a group of people like minded group of people and our different people, you know, with different ideas and work towards something while you're in college. It's, it's the best training I got was was the organizational work and the different things that I did with organizations at college

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while I'm getting the organizational work. Besides being a full time college student and working, I'm interning with the Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce.

 Jimmy Carper 59:44

Let's let's talk about that for a little while. How did you how'd you get the position?

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Well, I stepped down from all my positions at hatch. I was their CO president of their steering committee, and I was also doing the radio show, co hosting for quite a while. I

 Jimmy Carper 1:00:01

got fan mail, by the way, and I got fan mail

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every month it was great. It was great. I wonder if Jr still listening. Hey Jr. and after the I just I wasn't hatched for so long, it was just time for me to write Charlie go my separate ways. And I took about three months of no organizational work at all. And then about three months, I was ready to go crazy. There's just nothing, there's not enough for me to do. There really wasn't going to school full time and working and commuting. And family and my lovely girlfriend were great. But I needed something more I needed to pack my schedule, because I was just so used to having things to do meetings or, or organizing or fundraising, or it was always something and so I was very bored and didn't know what to do with myself after about three months. And so hatch came to me and asked if I wanted to intern with the chamber board. And I think it's one of the greatest things that I could have done for myself, because it took me from my level of networking at hatch into a bigger level of networking with them. And I think it I went from one springboard to a bigger one, basically. So I've had a lot of fun with them. And I've learned a lot of things. And I so far, and I've, I've met a lot of interesting people. And you just got to keep taking those cards and remembering the names and the faces and where they work in the organizations they belong to. And in the end, it's who do you know, that can help you with the organizations that you belong to.

 Jimmy Carper 1:01:44

And this is a program that hatch is developing with other community organizations where we're asking them if they could set aside maybe one or two leadership intern positions on their board of directors to offer a training ground for hats youth as they begin to age out of hatch. And so they can be aware and get to know other organizations and they can take that community mind that spirit that they have being in hatch, and it doesn't have to die with hatch. And then you'll get exposure to different people and different resources. And there's just a whole lot to offer. And so the US Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce was one of the first organizations that we approached with the program. And they they started on board right right away.



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Their executive director coy Tao is absolutely excellent. And he really puts me out there when I'm kind of nervous. And I don't know what I should be doing. He always has something for me to do, whether it's walking around selling tickets, or anything to mix and mingle me with people. And he's really great about it. And just recently, he had me, I volunteered for their gala, which was amazing. It was so much fun. And I sell I sold raffle tickets throughout the night. And my girlfriend, I were there all night. And it was just amazing to see all the people that were there. And they're also friendly, and it was really great. And people have really received as well.



Jimmy Carper 1:03:16

That's great. Yeah, we've we've heard very positive things from both sides from the from the youth that have participated with what the chamber is they've also made it available so that four hats youth can go to their general membership meetings, which we've just gotten great feedback from those that have attended, and great feedback from your participation Torres. Well,



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Oh, that's good. Yeah, I just I recently attended their yearly retreat. And it was interesting to attend a retreat that I wasn't so well versed with, was Hach attending the retreats, I I knew everyone, I knew the inner workings of hat because I was sitting on their board. And for so long that I knew everything. And it was it was exciting. And so being on a new board and not not knowing how the organization prepares for the year. It was interesting. It was interesting to see that every different organization, kind of they do everything not not so much everything differently. But there's a lot of things that were said and done there that maybe weren't said and done at a hatch board retreat and the objectives were different. So it's definitely raising my awareness on different organizations.



Jimmy Carper 1:04:35


There you will learn skills from that that you will take on and use forever.





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Right. I I'm excited about it. And I think it's it's gonna be extremely beneficial for me. And besides that, I'm volunteering with the sisters, which is a great organization. And what did they do? It is is care care teams put together To help. I don't want to say disabled, but people maybe that have illnesses and, or are limited access to socialization or just kind of basic care teams. And it's really neat. And I'd have to say, I'm probably one of the youngest volunteers there. They have one, who I think was in about five or six years of me. But otherwise, in that it's a pretty good age gap. And I'd like to see the age gap be smaller before I leave the organization, I'd really like to see a lot more youth take responsibility for our older community. And I don't


think we do that in our community. And I expected, I expected to see a lot more young faces, and I didn't. And I think that was kind of disappointing. And I think maybe that we don't know that they're there. Right. Yeah, I think that's part of it. And I think that we really need to take responsibility for our community. And even though we are the future, there was a past that made and paid those way for us to have a future, right. And now those are the people that need, you know, whatever it is they need, and we need to be there for them


 Jimmy Carper 1:06:13
the futures now, so

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it's, I enjoy it very friendly group very friendly. And then also, I'm over on a steering committee with diverse works for our turned up volume project, which is an excellent project. And if you guys haven't come out and seen it, you should watch the diverse website for the information coming up. It'll be in, I believe it's in June in Houston. And this project has been going on for years and years, and I've been involved with it. This will be my fourth summer. Tell us

 Jimmy Carper 1:06:47
a little bit about the project itself. Well, what's involved with that.

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It's a week long residency, writing and thinking and processing thoughts. She's Barbara bickered, and Jamie Shelton and six toe organize it and Jama and Barbara, we kind of do writing prompts, and the writing prompts lead to thoughts. And even though all the prompts are on the same subjects, all the prompt, we all get the same prompt. All of our writing is different in some way. And from there, you take it and you develop it and develop it through all the different processes it processes and we end up making and around the third day we start to make film. And we do filming for about two or three days and then editing which is interesting. If none of you have edited in six extremely grueling process it's a lot more work than you'd ever think ever. And you have all this hours of footage and you realize you have two minutes of film that you need

 Jimmy Carper 1:08:03
and must be a hard process. It's

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an extremely hard process because you don't want to get

