

JIMMY CARPER: You got to wait a little bit before you archive that stuff you realize. Yeah.

[LAUGHTER]

JACKIE OK. Basically, the five transgender support groups from Houston area got together this evening for their Ninth
THORNE: Annual Unity Banquet. And the Unity Committee headed up by Cristan Williams. The Awards Committee was headed by Melanie Black. And the Banquet Committee was headed by Brenda Thomas. And then the secretary was Lilly Roddy.

And the other members were Jo Polly Tittsworth, Brandy Williams, myself, Jackie Thorne, Sarah Jane Connell, Sara Rook, who will be the committee chair next year.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, good.

JACKIE And Carolyn Bosma, and Stacy and Sherry Williams did the printing for the thing.
THORNE:

JIMMY CARPER: OK. I saw Lilly Roddy running around, and I've never got a chance to speak to her, same thing with Brandy. So hi, Brandy.

JACKIE Yeah. But anyhow, Nancy Ford was the master of ceremonies and the entertainment, and she did a segment
THORNE: from her dyke show, which was absolutely hilarious. Everybody enjoyed that.

JIMMY CARPER: And that you can see every Thursday night at the In-Between--

JACKIE Exactly.
THORNE:

JIMMY CARPER: --where Charlie's used to be.

JACKIE Yeah, 9 o'clock, I think, isn't it?
THORNE:

JIMMY CARPER: Something like that.

JACKIE Something like that. 8 o'clock or 9 o'clock. I don't even remember anyhow. But there were a number of awards.
THORNE: The Unity Banquet gave out five awards, and then the Society for the Second Self, or Tri-Ess group, gave out two awards to their membership. And we moved right along.

I mean, it wasn't drug out like it was last year. But the Virginia Prince Community Service Award was given to Jo Polly Tittsworth. And that is her name. And the Carol Beecroft Chapter Service Award was given to Bonnie and Alta from Waco. And they drive down once a month all the way from Waco to attend the Tri-Ess Chapter here in Houston.

And then the awards given out by the Unity Committee was the Champion Award which is awarded to a nontransgendered individual, company group, or entity who stood up as a staunch supporter of the transgender community. And this went to Judy Reeve's sister Tootsie, who took in Chanel Diva, who was thrown out of Covenant House. And I think if you've been listening to the radio station here for any length of time, about six months ago, you probably heard more about that subject than you wanted to hear.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, we covered that pretty thoroughly.

JACKIE Yeah.

THORNE:

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yeah.

JACKIE People's Choice Award is basically awarded by the vote of the transgender community to the individual chosen as
THORNE: the outstanding person of the past year in the local transgender community. And this went to Cristan Williams, who was the head of the committee. And she was very surprised.

JIMMY CARPER: I don't know why she's such a hard worker.

JACKIE Yeah, I happen to serve on the Awards Committee, and there was no contest. I mean, it wasn't even close. She
THORNE: got more votes than anybody else.

JIMMY CARPER: She deserves it.

JACKIE And actually had we gone back-- probably gone back and voted, I think she might have gotten more votes than
THORNE: all the other nominees--

JIMMY CARPER: Wow.

JACKIE --combined.

THORNE:

JIMMY CARPER: Wow.

JACKIE The Dee McKellar Award-- and Dee McKellar was an activist here in Houston who passed away, died of a heart
THORNE: attack a couple of years back-- is awarded to the local individual who has steadfastly stood up as a staunch advocate for the values of the local transgender community. And this went to Vanessa Edwards Foster, who is the current treasurer of the Political Caucus. And she was past president of [? TACS. ?] And she's very, very involved in the lobby days both in Austin and the upcoming lobby days in May that will occur in Washington, DC.

JIMMY CARPER: And the transgendered cohost on this show.

JACKIE Exactly. The Lifetime Achievement Award-- I was privileged to receive this the first year it was given out, and I
THORNE: was asked to present it to the person who received it this year. And that is awarded to the individual who has accomplished, over the course of the years, numerous achievements that have helped or positively impacted the entire local transgender community. And it went to Ray Hill. And it could not have gone to a more deserving person.

JIMMY CARPER: And you almost weren't able to say his name. You really--

JACKIE It was very emotional.

THORNE:

JIMMY CARPER: It wasn't a dry eye in the house.

JACKIE Ray has meant so much to me. And I'll be the first to admit and he probably would, too, that we don't agree on

THORNE: every point. But the man. Is-- he is a treasure in this community. And then the final award which is-- I mean, if you rank them, I guess, the Apogee Award would be the highest award Unity Committee gives out. Is awarded to the individual who accomplished or achieved the one thing or culmination of things that represent the high point of the past year to all groups and aspects of the local transgender community.

And this went to Phyllis Frye, who was the attorney on the Christie Lee Littleton case.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

JACKIE And all in all, it was outstanding. We had a packed house in there.

THORNE:

JIMMY CARPER: Sure did.

JACKIE The word I had was that we had over 140 people. And so it was a great night.

THORNE:

JIMMY CARPER: And I want to end this by saying that I thought that was very nice at the very beginning that a list of candidates was announced, not for any particular award, just the list of everyone who had been nominated for an award. And I felt very, very flattered that I was on that list, as well as the show *After Hours* I want to thank the Unity Committee for that.

JACKIE Well, I had-- it's funny, Jimmy, because I talked to several people after the thing broke up. And we were kind of

THORNE: saying our goodbyes to one another. And I had several people who-- when I told them that I was coming down here this evening-- who said, oh, yeah. I listen to that all the time.

JIMMY CARPER: See? See?

JACKIE No.

THORNE:

JIMMY CARPER: Yep. We're out there. They know us.

HOST 1: You're so popular.

JIMMY CARPER: They just don't know our face. [LAUGHS]

HOST 2: There you go. And sometimes it's better that way.

[LAUGHTER]

JACKIE Yeah, right. Yeah, I am.

THORNE:

JIMMY CARPER: I love you, Roy. I love you, Roy. Thanks, Jackie.

HOST 1: By the way, Roy says hello.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, Hi, Roy. OK, Jackie, thanks very much.

JACKIE You're welcome.

THORNE:

JIMMY CARPER: And you're going to hang around for--

JACKIE Yeah, I'm going to hang around for Jim Sorgini since I'm an associate member of NLA. As I told Jim, I said I came

THORNE: down here to give him some moral support since he doesn't have any morals.

JIMMY CARPER: [LAUGHS] I'd like to prop up his morals. Oops, did I say that. Oops, time for news and views.

HOST 2: Sometimes I wonder why I come down here.

JIMMY CARPER: No, you don't.

HOST 2: Yes, I do.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, no, you don't.

HOST 2: The Rothko Chapel renowned for human rights will now perform gay weddings. In the aftermath of a flurry of protesting posed to gay activists message boards and rumblings within the gay community about discrimination, the Rothko Chapel has changed its policy and will now perform same-sex union ceremonies. In a resolution passed last Saturday, voting 12 to 0 with two abstentions, all board members were present in this change in policy. Currently, about 20 wedding ceremonies are performed at the chapel every year.

Clarence Bagby, local community activist and National Gay and Lesbian Task Force National Board member, has been working to effect this policy change at Rothko Chapel. His previous attempt to-- his experience with this is in a previous attempt to schedule a same-sex union ceremony, led the NGLTF to send a letter of inquiry concerning the policy. No reply was received. So finally, the Rothko Chapel has opened its doors to our community since they are in the community.

The Rothko Chapel is located at 1409 Sul Ross in the Montrose. The Chapel was established by the late philanthropist John and Dominique de Menil in 1971. John de Menil died two years later, but his wife Dominique remained active with the chapel until her death four years ago. Showing that Arkansas is one step ahead of Texas, a judge throughout Texas and Arkansas's anti-sodomy law on Friday, saying it unfairly singles out homosexuals for prosecution.

No one has been prosecuted under the 1977 law, but seven homosexuals brought a lawsuit challenging the law, saying they feared being charged and convicted and losing their jobs or professional licenses. The Arkansas law carried a \$1,000 fine and up to a year in jail. The state argued the government had an interest in criminalizing behavior that most of its citizens would find morally inappropriate, but the judge disagreed. The people of Arkansas have the right to legislate on issues involving morals.

But homosexuality is not only a question of morale or of morals. Boebert said that a way of life that is odd or even erratic cannot be condemned just because it is different. The Arkansas attorney general has not decided whether or not to appeal the case. This leaves Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas as the only states that outlaw sodomy between same-sex partners.

Gay TV is going back into the closet. A pay premium on the Dish television-- or the Dish Network of Gay TV has changed its name from Gay TV to Triangle Television Network after complaints by the Dish Network people of having the word gay listed on their media guides and television schedules. The old advertising for Gay TV featured the tagline, "Gay TV is out of the closet" and featured the word gay 15 times in its ad.

The new campaign for Triangle Television Network never mentioned the word gay. Its tagline is the first television station for America's alternative lifestyles. Even their website has changed from wearegaytv.com to triangletelevisionnetwork.com. And this is still also in the works. There is still a chance that the Triangle TV Network may never even get off the launching pad and onto the television at the television subscribers who they already have contacted.

And we'll try and keep an eye out on that and check out one of their websites and see what they've got. Houston's popular and fabulous Rob Landes Trio long a mainstay of the local jazz scene, will perform in concert with the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston on March 25 at 3:00 PM at Resurrection MCC, 2025 West 11th Street-- that's 11th at TC Jester, with plenty of parking.

All that jazz will feature a variety of popular tunes in a jazz mode, ranging from "Besame Mucho" to "The Joint is Jumpin'" and "More Than You Know/" The Rob Landes Trio will join the chorus in a commission written especially for the concert by Rob, Sonnet number 8. If you're familiar with his jazz compositions in the past, we are certain you'll love his new work. Tickets for all that jazz are \$25. Youth and seniors for under 20 or over 60 or 50.

You can get them at the-- well, I'm hoping you can pick them up--

At the door

--at the door because it's too late to get them mailed out to you because that is on Sunday--

JIMMY CARPER: Sunday, Sunday, Sunday.

HOST 2: --March 25 at 3:00 PM.

JIMMY CARPER: I'll be there.

HOST 2: You didn't make one today?

JIMMY CARPER: I was at the Unity Banquet.

HOST 2: Oh, that's right. It was at that time. I'm sorry. Forgive me. The PFLAG monthly meeting on Sunday, April 1st 2001, as from 2:00 to 4:30 PM at Christ Church Cathedral, 1117 Texas at San Jacinto. The speaker will be Bill Agosto presenting the universal contribution of GLBT activism.

This talk will highlight the contributions of GLBT activism makes to all of society in the areas of nonviolence, the environment, religion, and more. Bill is a frequent speaker on a broad range of social, scientific, and religious topics. As a space scientist and electrical engineer, Bill worked on lunar base studies for NASA in the '80s. Everyone is invited, parents; family members; friends; or persons dealing with coming out issues. PFLAG seeks to provide support, education, and advocacy. For more information, on PFLAG meetings or a calendar, you can go to pflaghouston.org.

Or you can call the PFLAG helpline at 713-46 PFLAG.

I got confused. I heard part of what you were saying, and I had to reread my copy of it because you were talking about a song that was going to be done at the Gay Men's Chorus Concert. And you said "Besame Mucho." I thought you had said, Besame Culo.

JIMMY CARPER: You're on.

HOST 2: Well, you certainly aren't. The PFLAG/HATCH Youth Scholarship Foundation will hold its third annual Spring Fling 2001 at the Warwick Hotel, 5701 Maine, on Friday, March 30, starting at 7:00 PM. The invitations have been sent out, and it is in honor of Gary Van Ooteghem. It would be great if everyone could show, mingle with the PFLAG moms and dads, and meet some of the scholarship recipients of PFLAG and the people at HATCH Youth Scholarship Foundation. You can get more information at pflaghouston.org.

Were you going to jump in with something else, or you're just going to stay out there and continue to laugh?

JIMMY CARPER: [LAUGHS] Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, April 1st at 7:00 PM, be at Mary's because Rosy Cheeks is going to have a spectacle called Rosy's April Fools. Come and see sick and twisted imaginations in full gear. And this will be benefiting the Gulf Coast Archives for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender History.

Thank you, Rosy, for putting that on. Sunday, April 1, 7:00 PM. And also--

HOST 2: You don't have a-- who all's going to be performing there?

JIMMY CARPER: No.

HOST 2: Oh.

JIMMY CARPER: Do you?

HOST 2: Yeah, because I was going to be talking about that later on.

JIMMY CARPER: Oops.

HOST 2: Somebody there can't hold off and-- premature--

JIMMY CARPER: Something.

HOST 2: The Texas--

JIMMY CARPER: In case you didn't get it off.

HOST 2: --The Texas Cowgirls, The Bitter Broad Society, The Sarcastic Sewing Circle, and maybe a wretch or two.

JIMMY CARPER: A wretch?

HOST 2: A wretch.

JIMMY CARPER: Is that R-E-T-C-H?

HOST 2: W-R-E-T-C-H.

JIMMY CARPER: OK. [INAUDIBLE].

JIMMY CARPER: I guess that's very different.

HOST 2: Yeah, not wench, wretch.

JIMMY CARPER: [LAUGHS]

HOST 2: If that kind of tells you what they'll be serving there if you're going to start retching, I don't know.

JIMMY CARPER: [INAUDIBLE]

HOST 2: The Houston Area Bears and LA Houston and maybe a few more.

JIMMY CARPER: Good folks. Good folks. And one of our favorite heterosexuals is Marcy Rae, Sweet Mama Cotton. Yes.

JACK VALINSKI: Yay.

JIMMY CARPER: And you can see her live. Well, you wouldn't want to see her dead, would you?

HOST 2: [LAUGHS] No. That would be bad.

JIMMY CARPER: OK. Live appearing every Thursday in March at the Paradise Bar located at 2312 Crocker. That's just right across the street from the Ripcord. And you can also see her on Wednesdays, Wednesday evenings, at the Briar Patch from 9:30 on. And that's at 2294 West Holcombe.

And how about every Friday and Saturday at the Hollywood Hotel. That's in Galveston, 31st and Seawall. And every Friday and Saturday-- oh, see. OK. Friday and Saturday early from 5:00 to 7:00 at the Hollywood Hotel. And then later from 8:00 to 11:00, at the Brothers Petronella at 2301 Strand.

JACK VALINSKI: Strand.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, yes. And let's see, let's see, let's see. I've got some other thi-- well, Jim's going to be talking about a bunch of leather stuff, and Creath is going to be here, who is our favorite candidate for Mr. Prime Choice.

HOST 2: Yeah, I got that on--

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah? Oh, you have that, too?

HOST 2: I got something else in here for that, too.

JIMMY CARPER: No, you didn't.

HOST 2: I believe. So.

JIMMY CARPER: Then I better shut up and let you talk.

HOST 2: Oh, boy. Can I get that in writing?

JIMMY CARPER: No, no. [LAUGHS] Are you interested in advocating for-- Advocating.

HOST 2: That's the word.

JACK VALINSKI: That's the word, Jim.

JIMMY CARPER: One of the magazines with an "I-N-G" at the end-- for funding and services for people living with HIV and AIDS.

JACK VALINSKI: We finally got it in here.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh. What do you think I was doing? Outing or in stinking?

HOST 2: I didn't know. It was something.

JIMMY CARPER: "Play-guy-ing"? Pick a rag. Would you like to have a voice in determining--

JACK VALINSKI: Don't say that. Tiffany's on next. Oh, I think they heard that one.

JIMMY CARPER: I love how sound--

HOST 1: I think they heard that one.

HOST 2: I love how soundproof these booths are. I can hear them. And I got headphones on and in two rooms over.

JIMMY CARPER: Let's start over. Are you interested in advocating for funding and services for people living with HIV and AIDS?

Would you like to have a voice in determining how community needs are determined and prioritized? If so, Project LEAP, learning, empowerment, advocacy, and participation, is for you. The People With AIDS Coalition Houston announces the start of Project LEAP, an intensive training program for HIV-positive individuals and others who want to advocate for HIV/AIDS-related services and funding.

Classes for Project LEAP will begin in mid-April. Participants must complete an application, and a limited number of spaces are available. If interested, contact Rich Aaronshout. I hope I'm--

JACK VALINSKI: "Aaron-shield."

JIMMY CARPER: "Aaron-shield."

JACK VALINSKI: That'll work. In fact, he is going to be a guest on the show, the first Saturday of April on GiGi's show. It's just that GiGi doesn't know it yet.

HOST 2: Oh, gotcha.

JIMMY CARPER: Ooh, that pretty man's going to be back here?

JACK VALINSKI: Yeah. He's the project. coordinator, and you can call him at 713-522-5428.

JIMMY CARPER: I'd like to coordinate his project.

HOST 2:

The extension 28. You'll need an extension for that, Jimmy. You can also go online at projectleap-houston.org. Also, there's an AIDS Mastery Workshop occurring in April. It's an opportunity to change your life.

For anyone affected or infected by HIV, the Mastery Workshop is not about AIDS. It's about life. The workshop will be held on April 20th, 21st, and 22nd at the Montrose Counseling Center. For more information, you can call them at 713-529-0037. Also, at the Montrose Counseling Center, The Men's Network will be meeting on Tuesday, April-- I'm sorry, March 27.

There'll also be there on April 24th. But let's start with March 27th. The topic will be mastering your life. This will be an examination of needs, wants, and a quality-of-life concerns, and where and how improvements can be made. Join in this discussion of how to create the life you want by moving beyond fear and false ideas about limitation. We can create a full and exciting life. That's on Tuesday, March 27th, from 7:15 to 9:00 PM.

The Women's Network will be meeting on Wednesday, March 28th. The topic will be happily ever after, preparing for a committed relationship. Tonight, Resurrection MCC Holy Union Preparation Facilitators will talk about issues that lesbian couples should consider and talk about when planning to make a serious commitment to each other. Some of these issues will be individuality, problem-solving, support systems, sexuality, practical considerations, roles, love, vows, and promises. Once again, those are the Montrose Counseling Center's Network. Men's Network goes on Tuesday, March 27th.

Women's Network is on Wednesday, March 28. Both start at 7 o'clock and go till 9:00 PM. The Montrose Counseling Center is located at 701 Richmond, and it's held in Room 15. For more information, call 713-529-0037. The big day in our community is coming up here, Oscar Night.

Two places where you can go to join your fellow fans of the cinema and make a contribution to the community. Angelika Film Center will offer the red-carpet treatment with a live broadcast of the Academy Awards, benefiting the Montrose Clinic. The evening will include faux acceptance speeches, awards, and prizes throughout the evening. Guests will make cameo appearances as their favorite celebrities throughout the night. The festivities start at 6:00 PM at Bayou Place, 500 Texas, for \$25 a person, including a buffet.

For more information, that's 713-225-1470. Also, at Landmark's River Oaks Theatre, the Academy Awards viewing party will be broadcasting the awards on large screen, and a party will feature a complimentary hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, and door prizes. Black-tie attire is encouraged, and you can earn free movie passes for dressing up. The fun starts at 7 o'clock at 2009 West Gray. Admission is \$10.

The one at the Landmark River Oaks will be hosted by Nancy Ford and Ernie Mantouse. And will be benefiting the Gay and Lesbian Film Festival. Other fundraising news, The Whorehouse Girls will be presenting Disco Diva Show on April 1. This is a great fundraiser benefiting the PWA holiday charities, as well as the PWA Coalition. This sidesplitting night of laughter will start at 5 o'clock at Rich's.

It's a great opportunity to give back to the community. At the BRB, Mr. BRB 2000 Shawn Carter will present Pride, Passion, and Persistence. Creath Robinson, candidate for Mr. Prime Choice 2001, benefiting the Colt 45 Stone Soup. And that's on Sunday.

JIMMY CARPER: Sunday, Sunday, Sunday.

HOST 2: March 25, starting at 8:30. And that's at the BRB, 2400 Brazos. As we told you about Mary's, Miss Mary's 2000 Rosy Cheeks, will be presenting Rosy's April Fools, benefiting the Gulf Coast Archive. Mary's, Naturally is at 1022 Westheimer. And a final story to get Jimmy's attention.

JIMMY CARPER: OK. Final. Yeah.

HOST 2: Yeah, yeah, yeah. Interesting little story. A two-- having-- I guess, with somewhat-- with the tran-- with the Unity Banquet we were discussing earlier. Two transsexuals said they were given their walking papers from a go-go dancing job in a trendy Chelsea, New York club because the nightclub decided they wanted to hire, quote, "real girls." Are we supposed to have a baby while go-go dancing or something? I mean, come on.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, because these were postoperatives.

HOST 2: These postoperative transsexuals who they were fired from Twillow because they used to be men. They gave their ages as flawless to the *New York Post* reporter and have filed a \$100,000 discrimination lawsuit against the West 27th Street club, charging they were wrongfully terminated and suffered emotional distress, humiliation, and damage to their reputation and careers. February of last year, they got a call from the manager saying that they were being fired because they wanted real girls or biological girls.

They also asked them to call someone else and tell them that they were going to be fired rather than calling them. So this is an interesting little thing to be keeping an eye on with some of the other stories that are coming out around the country. This one came out of the *New York Post*. So Jimmy, do you have anything else you're going to throw in? No? OK.

Shaking your head works great on radio. News and views-- we want to thank our sources that we stole from this evening, the *Houston Voice*, Han-net, Eclipse, the Montrose Counseling Center, the *New York Post*, and the *Houston Chronicle*. If you want to send us news, stories, information, love mail, hate mail--

JIMMY CARPER: Dirty pictures.

HOST 2: --you can email us at afterhoursskpfthotmail.com. We do increasingly support now the dirty pictures since I've got a computer at home, so I don't have to worry about what I'm opening up with my boss standing over my shoulder.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, good.

HOST 2: So keep it up. And even if we do get them, what makes you think I'll send them to you? That's it for news and views this week. And we're-- OK and--

JIMMY CARPER: Why wouldn't they send it though?

JACK VALINSKI: Coming up immediately is going to be Creath Robinson, Jim Sorgini, and a whole bunch of people who were out there in the lobby, who was just having a real good time, Tiffany among them. But--

JIMMY CARPER: All this leather out there and, fortunately, no mad cow.

JACK VALINSKI: Whoo.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, the cow was probably a little mad when they removed it--

JACK VALINSKI: Yeah, pro-- yeah, pissed off as what he was. Yeah. But hey, we'll be right back.

[AUDIO PLAYBACK]

- Hi, this is Jone Devlin. You're listening to KPFT *Lesbian & Gay Voices*.

- We want to create the political climate for same-sex marriages.

- Let's just talk about some of this stuff.

- The neutron lesbian strikes again.

- We're going to be doing some radical radio right now.

- Legal changes decriminalizing gay sex.

- We celebrate the diversity.

- Welcome to another edition of *Lesbian & Gay Voices*. This is Jack Valinski.

- It wasn't until I had lived with a woman for a year that it even occurred to me to ask, do you think we're lesbians?

- Civil rights for gays. The ending of Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

- Listen to *Lesbian and Gay Voices*.

- My prediction-- Al Gore, 276 electoral votes, George W. Bush-- 262.

- That's *Lesbian & Gay Voices*, Mondays, at 8:00 PM.

- I hear gay people.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

[END PLAYBACK]

JACK VALINSKI: OK. We're probably just about ready to go. They're setting up in there. People are not-- you don't have to get real close to those mics. Yeah.

CREATH Only Only one of those work.

ROBINSON:

JACK VALINSKI: But you have to get closer than Jim is to his. [LAUGHS]

JIMMY CARPER: Very true.

JACK VALINSKI: Like, it's like 3 feet away from him. OK. It is time for the *Leather Line* or whatever we're calling it. This is kind of a special show because, Jim, it's your last one, isn't it,

JIMMY CARPER: Well--

JACK VALINSKI: --as the cohost.

JIMMY CARPER: I'm going to be here on and off for a while. And so you're gone, but you never quite leave.

JACK VALINSKI: I know. And the new head of it--

JIMMY CARPER: [LAUGHS] Careful.

JACK VALINSKI: Yeah, I don't know. I'm not even going to explain that. Creath Robinson. Hi.

CREATH Hello.

ROBINSON:

JACK VALINSKI: And you are no stranger to these airwaves either.

CREATH Oh, I've been here once or twice.

ROBINSON:

JACK VALINSKI: Yeah. Yeah. And you're also a candidate for Mr. Prime Choice this year.

CREATH That's correct.

ROBINSON:

JACK VALINSKI: Got paper on it right here.

CREATH Yeah, we're going to talk about a lot of that. Also, we have a special guest tonight.

ROBINSON:

HOST 2: Yeah? Who?

CREATH And that's Tiffany Penn.

ROBINSON:

JACK VALINSKI: Ta-da.

CREATH Tiffany is no stranger to Houston, has been around in the leather community for many years. And we're going to
ROBINSON: talk with her about Spring Iniquity from NLA Houston and issues about women in leather, something we've always wanted to do.

JACK VALINSKI: Yeah, it's been a long time since we had a woman in leather on this show. OK, Jackie, I understand. Jackie Thorne's here. Yes. But the first time we had a leather segment at all, it was headed up by a woman named Stacy.

TIFFANY: And actually, it was on Stacy's show that I did a lesbian safer-sex workshop.

JACK VALINSKI: You certainly did.

TIFFANY: So I was on this show before.

JACK VALINSKI: Yes. Yes.

CREATH So that'd be great. So we got a lot to talk about tonight.
ROBINSON:

JACK VALINSKI: We sure do.

CREATH It'd be an interesting evening.

ROBINSON:

JACK VALINSKI: Jim Nixon's here.

CREATH And Jim Nixon and, of course, Creath. And Jim and Creath helped put on that fabulous Louis Weekend. That I hope

ROBINSON: everyone made. That was March the 2nd through the 4th and--

JACK VALINSKI: Who have we got in the background there?

TIFFANY: Oh, that's Dep. That's my boyfriend.

JACK VALINSKI: Ooh. [LAUGHS] Hi. You better keep a short leash on him, hon.

TIFFANY: [LAUGHS]

JACK VALINSKI: It's hair. It's [INAUDIBLE].

TIFFANY: Put on your blindfold.

CREATH But we want to talk a little bit about the recap of the LUEY Weekend and, of course, the Gulf Coast Archives. You

ROBINSON: had a great cocktail party.

JACK VALINSKI: Thank you.

CREATH And that was real good--

ROBINSON:

JACK VALINSKI: That was fun. Yeah, we're going to do that--

CREATH That was a lot of fun. It truly was. I was in the midst of something. And all of a sudden, I turned around, and Jim

ROBINSON: was behind me. He's like, here, and handed me 10 cocktails. And I'm like, OK--

JACK VALINSKI: You looked like you needed them about that.

CREATH I did at that point in time.

ROBINSON:

TIFFANY: You have such a great radio voice.

JACK VALINSKI: Oh, really?

TIFFANY: Oh, I love it.

JACK VALINSKI: Yes, yes. See?

CREATH Thank you. Thank you.

ROBINSON:

JACK VALINSKI: Even if we weren't doing a cocktail party, I would still come. Yeah, because it's just fun.

CREATH And, of course, that was in the midst of the show of shows which--
ROBINSON:

JACK VALINSKI: Yes. Yes.

CREATH I mean, it was great again this year.
ROBINSON:

JACK VALINSKI: And that was kind of halfway the reason I was delivering them so I could kind of hang out and watch.

TIFFANY: And thank you for letting me come and see the show this year.

JACK VALINSKI: Oh, that was fun--

TIFFANY: It's a lot of fun.

JACK VALINSKI: --too. Now let me tell you, this girl knows how to stretch.

TIFFANY: [LAUGHS]

CREATH She did an excellent job.
ROBINSON:

JACK VALINSKI: Yes.

CREATH It was a wonderful, wonderful conglomeration of her and Bob Laton together. They kept it going, and everybody
ROBINSON: was truly entertained.

JACK VALINSKI: They are together. You two are a great pair.

TIFFANY: Hopefully, we'll get to do it next year, but we'll see. We'll ask the committee.

CREATH I think I could post [INAUDIBLE]. That'll work. [LAUGHS]
ROBINSON:

JACKIE Well, tell us, Creath, what are some of the numbers? Because we want to hear about this. Was this like a record-
THORNE: setting event?

CREATH Oh, the entire weekend was a record. It certainly was. And even started before the weekend began actually. We
ROBINSON: had a record of preregistration for a 536 people preregistered prior to the weekend starting.

JACK VALINSKI: Wow.

CREATH Which was a record Thursday night at the Outpost, which is the second year we've done preregistration on
ROBINSON: Thursday night. We had 100 people preregister that night. That also was a record last year being about 70. Friday night, we had 185 people register at Mary's, which was also a record.

JACKIE That was good, too. The weather is not the best that night.
THORNE:

CREATH No, it wasn't. But it was--

ROBINSON:

TIFFANY: But with the tents. The tents made it--

CREATH Oh, Mary's did outstanding. It truly was. And then Saturday, we had a mere 12 people come in late and register.

ROBINSON:

JACK VALINSKI: All right.

CREATH So that totaled 833 registered guests for the weekend.

ROBINSON:

JACKIE All right.

THORNE:

CREATH Which was the largest amount we've ever had.

ROBINSON:

JACK VALINSKI: Wow. Yes. Yes. Yes.

CREATH Very pleased with that. Thank you, everyone. Thank you, everyone. And of those people, we had 110 clubs and
ROBINSON: organizations participating. We had 31 states represented and five foreign countries, which that's the only thing that we did not make a record that was a tie of the foreign countries. So we're very, very proud. Houston Council of Clubs just can't be more proud of the entire weekend and went off without a hitch.

TIFFANY: And who were the new officers elected?

CREATH The new officers in Houston Council of Clubs?

ROBINSON:

TIFFANY: Yeah.

CREATH Actually, I'm still chairman, and Chris Patterson is secretary treasurer. And then, of course, our newest officer is
ROBINSON: Jim Nixon, Mr. Lonestar Drummer, who's our webmaster. And we credit a lot of the success to this year.

TIFFANY: How many hits did you end up with?

CREATH Oh, wow. Jim, do you remember?

ROBINSON:

JIMMY CARPER: I think, as of our last meeting, which was last Wednesday night, was 7,465 [INAUDIBLE]

TIFFANY: Wow.

CREATH That's great.

ROBINSON:

TIFFANY: That was just all of us trying to look for the pictures.

JACK VALINSKI: Yes, exactly.

JIMMY CARPER: They're there. More coming every day.

CREATH Absolutely, absolutely. And if anybody out there listening has pictures of LUEY or video of the show, please get in
ROBINSON: touch with us through the website and get them to us because we'd love to have them put them on our website.

JACKIE Give that web address again, Jim.
THORNE:

JIMMY CARPER: It's www.lueyweekend, L-U-E-Y-W-E-E-K-E-N-D-- .com

CREATH LUEY Weekend. Great. And yeah, I think I had a few more pins to add to my collection, so that was good. And that
ROBINSON: show at Rich's was hilarious. Well, that's only the pins. [LAUGHS]

TIFFANY: [LAUGHS]

CREATH But it was a really good show at Rich's. I didn't realize there was a over-the-rainbow theme there, somehow it
ROBINSON: got-- *Wizard of Oz* there.

TIFFANY: It's like every good parade.

JIMMY CARPER: [LAUGHS]

CREATH It was--
ROBINSON:

JACK VALINSKI: I will never forget the sight of Dorothy on the toilet.

TIFFANY: [LAUGHS]

CREATH [LAUGHS]
ROBINSON:

JACKIE We have that picture, I think, on the web page.
THORNE:

TIFFANY: I liked the good witch not being able to get out of her bubble.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, that was a condom actually.

TIFFANY: Bubble, condom, condom, bumble. This is a family show.

JACKIE Yes.
THORNE:

JACK VALINSKI: Yeah.

CREATH Well, actually, it was more like a panic.
ROBINSON:

TIFFANY: [LAUGHS]

CREATH ROBINSON: [LAUGHS] Actually, most all of the misfits participated in the numbers, so none of us have gotten to see what actually happened.

TIFFANY: But I assure you if a condom breaks, it would be a panic. Wouldn't it?

CREATH ROBINSON: Oh, it truly would be. It truly would be, especially with Glinda.

TIFFANY: Oh.

CREATH ROBINSON: [LAUGHS]

JACKIE THORNE: But it's tough to realize it takes so much planning-- Well, you know that--

CREATH ROBINSON: Absolutely.

JACKIE THORNE: --for all that to work so well. And it just click. It goes by in an instant.

CREATH ROBINSON: It ran, as I said, Sunday at the show. It truly was on cruise control this year. And the clubs, HCC are all the ones that-- are instrumental in making that happen. Everything went beautifully.

TIFFANY: So do the meetings happen now? Because I know there was a time when we took the summer off. But do we meet now every single month as it gotten to that point?

CREATH ROBINSON: Yes. Absolutely. I have found in the last year that if we go ahead and meet early on in the year-- sometimes we'll skip the first meeting, but this year, I think, we're going to go ahead and start on the 29th year. And that way that'll give us some time to be able to start planning for 30.

TIFFANY: On the 20-- on the 18th of April?

CREATH ROBINSON: The 29th year. No, no, no, no, I'm sorry. I should clarify. The 29th year will be this coming year.

TIFFANY: Yeah, but we're meeting on April 18.

CREATH ROBINSON: Absolutely. Yes. Yeah. So we'll meet every third Wednesday of the rest of the year and start planning. The 29th year out and then after we get that, kind of--

TIFFANY: 30.

CREATH ROBINSON: Then we'll start planning--

JIMMY CARPER: Our next meeting will be at the BRB that night.

CREATH Yeah. So looking forward to that. Absolutely. Hopefully, 29 will stay on cruise control so we can plan something
ROBINSON: really spectacular for 30.

JIMMY CARPER: 30, we're ready to work on 30.

CREATH Absolutely. So all in all, what was your favorite memories of LUEY Weekend?
ROBINSON:

TIFFANY: Showing my breast raised \$300.

JACK VALINSKI: Go figure.

TIFFANY: [LAUGHS]

CREATH I have to hand it to this individual. I tell you she was absolutely outstanding at Mary's. Just in case you didn't
ROBINSON: have enough of LUEY Weekend at 6:00 PM at Mary's, on the Sunday of LUEY, we had my first fundraiser for Houston Buyers Club for my prime choice candidacy. And Tiffany was instrumental in helping us raise the \$1,051 in that crowd.

JIMMY CARPER: All right.

JACK VALINSKI: Wow. That's good.

CREATH And that was incredible. I saw more of Tiffany than I ever dreamed that I would.
ROBINSON:

TIFFANY: But the neatest thing was to get the email from the director who said that you delivered a check on Monday. We raised over \$1,000 on Sunday. You delivered a check to him on Monday. They went shopping on Monday, restocked all of their shelves. And to have him send that email to us just reminds you why you do everything.

CREATH Yeah, exactly. Absolutely. Absolutely. So once again, thank you.
ROBINSON:

TIFFANY: Absolutely.

JACKIE And it's tough to keep it going, right? I don't know how you did it that weekend.
THORNE:

TIFFANY: It was after that show on Sunday night that I said never again will I do two shows in the same day. That was so exhausting. I mean, by the end of that show, thank goodness, Melissa from the barn-- she was the former emperor in Fort Worth. Thank goodness, she came forward and kind of took on some of that.

She auctioned off Andre, and she did all of that with me that raised all that money because I just-- by the end of it. I just did not have it in me anymore. You can only do so many cartwheels.

JIMMY CARPER: [LAUGHS]

JACK VALINSKI: [LAUGHS]

CREATH Most definitely. Well, I promise I'll never ask you to do more--
ROBINSON:

TIFFANY: No, that's OK. [LAUGHS]

CREATH No, not again.
ROBINSON:

JACKIE And that kind of leads us into, Creath, that you're competing for Mr. Prime Choice.
THORNE:

CREATH That's correct.
ROBINSON:

JACKIE And a lot of people don't really know what that is about because it's made up of a lot of different things, like one
THORNE: is fundraising.

CREATH Correct. It's actually three different entities. There's an appearance basically be country Western leather
ROBINSON: whatever attire. And I believe that is 20 points of your score. And then you have a question and answer, which is 30 points, I believe.

And then 30 points of your score is fundraising.

TIFFANY: Where do the questions come from? Who gives you the question?

JIMMY CARPER: Through the judges.

TIFFANY: The judges?

CREATH Yeah, the judges do. And then also, there is an interview, I believe. That's another 20 points.
ROBINSON:

JACKIE All right. I don't mean to make this sound bad, but it is for men over 40.
THORNE:

CREATH Correct.
ROBINSON:

JACKIE And I think it's important because there's a lot of contests out there. And this one--
THORNE:

JACK VALINSKI: Oh, it's over 40? I must not be able to--

JIMMY CARPER: [LAUGHS]

TIFFANY: [LAUGHS]

HOST 2: I had to throw that in.

CREATH ROBINSON: That's why I said, I don't mean to make that sound bad. But it's really important out there. And this contest has been around for many years. And it's really fun that you're involved in it. I don't know how you're doing it with LUEY Weekend and everything.

It's amazing what you're running on here. It takes some time--

TIFFANY: Well, in this year, it's going to every other year. So whoever wins this year will serve for two years before they do the next competition.

CREATH ROBINSON: Exactly.

JACKIE THORNE: That's good. And you mentioned you had your first fundraiser on March the 4th right after LUEY And tell us about some of your other fundraisers.

CREATH ROBINSON: Well, last Sunday, at the Ripcord from 4:00 to 8:00, the Misfits hosted another AOL party in my honor. And we raised \$770 for Body Positive.

TIFFANY: I had so much fun at that.

CREATH ROBINSON: Tiffany's a trooper, I tell you.

JIMMY CARPER: She got more email than anyone.

TIFFANY: I got 25 emails.

CREATH ROBINSON: We had a great time. And as a matter of fact, I found out later that daytime records were actually set behind the bar for the Ripcord for that day.

TIFFANY: And again, that's what it's all about. It's supporting the bars who support us.

CREATH ROBINSON: Yeah, because they do a great job.

JACKIE THORNE: Tell us a little bit about that. That's a little unique type of fundraiser. Like Jim, you had some-- Jim was really instrumental in putting that together.

CREATH ROBINSON: What we do is-- it's basically real-life AOL or internet email. What you do is you come into the bar and you take on your screen-name persona, be it whatever it is. If you don't have one, you make one up. And you email each other, people that you want to meet. It breaks the ice. It's a chance to meet people without getting into who you are and everything else.

And you can email. And the way we raise funds is it's free to send mail, anyone you want to send a mail to.

JACKIE THORNE: You email there at--

TIFFANY: And everybody has a name tag on with their screen.

CREATH ROBINSON: OK. So you're walking around the bar with the name tag on, and then you email someone you like you think is cute. Or you just want to send an email to harass someone. But then it cost you \$1 to pick up your mail. Or you can get unlimited email by \$10.

You pay \$10, you get unlimited email. And so that part of is part of the fundraising. And then we have also a 50-50 raffle. And we have prizes we donated this year. Creath had donated gift certificate. Rainbow Computer Services did a gift certificate. And 50% of the proceeds go to the person who has the raffle.

And then we had a Misfit auction. And this is a Misfit silent auction where you actually bid on your favorite Misfit.

JACKIE THORNE: Who won that?

CREATH ROBINSON: Actually, Scott took the highest bid.

JACKIE THORNE: All right.

CREATH ROBINSON: Thankfully. [INAUDIBLE]

JACKIE THORNE: That's great. Thankfully.

CREATH ROBINSON: There was-- it was a very good event. We did really well. We're really surprised with the turnout. And we will be doing it again, I guarantee--

TIFFANY: OK, but the next time we do it, I want to find a way to block mail from people. Yeah.

CREATH ROBINSON: This was our second one we've done, and this one, we actually had spam mail. So we'll have to do something about that.

TIFFANY: Yeah, there was spam, and there were viruses. But there was no way to block mail. I would have liked to have blocked mail.

CREATH ROBINSON: We'll work on that.

TIFFANY: OK, thanks.

CREATH ROBINSON: I promise. There's several things we want--

JACKIE THORNE: That's a good idea. Of course you have to pay for that.

JACK VALINSKI: Yeah, exactly. For a price.

TIFFANY: For a price, you can block mail.

MAN 1: It'd be worth it.

**CREATH
ROBINSON:** Absolutely. So it's going to be a lot of fun next time.

**JACKIE
THORNE:** That's great.

**CREATH
ROBINSON:** We're perfecting it.

**JACKIE
THORNE:** It's such a unique idea, too, because it's not-- I've been up there and done the singing and things. But this is a very unique idea to do that.

**CREATH
ROBINSON:** It was. It was a lot of fun.

TIFFANY: We had so much fun. That's probably the most fun that I have had at a fundraiser. And it was because it was interactive and you had enough friends there that you could email back. You could have just gone across the bar and talk to these people, but it was more fun to send them an email and make them go pick it up. I mean, it was a lot of fun for me.

I had so much fun.

JIMMY CARPER: There was a lot of Tiffany, you've got mail.

TIFFANY: Tiffany had a lot of mail.

**JACKIE
THORNE:** As only you can say.

JIMMY CARPER: Only Tiffany-- I'll twist-- Tiffany had the most mail, but I can guarantee you she picked up less than anybody else because she had so many people picking up her mail.

TIFFANY: Oh, I had so many people picking up my mail for me.

**CREATH
ROBINSON:** Anyway, that was great fun, and It was very profitable, too. Actually, we raised, I believe, \$853. And the individual that won the 50-50 raffle was nice enough to donate \$100 of the \$170 that he won back.

**JACKIE
THORNE:** That was nice. Of course, we mentioned his name, but all we have is screen names.

**CREATH
ROBINSON:** Exactly. So that was great. That's how we came up with a total of \$770.

**JACKIE
THORNE:** That is great. And you have some more fundraisers, right?

**CREATH
ROBINSON:** I have two more. This coming Sunday, tomorrow night, at the BRB at 8:30, Shawn Carter is putting on a show, variety show for my candidacy. So we're looking forward to that. And then--

JACKIE What time is that?

THORNE:

CREATH That'll be at 8:30.

ROBINSON:

JACKIE 8:30.

THORNE:

CREATH I'm sorry. Yeah. 8:30 tomorrow night, the BRB. And then next Sunday, which is April, 1st I heard you all

ROBINSON: announced this earlier as a matter of fact, The Whorehouse Girls at Rich's. That also is a fundraiser for my candidacy. And that's for PWA Coalition and for a PWA Holiday Charities--

JACKIE I've got you at 5:00 PM. It's little earlier, which is good.

THORNE:

CREATH Yeah. Correct. So they're going to-- they're playing a big tee dance at Rich's afterwards. So Jerry's very hard to

ROBINSON: trot to get us in there and entertain. And he says if we run over a little bit, it's not a big, big deal because it'll all play together.

So we're really excited about it.

JACKIE This will be their Disco Diva show. And if you've never seen it, it's something to see. That's for sure.

THORNE:

CREATH And there'll be a special presentation by the Misfits from what I understand as well. Oh, God, I could--

ROBINSON:

TIFFANY: And then an actual contest then on on April 7.

CREATH The contest is on April 7 at 10:00 PM. There'll be a meet and greet, Friday night, I believe, on April 6.

ROBINSON:

JACKIE At the Ripcord.

THORNE:

CREATH At the Ripcord about 10:30, I believe, is what time it's going to be. And then the contest itself starts at 10:00 PM

ROBINSON: on April 7th Saturday night at the Rip.

JACKIE It's like boom, boom, boom, and you're there.

THORNE:

CREATH Yes. Yes. Absolutely.

ROBINSON:

JACKIE And then, of course, if he's lucky enough to win, he is going to go to Dallas for Gulf Coast Drummer, which is the

THORNE: first weekend in May. So he'll be competing there as well.

OK. May the 5th up at the Dallas Eagle. It's like you don't get a break until 2006.

CREATH June, I'm planning that. June--

ROBINSON:

JIMMY CARPER: June we're on vacation.

CREATH Absolutely.

ROBINSON:

JACKIE And a lot of people don't know for Prime Choice, you have to do a videotaped fantasy.

THORNE:

CREATH Correct.

ROBINSON:

JACKIE And that's always fun. And those are just great to watch. I mean, if you go there for one reason, watch the videotapes.

THORNE:

TIFFANY: Well, because it's so much-- it's more possible to do more of a fantasy in a video atmosphere than it is to do on stage, especially the fact that Ripcord was such a small stage. Really, your fantasies are limited. But to be able to have the meeting [AUDIO OUT]