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SPEAKERS

Rainbo de Clown, Roy McCarthy, Jimmy Carper

Roy McCarthy 00:01

He's an event ever by the 1998, Texas triangle roundup awards. And there's gonna be fireworks of all kinds. And it's scheduled for one night only. And currently, it's going to be held at the rooftop at 3400 Montrose at Hawthorn. Now home with the new live jazz club, Scott Garner's Sky Bar. And all proceeds from that event will go to support body positive Wellness Center. And that's the first facility of its kind in the country to benefit people like this. And body positive Wellness Center is also located at 3400 Montrose. So this is money that's going to go for very good causes. And those they may be pricey. It'll be money that is well spent and Gretel time will be had by all and up near the sky bar. You get to watch those fireworks from the city.

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Yeah, the thorn in Montrose. Yeah. Okay. Yeah, I always see him downstairs smoking when I'm on patrol, right? A little bit more of a serious No, they are putting together a report called The 1998 audit of violence against Asian Pacific Americans.

Roy McCarthy 01:14

I told Chris to do this report tonight, folks. If you feel you've

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been a victim of a hate crime or incident in based off of anti Asian violence, they want to collect you collect your story and put it together in a report they're going to be issuing.

Roy McCarthy 01:30

This is very important because like we are collecting signatures, you know, for for federal hate

crime legislation. And so in order to backup those signatures, we need case histories.



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Yes. And this, this one here is for anti Asian, there shouldn't be any problem with them if it's if it's a gay Asian, and that's the reason for your, for the hate crime committed against you. You can email your information and they will need to know the race and ethnicity of the victim and the perpetrator. What occurred where it occurred when it occurred and did the police be alerted. You can send it to a l e at a palc.org or you can send it to either the Asian Pacific American Legal Center 1010 South flower Street Suite 302 Los Angeles, California 90015. And if you'd like to get an audit from him later on, you can send it to the same number and ask for donation of 320 and a self addressed stamped envelope and they'll send you a copy of that when



Roy McCarthy 02:33

it's produced. Okay, and how about a plug for cubicle and to patrol and how would somebody report a hate crime here in the month



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I don't have my numbers with my gateway my last card during the parade but I have to if you are if you would like to help put an end to hate crimes here in the gay lesbian community and bisexual transgender community or however we refer to it now I get from Qatar with a laundry list sometimes we patrol the Montrose area for hate crimes



Jimmy Carper 03:02

you can babble Jimmy we go sorry, were you in the middle of something?



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I think my leadership circle money may go better to another place you forget I'm one of the few in here that pay Yeah. I pay for a lot of things. Yes, dear.



Roy McCarthy 03:22


Thank you. So




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I was plugging Q patrol. plugin, which allegedly you're still a member of Yes, I Yeah. Clarence leave the fist alone. I


 Jimmy Carper 03:36
rude How rude. him? Yes, Clarence. Clarence and Michelle are here.

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The raucous caucus has joined us not the cop sorry, the Gay Lesbian Taskforce.


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That's right people. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force used in creating change committee. Oh, that's chief go for Michelle C Myers.

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You people must have a hell of a long dance.

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That's right baby. We did a big ol long wonder. It was big and thick and long. Ooh, sounds

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sound like we're putting a South Park movie.

 Jimmy Carper 04:11
And uncut

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and thick don't forget the thick

 Jimmy Carper 04:15
That's right. You know you don't have to hit bunny but

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That's right baby. Oh, no, you're on there.



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I thought we were supposed to clean it the act because the Pacific of brass



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we're radio with attitude. Yes. Jamie's got lots. And it's after? Yeah. Yeah, it's a Cinemax our cruise.



Jimmy Carper 04:48

After Okay, so where are we? Oh,



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you know about Q patrol come out and join us. It's awesome.



Jimmy Carper 04:57

Your music ran out so the news must be over. We



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We've all streets and just patrol against hate crimes and try and play. I walked the streets tonight honey, my dogs are barking.



Roy McCarthy 05:08

Okay. Want to thank everyone for listening to this week's edition of after hours news interviews with Chris Jamie. I'm big Roy. Thank you. Good night. Hope to hear from y'all again next week. Okay.



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Thanks. See you try. What? You kick us off the air. You don't even have music cue to go out with





Jimmy Carper 05:27

you ran out of music you went over time.



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So did Peter so there,



Jimmy Carper 05:33

so whatever. Okay, so we do have Clarence Bagby and Michelle Meyers in the studio to talk about something.



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Michelle and Clarence in the house.



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You want to turn off my mic now. Jimmy? Okay.



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Please. We love you, Chris.



Jimmy Carper 05:54

So what's up with that with ng I? TF. Oh, well,



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and glTF just had a fabulous forum on domestic partnership benefits last week. And it was extremely well attended. We had from Texas a&m to Exxon all kinds of folks there. The National Gay and Lesbian taskforce Policy Institute, put that on and co sponsored by all kinds of community organizations, Jimmy the, the Chamber of Commerce, the executive and professional association of Houston, EPA, big Bellwether change with them. No kidding. And they were big supporters, the Montrose counseling center because they've been longtime advocates of domestic partnership benefits all kinds of community groups spectrum Houston, the GLBT employee group at Southwestern Bell, and Exxon's GLBT employee group participated and their co chair Alan Oller, served on a panel. It was just wonderful. It was really cool to see the kind of great work that the policy institute is doing under the wonderful leadership of our Rishi vaid, the renowned director of the policy institute



Jimmy Carper 07:06

and more importantly, lover of K Clinton. Oh,



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true truth. It's all.



Jimmy Carper 07:12

Michelle, what are you up to? You haven't been here forever. Since you gave up the news and views?



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Oh, wow. I'm still around. Still up to Senator Good, good, good, good. Working the task force.



Jimmy Carper 07:24

So you're, you're able to do things on Sundays now, since you're not alone?



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That's right, we actually can call her for breakfast. I'm no longer banned. Wow. No calls before noon.



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No calls before one No



Jimmy Carper 07:38

kidding. Gosh,



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yeah, the thing about this domestic partnership, benefits manual, it's 140 page manual. It gives all examples of how to do it, who's done it, who to contact, how it's been done successfully in other places. It's just a treasure trove of information for anyone who's trying to do this with their company.



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And it was really exciting to hear the folks at the forum. I know Michelle's excited to hear these folks saying, this is exactly what we need. This is the kind of information that we need to take our human resources department.



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Yeah. And that's the kind of work that the task force to disseminate information, so people can take it out and use it and do something with it.



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And we were really fortunate to have a noted activist and scholar Dr. Sean Cahill, our Director of Research and Policy Analysis came in from New York City and participated in the panel, Richard Shaw, the executive secretary of Harris County, AFL CIO, Reverend Dinah Dale, Executive Director of the Work Life Institute here, it was just a great panel of folks. And it was really cool. We're gonna be working on something in the fall, which is really exciting as well.



Jimmy Carper 08:58

Everything that you've worked on is very important. Well, in creating change thing, it's it's just I don't know, it stemmed from the the the original thing of, of every state doing something right. Equality begins at home. Yes. All that was that was fabulous. And then it I thought it was just okay, well, that's a one time thing, but it keeps going well. And you're doing stuff well. It



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can't be a one time thing because the whole purpose was grassroots activism. Yeah. It's not a national organization, doing national things. It's a national organization, helping others learn how to do the things themselves and working on grassroots activism. And that's what's so important.



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And that's why, you know, for instance, that the task force is doing this joint membership program with the Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus and the Houston lesbian gay community center.



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Yeah, to join the task force. normally cost \$35. To join become a member of the community center is \$30. To join the Houston gay lesbian Political Caucus is \$30. Yeah, no, that's \$95 joint membership. all three organizations for one year \$30. If you're currently a member of that

membership, all three organizations for one year \$50. If you're currently a member of that organ, any of those organizations will extend your membership for when it runs out for another year. So it's not just, you know, start today Oh, I just, oh, I just signed up four months ago, what do I do with this other eight months? carried on? It's eight plus 12?



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Well, the one of the most exciting aspects of it, I think, is a true testimonial to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's commitment to building capacity at the local level, yes, is that we are offering our portion of that for free. All of the money stays here in Houston, it's divided between the community center and the COC.



Jimmy Carper 10:59

That's nice, yes, nice.



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And we're just throwing it in as a further hook. Because certainly, that's a hook. Well, hey, Jimmy, you know, you can do this and you get to be a member of a national organization that's appealing to a lot of his shirt is sure. And we recognize that often, it's so much easier for the national groups to get the money and to get the memberships. But we're about building state and local organizing infrastructure.



Jimmy Carper 11:24

I guess, I'm just not used to a national organization, helping out a local organization, I I'm used to everybody in their little local or local localities working together to do whatever it is amongst themselves. And then if any national group is like somebody way out there,



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yeah, we're in Washington. We're in New York City this money. Yeah, that's,



Jimmy Carper 11:54

that's what we're used to. Yeah.



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And shipping that money off. And that's, you know, that's the exciting thing about the work that we're doing is because we're not concentrating on the major metropolitan areas, we're not concentrating like some national groups do. We're not just concentrating on the major states,

we're in Mississippi, where you know, quite frankly, it is not going to pay for us to send people to Mississippi, when we send an organizer out there when Billy Jack Gaither was killed. Yeah. And, you know, we had Alexis signs there, one of our field organizers, when they didn't pay her salary, they didn't come anywhere near to that, you know, the contributions that we got, but you're needed

 Jimmy Carper 12:31

in in in those places. That's right, more than you're needed in Houston. That's

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right. And that's where we're gonna be, we're gonna be in North Dakota, facilitating the creation of North Dakota's first GLBT statewide advocacy group. We're doing it right now. And that's where the the whole movement has shifted. As Carrie Labelle talks about all the time, the executive director of the task force talks about all the time how the movement has shifted to the States.

 Jimmy Carper 13:03

I have always been, I've been impressed with her. When I realized that she was inclusive of the whole entire community, and she meant it. She was giving lip service to bisexuals and transgenders. It was important for her to be for everyone to be a part of the community.

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And one of the things one of the first things that Carrie did when she moved from being Deputy Director, which was a position she held for a few years, to being Executive Director of the task force, one of the first things she led us to do was to become the first national organization to include bisexuals and transgender in our mission statement. And anywhere it says gay lesbian, it says bisexual, transgendered. And it's

 Jimmy Carper 13:51

not just the words, that's not just the word out.

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Well, it's a different attitude to It's an attitude that says, I don't necessarily need to be like everyone else accepted. I can be who I am. And I should be accepted. There you go. It's not becoming like everyone else, or pretending to be like everyone else. It's been yourself.

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How many? How many times have we heard people with national organizations that, you know, we, you know, how many times have we heard people say, Oh, well, we just need to convince people, that gays or lesbians are just like everybody else. You know, we're not just like everybody else. Nobody. That's the



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point and nobody's just like everyone else. And that's okay.



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We need to be celebrating our diversity and celebrating that freedom of expression. And saying, you know, I'm going to accept parents. He's a little strange. You know, he's a little different, but I'm going to accept him for who he is because That's the right thing to do. And Jimmy kind of the right thing to do is a little more normal. So he's a little easier to accept. But he's not. That's what we're that's what that's what we're, you know, moving toward. And it's really, I can't tell you, you know, Carrie, one of her quotes, one of her favorite comments is that she can't be a Jew on Saturday and a woman on Sunday and a lesbian on Monday. And, you know, it's so true, there's so many different facets to us, and to who we are, you know, in our sexual identity and our general identity. And again, you know, that's okay. And that's what Michelle was referring to, you know, that the task force is creating a transitional movement that realizes that we're part of a broader social justice, effort, and, and that it's okay for anybody to be whoever they want to be.



Jimmy Carper 16:05

And that's revolutionary in the 90s. It is revolutionary.



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Yes. But you know, the task force has a long history of pulling the rest of the community along, and leading the way whether it's on the including the the transgender and bisexual folks, you know, whatever the issue is, whether it's leading the way on the whole gay marriage argument, and you know, we had all those folks. And, you know, Ray Hill talks about Well, I'm not sure you know, I want gay marriage. And you know, I think right, well, points, you know, the heterosexual community hadn't done that great with it. Yeah, that's



Jimmy Carper 16:43

right. Why do we want to emulate something like that, but the bond, and the thing of it is, is because for all of these years, and I'm speaking as an older person, we have been able to create our own relationships. That's right, and they find our parameters.



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But the bottom line is what we did when the task force created our families project, which continues to this day, we're just in the process of filling that vacancy on the staff. And it's really exciting to see that that project being kind of reinvigorated in the summer. But what we've realized is we've pushed the conversation. So whereas before, the whole domestic partnership benefit, and partners, you know, rights, that kind of thing, weren't even on the table, what we did by pushing the discussion towards gay marriage, we push the discussion in that direction. So suddenly, we have Hawaii and other legislators, legislatures passing laws granting civil rights to domestic partners, and whether they're heterosexual domestic partners or homosexual, you know, whatever. However you chose, choose to do that. And you know, that's really important. Yes, it



Jimmy Carper 18:01

is. Now, you, you came in here saying you wanted to talk about some something else wanted to talk about publicity for the pride parade,



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and you distracted us



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Gemma's favorite topic?



Jimmy Carper 18:13

Yes, of course. We've been talking about it all night. Well,



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I have to tell you, this. I know that you all, you know, saw this. We have been truly amazed you as the media coordinator for pride this year. You know, we have been truly amazed by the unbelievable change and transformation in media coverage this year. Jimmy,




Jimmy Carper 18:39

we'll see. I haven't been aware of any of that at all. I know.




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The last few years, we've gotten like a little, you know, four by six black and white photo and


 Jimmy Carper 18:49
yeah, and that's the day after the four. That's it. Yes.


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Girl twirling, right. And yeah, some girl twirling something, and you know, or, you know, whomever. But that's, that's all we've gotten. And Wednesday of this week, we had a wonderful front page of the Houston section story with a photograph of the disco ball and talking about the history. And you know why we do this talked about Stonewall a little bit. We had a wonderful story in the Houston press this week. And for the first time, Lee Harrington, who is certainly an expert on Houston pride celebration, certainly yes. told me this evening that the coverage that we got last night and this morning on Channel 13 is the first broadcast news coverage that he knows of TV news coverage in advance of the parade.


 Jimmy Carper 19:40
That's right. And we've never had it before. Never. It's just

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it's, you know what we've done and you know, I'm kind of a media oriented fellow. Yes. But what we really did was, we just saturated him with it. We sent instead of sending the city editor at The Chronicle, a press release we sent a does Some press releases to a dozen different people. Good,

 Jimmy Carper 20:02
good, good. Well, maybe that's what it takes. But Well, part

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of what I will tell you is this disco ball.

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It's the ball.

 Jimmy Carper 20:10
Is it really? I was. I was wondering how you know if that was gonna really put I thought that was

gonna put us on the map.



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You can put a displayable on television. Yes, it sparkle. You got something to talk about for the eight seconds that you talk about that? Well,



Jimmy Carper 20:27

that's exactly right. Anybody gets you know, it's not just you know, and, and that's somebody. I was trying to talk people at switchboard into marching and somebody said, oh, you know, I can't do that. You know, there's going to be TV and I said, Oh, please. There are 1000 You're gonna get on TV. In this parade. There's this disco ball. What do you think they're gonna focus on? Thank



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you. They're gonna find some little gay white boy.



Jimmy Carper 20:57

Thanks. So we're gonna be focusing on that disco ball and and



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which was fabulous. We had channel a love them. Channel 13 and channel 26. broadcasting live from Montrose.



Jimmy Carper 21:12

I love it. I just love it. And



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we had channel two that also had coverage we had the Telemundo channel was



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Whoa, yeah. What's that? 51 for 240?





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Is it 48?



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Telemundo.



Jimmy Carper 21:27

I love that it's done amazing. Yes, it is. Because you know, in 50 years or less, this city is going to be 50% Hispanic, right?



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That's right.



Jimmy Carper 21:42

If we don't start building bridges, we're gonna find ourselves in ghettos.



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Let's write well, and, you know, it's just so critical. And that's one of the exciting things about creating change. And the things that we'll be talking about, she



Jimmy Carper 21:58

just jumps right back over. That doesn't shake. Yeah.



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You know, one of the one of the exciting things that's coming up this November is the annual Creating Change Conference. And one of the things that the the national, gay and lesbian taskforce is is literally building into our entire program are racial and economic justice issues. We've got to learn as a community, how to reach out to those folks how to involve those folks. You know, I love the Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus. It's the oldest queer civil rights organization in the South. It's done great words. It's done great work. It does great work. But you know, it's a predominantly it's a bunch of white people over there and predominantly a bunch of white men. Yeah. Yeah, it's and that doesn't represent our community. No, not by a longshot. And we need to be sure that we're sending people to conferences, like creating change and providing people the tools, you know, how do you reach out to the African American community? It's



Jimmy Carper 22:57

tough. It's very, very tough. Cuz I've been there for 10 years, I've been trying to do the same thing. And it's very, very tough.



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But I'll tell you, did y'all get the information on the awards? No, I have no



Jimmy Carper 23:09

information on the awards because



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there must be a piece of paper and clearances as a matter of fine versus pulling a piece of paper go into his pocket.



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Come into my pocket. And what we find it must be deep and over is Saturday, honey, the pride power and pizzazz award for best interpretation of any type went to rah rah, the crew of Olympus Ah, well, and let me tell you that after hours longtime host Jimmy Carper is hosting tonight. The first news coverage this is breaking news. Oh no other media source has this information because the press release hadn't gone out. Ah, the spirit of Montrose Award for Best Overall any type of entry went to chase bank for their wonderful entry. Stonewall, which is the best unit to commemorate pride and doesn't have to conform to our slogan it's mainly about the history. Annabelle Stonewall went to the Metropolitan Community Church of the resurrection for their wonderful float



Jimmy Carper 24:16

they have consistently over the years done amazing entries into the process.



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Don't they do good stuff. That's a really neat, neat group. Yes, the Houston award which is for a best non professional motorized float.



Jimmy Carper 24:32

Okay, non professional motorized float went to

Okay, non professional motorized now went to



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the rainbow Wranglers, which I don't really know much about. I don't know if you all do, but it's it's a group called the rainbow Wranglers, and they were they



Jimmy Carper 24:46

the rainbow Wranglers, our country and western dance group, right. And they have won awards nationwide. In in carpet Titian right are very very good. I have seen them they perform whenever asked for benefits



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well and rainbow just handed me the cutest little frisbee that I guess there's be yet they district did they distribute these?



Rainbo de Clown 25:16

I can't pick up anything in my costume.



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Everything. And just as a plug for them every Thursday at the BRB at eight they have free dance. Yes, yes. And other ones I guess doing that? Yes.



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Oh, yeah. I took those a couple of years ago. They do the Thursday evening. didn't help. No.



Jimmy Carper 25:37

And they have fabulous costumes. Okay, literary stuff I've ever seen in my life.



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This other exciting stuff, the Edison Award, which goes to the best non professional lighted unit where the lighting was done by a non professional, you know, the amateur folks, not the folks that that are getting paid to do that. Also, we'll talk about a sweep also went to



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Apple. Yeah. Isn't that fabulous?



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Isn't that exciting? That's really been exciting. The let's see, what else have we got the Texas award for best professional motorized float? Went to the PWA color coalition of Houston. Wow. So they just did a wonderful job. Wow.



Jimmy Carper 26:17

See, I was at the very end, so I missed all of the floats. I have to



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buy every one of them. I don't know if I can remember much about any.



Jimmy Carper 26:28

That's why I'm not asking. Yeah, that's right. Please



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don't. The Gypsy Rose award which is for the best out of town entry. Went to a group called the Overland Trail riders. Yeah.



Jimmy Carper 26:41

Okay.



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Yes. And they did have Hooper's Cooper's right behind them. Well, we



Jimmy Carper 26:47

were lucky, you



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know, but they they took care of it. It was not a problem. It was absolutely not a problem. And that's the Ruby slipper award. Which of course slippers you know, as the best walking unit. The Ruby slipper Award went again to Chase Bank good for them. Isn't that cool? Yes. And the last one, I think I think we've been down the entire list the rainbow lights award which was which is for the best professional lighted unit. That's a professional deal. Okay, went to the Brazos River bottom. I missed their float. Theirs was really fun. Yeah, good. I think it made channel 13. I was talking to Dwight, the rural, rural, charming photographer with channel 13. And that seemed to be the one that he was going to edit in Albers report, Grande, they

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Rainbo de Clown 27:35

have a red mood or something like that. Yeah. And

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they had a bunch of people and their cute little outfits. They were dancing around the music A

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okay. And their award, by the way, is also read.

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Jimmy Carper 27:49

You know, going for the Ruby

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slipper award, but just remember that you heard it first right here on KPFT 90.1. FM, queer added. What is it queer? Radio? No,

J

Jimmy Carper 28:02

no, I

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like that. We're attitude with radio.

J

Jimmy Carper 28:08

Queer radio with attitude.



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Are you part of the Pacific in the court?



Jimmy Carper 28:14

That's right. We are the sounds of Texas.



Rainbo de Clown 28:16

You were talking about publicity? Yes. ago, years ago, like, seven, eight years ago, when we had two papers on host and a chronicle. We normally had colored pictures. And it was usually in like, the Metropolitan section. Yes. And it was always the front page. Yes. I can't remember what the posts was called. Post was called metropolitan. I don't know. lifestyle that Yeah.



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Houston, Texas.



Rainbo de Clown 28:44

Right. Houston, Texas. Whatever section it was, for each paper post or Chronicle. They were like competing on who would put in?



Jimmy Carper 28:52

Yeah, but it was not. It was always after the fact it was after the parade. But



Rainbo de Clown 28:58

and not my article. That's a couple years and I even wrote to the Chronicle. When they had a two column for forage picture. And that was all that was it. Yeah. And I told them. I remember you guys. It was it was about the same time whenever the thing happened in Jasper, I said he was covering yourselves. You know, they're your fuzzy mics and your cameras and stuff like that big old coverage. And you give us a little two by four



Jimmy Carper 29:27

for the second largest parade and use that out, but you know, that was last year. They did a great



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job this year. And I think we need to come in the Chronicle. We were mentioned twice in the Chronicle good coverage. KTR H news radio yesterday and today more advanced coverage. And I think that of course partially counted for the crowd. Good. We had a great crowd Maria Todd, you know who's just the charming African American woman who has a que RBE radio?



Jimmy Carper 29:54

Yes, in fact, I because I had already committed to the switch forward to march I had been asked to warm up for her. Oh, cool. And now but I just I couldn't do it. Oh, she was she was. And that would have been great. And I also noticed as we went by, that the loudspeakers were a lot bigger and stronger than in previous years. I mean, I could actually hear her well, and and she and she was in the place where there was like, lots of people screaming,



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you know, Jimmy, we've been so fortunate Nick bronze who works at the University of Houston, raising money, strangely enough, has been able to raise just unbelievable amounts of money as the director of corporate sponsorships for the pride committee. And it's provided us some of these amenities. Yeah. You know, we had bleachers this year for Jack was saying, yeah, for a corporate underwriter, you know, and made them feel better about it, you know, they're gonna feel real good next year, when he says, Well, you know, you gave \$2,500 This last year, we'd like you to get 5000 This year, I'm gonna they're gonna think, you know, they treated us pretty good. And they gave us good news coverage. And, you know, Yatta, Yatta, yatta. It's so critical to move to that next stage. And it's exciting to see the pride committee maturing. And moving on, say, yes, yeah, no, it really is. And we could talk about the pride committee all night. They're just the most fun bunch of people, Michelle, Frank, and Guy burns, the co chairs this year. I hope you all mentioned them. Yes, they are just wonderful. They have been a delight. I know for everybody to work with. And really lots of fun and rainbow the clown.



Jimmy Carper 31:41

Rainbow is always there to make sure that people do what they say they're going to do, or to bring in new ideas. He is, you know, he's kind of the Mary's of the gay community always doing something a little off kilter. And then you think about it, and it's like, yeah, that's right.



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But fantastic ideas, and we've got to have those people. We you know, we have idea people also, you know, I think of Lee Harrington. Yeah. And, you know, Lee is a kook, he's a kook, but an absolute Kook great ideas. That's



limmv Carper 32:13

what these ideas I mean, he was the one with the idea for the disco ball.



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You know, he doesn't let go. Now.



Rainbo de Clown 32:21

Let me tell you about the nighttime parade. Four to five years ago before we had the night time parade. Vote yes, I wish I still had that tape. Glad you know the tape on my answering machine. The month of January, the second or third week of January when we were doing their vote. Rainbow we need to get out and get these people to vote for different things. We got passed out these cards got passed out these cards. And I know Lee Harrington probably pass out 300 for her cards, I pass out 200 cards at my favorite bars, Mary's DJs bars and stuff like that chances. I mean, you just can't leave balance in a box. No balance nearby. I'm not saying Oh, no, no, no, we went out and we didn't tell people how to vote. If they asked us what our opinion was, we sort of when we close we told them what we would like but but it was their vote



Jimmy Carper 33:18

to move the parade to Nightwing or, or or have a nighttime parade or



Rainbo de Clown 33:25

spring or fall or a nighttime parade and the people voted for the nighttime parade. But we Harrington the month of January that third week, every day in the cold. We went and passed out these ballots every night. That's why it's a cold. Call that January.



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Tell me about cold. I told them two years ago, I ain't coming back sisters. We are tired of this who goes outside in Houston for two or three hours at starting at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon and




Jimmy Carper 33:59


know it I know it I know it. Oh, it




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was the best thing we ever

 Rainbo de Clown 34:02
did. That's how the votes got. That's how we got to people. Big Roy


 Jimmy Carper 34:06
has something to say. He's been chomping the bit here.

 Roy McCarthy 34:11
It's kind of kind of kind of laid on the on the thing here. I was just going to mention how that certainly is channeled, channeled to KPRC had on their five o'clock news segment. They had fantastic coverage, or you know, pre announced of it. And they mentioned how it was one of the that it was a free event to the public and it was one of the largest parades in Houston. And there was a very positive it was a very positive thing that they were saying It's about damn time and you know, like I was mentioning on the news segment. There are so many now corporate sponsors that are coming in. And this parade has just grown. This nighttime parade has just grown to so much What'd you see

 Jimmy Carper 35:00
it took it first. The first one and you know, they didn't go out of business because they promote you know it because they were in the gay pride parade and you know, we've just that just kind of blossomed from there.

 Roy McCarthy 35:14
You were the first Grand Marshal on the nighttime parade. I

 Jimmy Carper 35:17
was. I was lab rebel and I

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and you know, on that note, I think it's really important to mention that you're right. They didn't go out of business. Right. But but there were protesters this afternoon at Gallery Furniture. And I'm sure much too. Jim McConville chagrin. Of course, they were at the parade this year, they didn't last too long. But there were a few there were about six at Mandel and Westheimer. But I hope that people will look up gallery furniture.com Internet and send a friendly email I did I did I send an email make a friendly phone call and say gee, Mr. Mac anvil, you know, his, you know, his mother was in the parade. No, I love it. She rode in the car with Congress members, Sheila Jackson. Lee,

 Jimmy Carper 36:06

that's fantastic. Isn't that cool? Well, you know, I am in the market for a sofa bed. And so what are you going? That's where I'm gonna go.

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I just, you know, we really hope that folks will mentioned heb pantry foods is, you know, mentioned to these other supporters. You know, yeah, just all these good supporters and, and use products, right, and say, I just bought a sofa here. I just bought an end table. I just bought a bedroom suite.

 Jimmy Carper 36:35

And I bought it because yes,

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that's right. And that's so important that we take that message out. And and show people like you said that they're not going to go out of business, right? And that it's going to be a positive thing. Because as Mac says, Hey, baby, and it's so funny the way he says, Hey, baby, all money is green.

 Jimmy Carper 36:55

Got it? You got it. And that, and that is the bottom line. Let's face it. That's why people do these things. And it's

 Rainbo de Clown 37:03

not the first time that matches Mac has ever done anything. Oh, he's been doing it for and he's never had to do it, his horn about it. He's just donated, he's just don't set them to benefit shows where he has donated stuff for an auction. No big tooting the horn or anything like that. Nope, very, I mean, it's just, hey, we got this from Gallery Furniture, okay. And he donated this, or you donate something else, you know, this is the first

 Jimmy Carper 37:32

good guide for this community. Well,

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and you know, something we need to remember. And I'm sure that there were folks that think, gosh, there are great causes, there are wonderful ways to spend this money. You know, the purpose of the PRI committee of Houston is to celebrate, celebrate, commemorate and educate. And I think we did all that during these many days of pride. Yes. And that's what we have to remember is that it's what we're about and all those things, and we educated the community by using these commemoration and celebration tools to get publicity, because then you have the opportunity to send your message out there. And to get coverage and to see the the wonderful diversity of our community and how it reflects the wonderful diversity of Houston. You know, we live in a marvelously diverse city.

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Jimmy Carper 38:24

We do this is a wonderful town and I wouldn't live anywhere else.

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Rainbo de Clown 38:27

It's not the last time you'll see that disco ball, I understand. Red, White and Blue. There's a whole bunch of event events coming up. So I mean, it's not just a one time thing. I heard that there's gonna be like a New Year's Eve party. Someone's wanting to rent it. That's personally that that's perfect. Well,

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Docker more to come. That's

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Jimmy Carper 38:47

right. I'd like to see it up there every year. Well,

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Rainbo de Clown 38:52

I think it's gonna be up there every year. That's what I heard. But it's going to be used year round. For other things. It's not just a one time thing.

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Jimmy Carper 39:03


Okay. Well,

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one of the things I think we're going to continue to see with the pride committee is the the pride activities and the pride committee itself becomes more of a year round organization. And


an organization Yeah, a year for


 Rainbo de Clown 39:19
Pride Week to Pride Month is


 Jimmy Carper 39:21
pride. Know It. I know, more than it's actually more than pride month because they'll gain lesbian film festival starts the last week in May. Yeah, no, sir.


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All right. Well, we had over 70 official, private events. So that's incredible. 70 That's amazing. Really incredible.

 Rainbo de Clown 39:39
And then we then we go to other cities. Okay. We have the private committee has gone to Fort Worth. They've gone to Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, we go to Dallas. They have pride parades in New Orleans, I believe is in October, and just the hurricane stays away. They had to vacate everybody.

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Well, and just remember that we started out on a because tomorrow, New York and San Francisco are going to have their pride parades. But we will have started out the season here, you banished and you bet

 Jimmy Carper 40:17
and our parade is a celebratory you were, you know, we raised money all year for things like AIDS and all that. But we also need to spend money to celebrate

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and to be proud and happy about who we are and what we're doing as a community.

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I wanted to mention one other thing about the task force, if I may, quickly, yes, please. We talked about this domestic partner benefits manual. And it's available on the web. I wanted to

give the task force's web address www.nglto.org if anyone's interested in the task force locally. The task force can be reached by mail at Post Office Box 194. Excuse me, 941. Houston, Texas. 7701. He may call 713-861-8238. And I'm not sure we have a website or not yet. We'll soon have a website. Great. That will give that that. So again, Post Office Box 941 Houston, Texas. 77001713861823 is one of the best websites in the nation is www.nglto.org. Clarence

 Jimmy Carper 41:47

Michelle, thank you for being here.

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Did you get that Jimmy? Yes, I got that.

 Jimmy Carper 41:51

You've been listening to after hours career radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. Coming up at the top of the hour is Big Daddy j with the Red Eye special. The beginning of our fabulous blues Sunday in the background. I've got Maryland Scott with the last day and what would you do if you knew it was your last day? That's what she talks about in this song. We'll see you next week and happy Friday.