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## SPEAKERS

Chris, Roy McCarthy

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Chris 00:01

Yes, because the one from Canada says specifically this is for this is for Roy. For all he's complaining on the Dirty Picture part.



Roy McCarthy 00:10

Anyway, folks, were a good part of the tonight's the first half of tonight's News and views is going to be devoted to a World AIDS Day and our first opening article is on the AIDS Memorial Quilt. And on Thursday, this coming Thursday, November 30, at 6pm. They're asking people to assemble at the workshop at the AIDS quilt workshop at 4617. Montrose that's over there in Chelsea Market area, right near the freeway and go to sweet see 140. They're going to march to the Menil Collection. And panels will, will have that are entrusted to the names project, and they're going to have performances by mezzo Sporn and Catherine. Catherine has a soprano que mas Mr. Soprano Kathleen, I cannot read that last name.



Chris 01:14

I'm sorry that there was only two copies at the community center and I couldn't copy Katherine says insky Okay,



Roy McCarthy 01:21

Katherine sinskey. And on Friday at 6pm They're inviting you to place an ornament on the tree of remembrance at the community center to those who were lost aids, and the music program and our Roll Call will follow and that it's going to be at the stages repository theater at 3201 Allen Parkway. And Chris you have some listings of some aids movies that's going to be fast



**C** Chris 01:52

rice cinema, at the rice Media Center is going to be having to perform to movie presentations here. Love reinvented is more as relevant ah, it's a French and English with English subtitles. It's a diverse collection of 12 Gay and Lesbian themed short films addressing HIV and AIDS from a variety of perspectives and insights. Now this is also being put on was part of the Houston's lesbian gay community center. This film and following each one of the performances of love reinvented is another movie called Don't let me die on a Sunday. Once again, it's a French with English subtitles. This is a provocative drama set in the aftermath of AIDS revolving around the bizarre sexual relationships of two men. Trying to cut through some of this stuff here, it appears it's going to be a very interesting one here one's a morgue employee who comes infatuated with a body of a female and it gets stranger from there. But But both of these movies will be at the rice Media Center on Rice University entrance eight University Boulevard at Stockton drive performances are going to be Friday, December 1 7:30pm. And with the second showing at 9pm. The first show is love reinvented the second one is don't let me die on a Sunday, Saturday December 2, the shows are 730 and then 9am on Sunday, December 3 at 7pm and 8:30pm. Your admission to one I believe covers both if you go to the first one your admission for the one film covers the second film as well. And as I said the love reinvented is being co sponsored I believe by Houston's lesbian gay community center.

**R** Roy McCarthy 03:51

Yes, it is and talking about the community center which is over there at the Hawthorne instead. Three Hawthorne to observe World AIDS Day the Houston lesbian and gay community center will exhibit new artwork by 15 local artists who have imagined the HIV on paint and that's gonna be on Friday December 1, the center will remain open from 10am till 9pm For people who wish to view these paintings there is no admission charge for the display which will remain on view throughout the month of December. Also beginning on that same day the center will also display sculpture created by Christine all Jisan is it's a it's a Polish name I can't say Polish

**C** Chris 04:42

name and it kills him here. Only not sick Oh, okay. Perfect. She is a Why

**R** Roy McCarthy 04:51

is Catherine herb and in collaboration with artists, with artists bookworks Hughes To commemorate world's AIDS day also known as de without art, the sculpture is now in the collection of the Gulf Coast Archives Museum and it's on loan to the center. You know, and in addition to center will also co present screenings of the 1998 French film Love reinvented, which Chris just talked about, and that's going to be on December 1 second third at Rice Media Center, and they are thrilled to present another wonderful exhibition by positive art workshop program. Community Center, President Maria Mina coochie says at that time, they are honored to collaborate once again with the rice Media Center and with the Gulf Coast archives and museum as they mark World AIDS Day. The individuals who produced the paintings exhibited at the center participate in the free positive art workshop at the Glasgow School of Art at the Museum of Fine Arts here in Houston. The 2000 worlds AIDS Day presentation continues and ongoing collaboration between the center and the museum that has involved presentation of

the workshop, annual positive negative exhibition for the last two years. These vibrant colorful paintings include rupees representations of what the artist feels the HIV virus looks like. So if you really want to see something that is very touching and important and kind of cool, stopped by the community center. This coming Friday from 10 until nine, yes.

**C** Chris 06:35

Here's an interesting little fact. That's presented as part of this World AIDS Day luncheon. Imagine this during the course of this show this evening, this three hour show 12 Americans under the age of 20 will become infected with HIV. 12 people under the age of 20 will be infected. It's rough, it comes out to one every 15 minutes is when that occurs. Those are the kinds of statistics you hear for burglary of a house for cars being stolen in certain areas. And we're talking about people being infected with HIV. And there'll be talking reflecting on this at Worlds aids World AIDS Day luncheon presented by Wells Fargo a time to reflect a time to care and a time to react is the choice of a lifetime on February December 1 from 1130 to 1pm. At the rice hotel downtown in the Crystal Ballroom special keynote speaker Dr. Jocelyn elders, former United States Surgeon General will be speaking on this topic. There also be honoring Ed Smith of AIDS Foundation Houston on this day if you want to get more information or tickets if they're still available contact 713-623-6796 Or you can go to AIDS Foundation Houston website at WWW dot aids help dot o RG okay,

**R** Roy McCarthy 08:13

I was which stands for amigos volunteers and education services invite you to the World AIDS Day event to remember and celebrate lives touched by HIV AIDS. And on Friday at 6pm There's going to be a candlelight vigil at Our Lady of Guadalupe church at 2405 navigation. A block from a block down from the original name for us at 6:45pm. There then they are going to have a procession across the street to the talent crow bilingual of entertainment, music and poetry at 2115 runnels. The candlelight vigil will include remarks from special guests, and a roll call of the persons we now Miss to have a person added to the roll call. They do not need to be Hispanic and everyone is encouraged to attend should call the Ibis world's day Hotline at 281-632-9974 or you can email them world's the AIDS day@hotmail.com. For more information, please call Leonardo Karno at 713-626-2837 extension 294.

**C** Chris 09:35

And for our southern listeners, courtesy of hand net and the Galveston County Daily News. Galveston will be having a commemoration of World AIDS Day. Many community organizers in Area Schools will participate participate in the making of a human Billboard. The AIDS coalition of coastal Texas plans to round up hundreds of volunteers to form the words we care at Kermit kohrville state am on December the first a photo the human formation will be taken high above in a helicopter. Marissa barely volunteer coordinator for the coalition so the photo will be used for AIDS awareness and educational campaigns. They're estimating 400 volunteers will participate and they would love to have as many as possible. They're asking you wear bright clothing and those wearing the color red will be used to form the ribbons that signify World AIDS Day. Afterwards, a World AIDS Day candlelight program will be held at the county

courthouse. Once again this is going to be happening in Galveston. For World AIDS Day December the first starting at 3pm at the Kermit Kohrville stadium 27th Street and Avenue N and a half Galveston,

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Roy McCarthy 10:50

okay now there are other things happening in the in the lighter fare. And in the news. The pride community of Houston got this from Jack Valinski the celebration committee. The celebration committee of the pride committee of Houston will hold its first monthly meeting on Tuesday November 30. At 7pm at the multi service center 1475 Watts gray. This assembly this facility is accessible with plenty of parking items discussed will be general planning for the 2001 event and a preview of the 2001 logo will also be available. Everyone can participate in the meeting and you can become a voting member after attending two meetings. Again, that's going to be at the multi Service Center. 1475 West grade this coming Tuesday at 7pm.

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Chris 11:48

I second Rhode Island Scout Troop has defined is pledged to defy the national ban on gay and let gays in their ranks. Boy Scout troop 28 of Providence says it will ignore the ban claiming that everyone should be included. More than 20 people from the troop signed a letter that was sent to the statewide Council of the Boy Scouts stating their intentions. The National scouts say or the 1910 oath that scouts must keep themselves morally straight on quote directly addresses the question of homosexuals. But troop 28 says the oath simply means scouts should do what is right and to keep themselves on the quote straight and narrow path unquote. Troop 28 thus joins Providence Cub Scout pack 88 In announcing that it will defy the ban. Pack 88 has not heard from the National Boy Scouts Since announcing its intentions.

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Roy McCarthy 12:43

Okay, coming moving right along on the 28th of November, which is only a couple of days away. Having sex is one thing, having great sex is yet another. It has often been said that the key to great sex is the ability to talk about what you like with your partner and intimacy. Here too. It has been said that the key to success is in communication. And the men's network invites you to join them to discuss answers to question about how we value sex and intimacy. And the men's network is for gay and bisexual men to come together in a safe and supportive environment to learn and to share about issues that affect them. And they are affiliated with the Montrose Counseling Center. And again this coming November 28. And it's going to be from 715 to 9pm at the Montrose Counseling Center 701 Richmond For more information call them at area code 713529 Double O three seven

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Chris 13:54

it's time now to dawn your gay apparel a tree trimming party on December the third to dress up Houston's lesbian and gay community center for the holiday season. They're inviting festive minded folks to a tree trimming and decorating party on Sunday, Sunday Sunday Sunday December the third beginning at 7pm. At the community center located at 803 Hawthorne,

cookies eggnog and punch will be served and holiday tunes will make the evenings merry and bright. A requested donation at the door will help support the center. There will also be a 5050 raffle that will the half half of the raffle proceeds will go to the winner the other half will go to the center. decorations will include garlands and wreaths and individuals across the community have already donated ornaments. And if you were to come in on December the third you are invited to bring your own to donate as well. The Houston lesbian and gay community center is the central resource for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities and is located at 803 Hawthorne Morning at Stanford. For more information you can contact their their telephone line at 713-524-3818. Okay,

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Roy McCarthy 15:10

for those of you that are in recovery, a new group has started for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons in recovery. And those who are interested in subscribing to this online computer chat group can do so by sending a blank email to LG BT hyphen recovery, subscribe at e groups.com. And they hope to get this group going as an open forum for persons and recovering from alcohol as well as cross addictions. They say to feel free to forward this email to anyone that you may think may be interested in joining this group. And so we have spread the word that a group for people who are lesbian, gay bisexual transgender, recovery from some addiction or cross addiction, you can reach them a new chat group chat support group that was just about Ricky Martin and MTV.

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Chris 16:15

Well, MTV, has brought on Latin heartthrob Ricky Martin to host a documentary on AIDS Scheduled to air on World AIDS Day. MTV is also planning on having a short, a short movie contest winner that they had presented earlier. We just we talked about it several months ago. On aids, there was a contest that they ran and all that will be running on World AIDS Day, December 1. The funny thing is the story came out of Stockholm because Ricky Martin was over there for their most recent awards show. One of the scourges I think of MTV now is they play very little music. And when they start showing you the your MTV European awards, then you know they they've decided to give up on music. Oh, also, one thing I just wanna let everyone know is remember that next Sunday, on December the third queer as folks begins its American eyes version. Oh, that's right on Showtime. And I will say this, I've been kind of worried that it wasn't going to live up to the European version. But after watching their commercials, they are going to be fairly true to it. And then some their commercials, let me put it this way. The content of their commercials you don't see on there soft core shows. Okay, so it is going to be very risqué. It is going to be definitely the TV ma rating. You will see a lot of back nudity. But it's an important thing to see this is this show is coming out that it's going to be this controversy you'll have a show hitting the airwaves. And it takes the cable company here in the United States to do something like that. And I'm hoping to catch their special they're doing there was a 30 minute show this evening that I didn't I didn't find out till after it was over that it was on on Showtime called is America ready. And it is their preview show about queries folks. And so hopefully we'll find out a little bit more about that and get ready and I went on bought a extra VCR this weekend. So I'll make sure I

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thank you for for your for your good friends who don't have Showtime.

 Chris 18:40

Yeah, because this way I'll have one tape that I'll have continuous of episode 12345 Yeah, and then I'll have the other one which will be the lending library. Back and forth at once the odd tape one will be the Eventide Gotcha. So make sure you watch it and because I'll say one thing about them. They do know the community they're playing to because every one of their other original shows. They say their their Eastern start time is 10pm sharp. Every advertisement for queers folks, it says 10 o'clock. They they know we're not going to show up at 10 o'clock

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can tarnish Yeah, so if

 Chris 19:17

you wish to send us news information stories tidbits. dirty pictures Thank you Kenneth and JD

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I didn't get it didn't get what it didn't come through which one whatever you sent me the second one nothing came through.

 Chris 19:33

We got the first one from Jimmy the Ricky Martin picture

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no you replied saying

 Chris 19:39

that was his head but not his bow that one

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okay. Yeah, yeah. Yes, I got that one and thank you JD but it's yeah, it was somebody else's body but perky. But what

 Roy McCarthy 19:48

are those? Ricky Martin has got a personal trainer to get him into more of he wasn't in. He wanted he wanted to shake kick more bonbons he needed more bonbons. Yeah,

 Chris 20:00

well the one for Kenneth was a, an E greeting card who, unlike my foul play when I sent you for Thanksgiving, okay, the turkey neck wasn't strangled on this one. Gotcha. So you can email that after hours. kpft@hotmail.com That's right.

 Roy McCarthy 20:18

Okay for Jimmy, Chris. I'm big Roy. That's a wrap. Thanks for listening and who knows what kind of craziness we'll have next week for the news? That's it?

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And you're listening to after hours on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station. I'm Jimmy Carper. And it is time for the leather line with Jim sorgi.

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Yes. And I'm coming on board here. Hey, Jim, how you doing? Great. Did you have a good Thanksgiving? It

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was wonderful. It was it was one of the more relaxing ones I've had in a long time. Because in past years, I've had to go to too. And last year, it was three different places. Oh, and you find out that you can't spend a whole lot of time with people and and by the end of the evening, you just want to vomit really

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well. You're rushed and rushed. And it's like, Hi, how you doing? Good to see you. Goodbye. I gotta go.

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Yeah, exactly. Of course you have to eat at every place. But but one dinner this year and had lots of time to spend with people I only get to see once a year and it was a lot a lot of fun.  
Great. How about yours?

Great. How about yours?



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It was really nice. Like you said it was very relaxing. Had a few friends over from the complex. And it was just it was very relaxed. And I think neighbor Glen is listening tonight. He's probably studying if he's not falling asleep by now. But wanted to say hello to everyone out there and hope you're having a having a good holiday season who could fall asleep during this show. Really. Especially during hatch. I think



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we're having a good time tonight. But I tell



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you we got a good show tonight. I have the the men from NLA, which is the national national leather association of Houston here.



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Yeah, I was talking about that earlier.



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And it's gonna be good. They're gonna talk about their group and the toy drive. And I just have a few announcements first. We had the bears on the Bayou on a few months ago. Yes. And they're having another one of their casino bus trips. And that's coming up on Sunday say it's Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, December the third. And what they're doing the bears on the bio is having a gambling trip to grandpa's casino Casino. Yada, yada. Yeah. And what you can do is get your tickets at basic brothers are leather by boots, or I think they have a myth at the bus door. The bus leaves at the Walgreens which is at Montrose. They're 30 317 Montrose Boulevard of at bulbar right down the street. The bus leaves promptly at 9am and returns at 730 and it's only \$10 Wow. And that includes that includes the bus trip there and back continental breakfast on the bus and a lunch buffet there at kushana



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Very, very nice. Wow, you can't beat that with a stick that



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that's very good course it does not include your gamma





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or drinkies or anything like that. But hey, I remember that group. Lloyd's Powell Yes. and the gang and at the time they were they were as a fundraiser they were selling like the brownie brownie mix. And he had one of them. It was so good. I cannot tell you how good those brownies were. Did you make it? Yes, I did. Rallies I have had in a very long time and I want more to give out for Christmas gifts. So



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let me know because I'm gonna may be going out doing that and I'll take some orders. Yeah, please



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do. Yes. That was wonderful.



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So that's coming up. Sunday December 3 at 9am at the Walgreens so be tagged but it's at the back. Park at the back there. I don't know the name of that street.



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Stamp. No, it's, it's well, it's where the drive thru



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is yes, it's right behind there. You park there and the bus will be right there. Go it's gotta be hard won this. But, uh, on a sad news. Note here. We we have to acknowledge the passing of someone that has been really important here in the leather community.



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We were talking about him last week. Yeah. Jeff cow



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and fortunately passed away the 15th of November. For those of you didn't know Jeff, he was really involved in the community in fundraising and was part of the SAM Buka sisters Winterville



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retable group they did just a couple of shows a year but they would raise 1000s of dollars. I know they raised like \$3,000 at decade's one time for the for the gay and lesbian, switchboard



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credible. just flabbergasted. They are really great. Yes. Jeff was a manager of decades bar on Richmond and he always he always had a good thing to say. And it just it really hurt. You know, it's it's one of those things that you hear about and you don't believe and



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we never really know people know,



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and know what's going



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on in people's minds sometimes or what they really feel and, and what's really bothering people.



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So our thoughts are go out to TR and friends and family. And I found out that there's going to be a memorial service on Sunday, December the third unfortunately, at 1pm at the



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Rothko Chapel. Great place.



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So for those of you who didn't know, Jeff, unfortunately, you missed a little bit of the good side of life because he always made you laugh and smile.



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I'll tell you what, at about one o'clock, wherever you may be, because you'll be on that trip. Just raise a glass to



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Jeff will do that. Okay, now for our guest tonight. For those of you who don't know, the National leather Association have used and



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how could they not? I don't know.



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For years. We have Dennis Watson, Brian caver and Mark Cohen. Hey, guys, how you doing? And Dennis? You're the president right?



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This year? Yes, I am. All right. Who's your VP IBP. This year is Dan Hamill. He's also our co sponsor of the toy drive. Oh chair. And the treasurer is sitting here beside me. That's Brian Cooper



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Hello. That



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we don't let him near too much money at one time.



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We know someone knows how to count money.



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Our secretary is Ken Finkel and our member at large is Ken Williamson.



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All right. Well, Brian is no stranger to this radio station. And yes, I'm going to



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tell it Okay. Back in



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1987 this show started and Brian was the news director. Yep.



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And when we came on at two o'clock in the morning from 2am to 4am Yes,



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yes, that's why it's called after hours. Better hours. Yeah,



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so yeah, have such a better gig than



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that. You know that three to four hours that three o'clock to four o'clock hour was really tough for insurance what



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I have and that reminds me speaking of the hour, where are they listening to?



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They are listening to Oh, I already said that. Say that but we can say it again.



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I thought I thought it was FCC regulation. Yes.



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And it was like 56 You must give your station and call letters between five and five after just stay legal with FCC. Okay, now on the big commercial stations they say it every three minutes so it doesn't really matter. But here you know we don't say it that often but you are listening to after hours. Queer radio with attitude. KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station crave. And we have a sister station was sister show actually after hours north which is is at



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k s HQ in Huntsville, Huntsville,



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Sam Houston. State College, the guy who runs the radio station. He's a senior he's been listening to after hours. And he started a show based on after hours and asked if he could use could call it after hours north and so yeah, Hey, that sounds great. Really a great crowd up there. It's a small station. You know, it's like 50 watts. So it's, it just hits Huntsville,



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but that's okay. You



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gotta start some sometimes folks in Huntsville can't get this station very well. So



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there are facts there to bet.



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Nothing of college station



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never.



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Well. that's great. We're here talking with NI A. We're going to abbreviate it here national

Well, that's great. We're here talking with him. We're going to appreciate it here National Leather Association Houston and we're going to talk about their group and their upcoming Toy Drive. So tell the listeners about yourself, Dennis. Like how long have you been in Houston?



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I've been here just a little over four years and I had the good fortune of running into members of NLA literally and repeatedly back when we used to bartend once a month at the venture in the old venture alley back when and got to meet a gentleman like Mr. Keever Mike geyser, a wonderful gentleman is no longer with us. And they just invited me in and included me and what they were doing and it was just I felt a nice fellowship with these folks. And so I offered up my services and said hey, what can I do



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and born and we're grabbing for the officers



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Well, Dennis, where did you move here from from



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I had done a short stint in Wichita Kansas at that time but I still claim Kansas City is home  
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it stamp that sounded like prison time here.



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Well felt like you so much like being I guess in Huntsville? I'm not sure but



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All right. Well, Brian, you've been here many years right?



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Oh, yes. Dirt. Like you know, right here on our roommates. Hey, what can I tell you but not? Or at least it feels like it but no, I? I moved here in 1981. So I have your kid. I've been here with Jack Alinsky. I came here to visit and 1980. And I was like, Holy crap, I gotta get here. And so at

Jack Amisky. I came here to visit and 1980. And I was like, holy crap, I gotta get here. And so at the time, I was working at a nightclub in Atlanta. So then before that I'm originally from North Carolina. So I moved west and became a Texan, and I'm here ever since. Wow, you



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move from Atlanta to here. Yeah. Why don't you know that? Atlanta is like almost my second choice for a place to live.



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Well, honestly, remember, this was 1981. Atlanta wasn't quite as fabulous thing as it is now. So but and Houston was very fabulous. Then, you know, we were in the boom days. And this was before the for everything went bust and pre everything. So we were we were really having quite a fun time. And we still do now it's I think the city of Houston is back up and back where we need to be so you're right. You know, and we're helping out doing that. So that's



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great. Well, how did you get involved Brian within LA?



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Well, I'm a believer, and I'm actually one of the only charter members left. myself. I was hanging around the ripcord and lurking as usual and was introduced to a gentleman by the name of Dane Waldron. Dallas, oh, who now lives in Dallas and he comes up to me, he goes, I was told I need to meet you. And I was like, okay. You are. And he goes, Well, I'm starting a new club. And I wanted to know if he wanted to help out and I was like, Where do you meet? He goes, we meet at the CNN cafe. And if anyone's old enough to remember, that's now Barney B's Yeah, it was a little hole in the wall cafe called the CNN cafe. And that's where we were meeting it at that point in time. Because their business there were so bad they let anyone a



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hole in the wall. That is exactly right.



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It truly was I mean it was smaller than then Barnaby says now but that's how I started with him and I really enjoyed it. I felt comfortable it it allowed me to to be myself and because you know I have this dual personality so it allowed me to to enjoy myself dual



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Sybil what we like 15



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Yes, as a DJ was one of them but hey, you know, what could I tell you about? No, no, I Houston's always been very important in my life and the different aspects that we do with it the education, the toy drive, and just the camaraderie with the men and women in the leather community in the city of Houston, which matches no other.



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They really do. They're fantastic. It's amazing where you think everyone's just tapped out and not willing to go further and there'll be a fundraiser or benefit, and boom, people are there. It's great,



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you know, in the city of Houston, I think has probably the most dubious honor. This is the only city I know of now, I'm sure there may be others I'm not aware of. But the city of Houston is the only city I know of that the love the community, the drag community, and everyone works together. You don't hate each other, you work together for the common good. And I think that's a wonderful thing to have here in the city of Houston. That is



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and we're going to have to do that more than next few years.



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Listen, if it wasn't for the leather community, the drag community and the Western Community there wouldn't be any fundraisers in this town. Let's face it.



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It's absolutely true.



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And we raise a lot of money in this city. You bet. Well, Mark,



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tell us about yourself.

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I'm kind of the oddball.

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That really, I'm a native Houstonian. I've lived here all my life and enjoy the city immensely. And I had the good fortune a year ago, because of the profession I'm I'm in I'm with AFH to meet these two neat people as well as the rest of the folks within Ia through the association that they came on board with us benefiting our toy drive, and realized what an incredible gift they were giving to our community and wanted to be part of that. That's

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incredible. So were you always interested since you've been here for many years? What What was the catalyst that got you kind of involved? Was it the work?

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Oh, professionally.

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I mean, it's just like, did you say I want to do something different work?

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When did you get flogged everyone? Well,

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yeah. Man, you know, what can I say? That's why I kind of preface you know, professionally. Where are we going with that?

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That's true. That's good advice, though. Well tell us the history of NLA Houston. Oh,



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goodness, while this is our 10th year, we'll start in 2001. It'll be our 10th year, which is not one of the oldest groups in town, but I still think we're one of the more active groups in town, there's only a couple of groups that are real, real active, and I'm excited to say we're one of them. And we're a pansexual organization, which means that we don't discriminate against anyone so you can be gay, straight, bisexual, transgendered, it does not matter. In MLAs, bylaws and all and we're educational. We try to teach people safe, sane and consensual, and we're part of an international group, underlie International. And so the city of Houston is one of the groups around the nation, internationally. inlay does a lot of workshops, we do workshops. Every other month, almost we do fundraisers, bartender socials. So it's not scary, like some people think it is we don't all sit around and flog each other daily. I mean, you know, we, you know, older. You know, some people don't get flagged nearly as much as they should, but you know, but, you know, it's just like, people get up in the morning, they get dressed, they go to work, you don't wear you know, faux leather, you know, on your nine to five job at Exxon or something. So I mean, you know, but I mean, it's just, it's, it's an experience, it's a lifestyle, you enjoy it. It helps out camaraderie. You feel good. And getting



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the word out there too, because everyone always wants to learn. And I thank in LA for being a part of that. To be able to teach people you do seminars every so often, and just let people know that when those when those are going to be and it's important. I'm gonna bring something up here that maybe a lot of people weren't familiar with, up in. Attleboro, Massachusetts. There was recently a case in early July, where police broke into a warehouse that was having a play party, and a lot of people. They don't understand what a play party is. It's a group, typically a leather organization that gets together And what they're doing is they're they're, they're demonstrating certain techniques. And this one was, unfortunately, as I say, busted. But it was kind of weird. There's so many problems and why this is big, what people say, Well, why this happened in Boston? Why does it affects us here down here in Houston? Well, it's really it does for the fact that it, it really comes down to the fact that our people's rights to do what they want in a safe, sane and consensual manner being violated. And you go through this case, and they really were, I don't know, if any, are you familiar with the case? No,



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but it sounds familiar to some of the issues we've gone through in the past. And it is part of internationals, and certainly our mission as well, to help identify to the local authorities what exactly is going to be going on, and how that either goes with or making sure that it does not step outside of the boundaries of the local laws. And that's one of International's big functions these days is to try and educate people, law enforcement, as well as to what is going on so that this sort of incidents don't happen.



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safe, sane, and consensual is the bottom line. And we've had cases in San Diego, we've had this, this spider case and different different areas. So I mean, some people don't understand and. you know. it's not just a. you know. a gay thing. It's you know. there's there's a very large

and, you know, it's not just a, you know, a gay thing. It's you know, there's there's a very large heck community that's out there, that center leather they send to playing that, that are even more closeted than we are as far as doing things like that. So it's very much a learning process and learning curve that we try to help out people will have



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the two people arrested. One was the host of the party, Ben Davis, and the other one was Stephanie Reed of Manhattan, who is a heterosexual woman involved in leather, and she was arrested for carrying a dangerous weapon.



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Do you know what that weapon was? A wooden spoon.



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A wooden spoon. Spoon housewives of America beware.



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We probably need to mention to the audience that when you talk about a play party, you're not necessarily talking about a sexual



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practice. That's correct. As a matter of fact, most of the time you're not right.



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Right. And so I don't that's why I really don't understand how there's any reason to bust a a play party. It's very interesting.



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And this is your we're going to follow this case the next few months and see what happens to it. They've nicknamed it paddle borough



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paddle gate, you know. But but there there's there's been instances in the past where you're talking about the straight people who were in the closet that leather people are in in cars. And I can remember reading about cases where people lost their children. cuz they were arrested at

can remember reading about cases where people lost their children, cuz they were arrested at a play party and the courts looked dis favorably on it. And that died on understand, well, this



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all evolves about what people want to do in the privacy of their own residence, or in this case, it was I think it was a facility that one of the gentleman owned. So it is kind of interesting. There's advocacy, advocacy, advocacy groups, I cannot talk tonight. The National Coalition Hey,



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you look great.



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Thank you. We can claim that the recovery Darling you



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got the beard beard. Yeah,



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he's wearing his sludge shirt.



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We're talking about that later.




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He appears to be very cold





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Somehow I don't think looking pretty comes very hard for him. Yeah, right. But but they're getting back there are turning red here. Yeah, it's hot under these lights. Yeah, right. But there's the NCSF the National Coalition of sexual freedom that they're involved in this NLA International and the actual the paddle burl Defense League, they've they formed a league on that. And there's a website if people want to go to it's [www dot paddle borough, Pa DD L E b r p o r o](http://www.dot.paddleborough.pa.ddleborough.org) one word.com And that has all the information on what do


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they not understand about safe, sane and consensual.

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What gets me is is a word wooden spoon can be a deadly weapon. Martha Stewart beware.  
Yeah, no

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kidding. You're next tiny.


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All right. But we're gonna follow this in the next few months and see what happens. If it's any case like up in San Diego, right? They were all acquitted. So Correct. Yeah. And hopefully that'll happen here. We had a call here.

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Call. Yes. Yes, we do.

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Is the caller there

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hit that again. And next.

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Technology can

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do that. And I can't





Chris 45:45

do that. I answered it on the black phone so we may not be able to transfer. Oh, okay,



Roy McCarthy 45:49

check. Voodoo voodoo. Voodoo. Okay,



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we have two telephone systems in this building. And



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it's nothing to do with counting chance, right? No, no.



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And when a call comes in, if you answer it on one, you can't transfer it over and get it on the air because there was somebody on there's someone on the air, someone on the phone who would like to get on the air. So we're going to ask him to call back and we'll answer it on the correct phone. All righty.



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We'll try that out. Okay. Speaking of that stuff in Florida. Yes. I got a whole new sexual meaning from the word hanging chad.



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That's going to be the very popular name for a boy you know. Yeah. But you know, it is it is rather interesting, you know that we have dimples and pregnant temples and it's just amazing how you know