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Chris 00:02

I'm just an all you finally concern you finally were concerned with the pronunciation of something on the ship on the air here and it was a street name. The liberal clergy endorsed gay marriages, abortion and sex education. More than 800 clergy and other religious workers have endorsed a declaration that calls on all faiths to bless same sex couples and allow for gay ministers. It also advocates open access to abortion and sex education at all age levels. Nearly half of the initial signers of the statement are from the Unitarian Universalist Association, The United Church of Christ and the liberal branches of Judaism. The paper received little backing from Catholics, and none from the major evangelical black, Protestant, Eastern Orthodox, Mormon, Buddhist, Hindu or Muslim organizations. A spokesman for the Southern Baptist Convention calls it a radical departure from the teachings of the scriptures. What a big surprise on that. And I came to us from the AP news wire. So we're, we're bringing you the real news now ladies and gentlemen,



Roy McCarthy 01:08

also from him that he got this information that Jimmy Creech will be the speaker at the next PFLAG Houston monthly meeting Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, February 6. As we mentioned last week, Jimmy Creech is a was a United Methodist pastor and he violated the church policy by performing a holy union ceremony for two men and which is prohibited by the church discipline. Because of his courageous stand. He is no longer a pastor. For Jimmy the stance of the church reflects a broad prejudiced against gays, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people and expresses the belief that their love is not recognized by God. And is it any wonder when you you have pastors and preachers and church denominations, saying that their love is no good and not recognized by God that you have people like John rocker saying bigoted things like he says, this is where people learn this stuff. This is where people learn to hate is in the church. Again, it's going to Jimmy Creech will be at the next PFLAG monthly meeting Sunday February 6. For more information you can call the PFLAG Helpline at area code 713-867-9020.



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Also, with PFLAG, they've announced a new billboard campaign. You may have heard or seen some publicity about the exciting PFLAG billboard campaign and you may have received a letter with some of the organizations of hoping what they have showing you what they hope to accomplish. Look for billboards to go up at several locations around Houston by late spring, and even sooner if funding permits. From what I heard when they were interviewed, and lesbian and gay voices. They're hoping to get these on major intersections, not these little backwater roads out in the sticks. If you want to link to their website for other people to get information, their website is [www dot PFLAG houston.org](http://www.dotPFLAGhouston.org). that's all one word. You can see the pictures of what the billboards are going to look like. Also, there's information on there on how you can contribute to to the purchase of these billboards, and even sponsorship of an entire billboard. If you have any questions. Once again, you can go to [www dot PFLAG dot PFLAG houston.org](http://www.dotPFLAGdotPFLAGhouston.org), or email PFLAG billboards@aol.com, or call their helpline 71346 P flag at 713-467-3524.

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Roy McCarthy 03:53

Okay, the greatest use of Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce and the National Society for fundraising executives, the greater Houston chapter, invite your participation at a 100% underwritten event for anyone involved with fundraising and grant writing. This is a fundraising and grant writing seminar and it's going to be Saturday, next Saturday, the 29th at and it's going to be at the Hollyfield Center at 2700. Albany. Reservations are required by this coming Monday. You can call them at area code 713-523-7576. extension number two, or you can get email at info at GHGL cc.org. Registration is from 830 to 9am. The seminar is going to be from nine to five lunch and drinks are provided. Again there's limited capacity available and no late arrivals or early departures and because of the limited capacity, they are asking that you contact them for reservations. Again, it will be at the Hollyfield conference center 2700 Albany at the corner of drew in Albany, two blocks northeast of twin and Fairview. All costs are underwritten by the Elliot H. Matthews Foundation. And it's hosted by the Greater Houston gay and lesbian community, Chamber of Commerce, and a whole plethora of other organizations.

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my dear now greasy greasy the Millennium march on Washington for equality. The fourth such March has now announced that are going to include a two day millennial Festival, which will take place Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30th. The March is scheduled for Sunday, April 30. This first of a kind Festival will take place on eight blocks of historic Pennsylvania Avenue, and will feature a variety of gay friendly vendors booths for community groups, food, drink and entertainment. The event will also feature to dance areas of family area, along with wellness

and cyber pavilions. The festival will take place from 11 to seven on Saturday with a dance following from eight to midnight. And then on Sunday, there will be the festival B 11 to eight and they'll be a celebratory tea dance that will take place after the rally. And we'll have Jimmy's laughing at tea to answer what. Now, a whole different show going on in the next room. For more information about the millennial festival, call area code 201-776-0100. Or check out the website at WWW.dashproductions.net. Also with the millennial march on Washington, the organizers are encouraging people to dream big and nominate individuals who will have inspiring moving or empowering to them who will be inspiring, moving and empowering to them personally, and to encourage their friends and family to nominate prospective speakers as well. Nomination can run the gamut from local heroes to celebrities, parents to poets, athletes to activist, or anyone who provides information. Submissions can be made by email inspiration. submissions may be made by email to MMOW2000@aol.com. Or you can fax 202-467-8102. Or we can mail to the millennial Marsha offices at 1,016th Street Northwest suite 300. Washington DC 20036 nominations to include a brief description of the person and contact information for both the person nominating and the person or persons being nominated. The nominations must include full name, address and phone number for verification. Hopefully, we're not giving out our address here for the radio station. So they try nominate Roy and Kevin helped

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Roy McCarthy 08:13

us know I wouldn't be able to go anyway. Anyways, they've been busy over the Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus, because they are in the midst of screening candidates for the March primary. So far, only Democrats have responded to their invitation, which is the norm folks, you know, as it has been for the past several years because the Republicans are worried that if they go to the caucus, Dr. hopes he will crucify them in their primary or if not at the primary in the general election. The caucus is open to all political, it is non partisan. It is open to all different political groups. There are Democrats there are Republicans. There are socialists there are independents. There are what's that group that Mr. Big Ears. Jesse Ventura is with Reform Party Reform Party. There's a whole whole gamut of different political ideologies at the caucus. So and they will also have their endorsement meeting on Wednesday, February 2 at the love it in at 501 Lovett Boulevard social will begin at seven o'clock, and the business meeting begins at 730. Along with the endorsement process, they will also feel the board position board trustee position number two, which was left open by Mike Bowden, as my voting became our vice president. He can no longer hold two chairs here. And so he's our vice president and so his board seat is open and dandy and annato is the only nominee at this time for that position. And so that's what's happening in the caucus.

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Chris 09:55

You're invited to join the pride committee of Houston and celebrating a new year of pride. With a unveiling of the new logo for Houston Lesbian and Gay Pride 2000 Meet the men and women who organize Houston's pride festivities mingle with fellow community members, enjoy hors d'oeuvres and beverages and be entertained by the Houston pride band. This is occurring Thursday, January 27. From six to 8pm at the Houston lesbian and gay community center, located at 803 Hawthorne. For more information contact the pride committee of Houston at 713-529-6979 or email info at Pridehouston.org

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Roy McCarthy 10:38

Okay, coming up this coming Tuesday at the men's network, which meets at the Montrose Counseling Center at 701. Richmond. Their subject for this coming. Meeting will be sex between men, sorted or sacred. The awful taboo of sex between men hasn't been removed and if so by Why do so many of us feel so bad about it? Well, I don't. This discussion will focus on societal views of male homosexuality and literature celebrating Sex and Love between men as sacred. We will explore the question of how to reclaim our desire from the taboos of society. Again, that will be at the men's network at 715. this coming Tuesday at the Montrose Counseling Center for more information you can call the Counseling Center at 713-529-0037.

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Chris 11:35

Coming up this evening at the BRB the Mr. BRB contest will be occurring at eight o'clock and I thought there was more information on both nights for remember the magic Mr. BRB, Sunday January 23 at 8pm The BRB it doesn't say where it's at, it's on Brazzers just

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Roy McCarthy 12:04

right behind spectrum. Look a Thor find a winking bunny. Find the winking neon bunny and right behind the bunny. Okay, the 611 recently awarded and \$800 check to the PWA holiday charities from its annual blackjack every Friday and Saturday night at 611. Features casino blackjack with all bets going toward the HIV charity. The bar has some great productions coming up including studio 6611 And I'm not gonna Okay, I will have a retro flashback every Thursday the bartenders will don their best 70s get ups and retro music will be pumping along with festive drag queens, it will have a studio 54 atmosphere stop. Oh, no, there's a good part add to that. A big contest every Tuesday where the dancers will be doused with water measured and crowned as the biggest in the bunch.

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Jamie's not paying attention because that was

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Roy McCarthy 13:09

all together.

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Okay, what's what's going on?

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Roy McCarthy 13:12

Okay, now I'll

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the Barton Okay. Okay. 611 is doing some fundraising ideas. And they're following up on Tuesdays with a big Richard contest. A big, big contest,

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a big Richard contest every

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Roy McCarthy 13:26

where the dancers will be doused with water measured and crowned with the biggest bunch. The biggest thing but yes.

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So so what we're talking about here is a wet jockey shorts contest, basically. Okay.

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Chris 13:45

Well, we'll have interviews on that next week. Oh, my I'm in the neighborhood on Tuesdays.

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And Diddy. How much more do you got?

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Well, we need to wrap up here. Let's do this because that's coming up until February. Okay, we're actually going to do a 20 minute show this week. Dammit. Okay,

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Roy McCarthy 14:06

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no read that. I'm seeing if this one's good enough to go.

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Roy McCarthy 14:13

I'll call you want me to read because this is the women's that you get back on me. Okay, I'll do

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it. I'm gonna lap somebody. Oh, we will like

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Roy McCarthy 14:21

it. We're having too much fun back here folks. Anyways, January 26. Coming out under fire the video currently the presidential primary candidates are debating Wait, this is from the Women's Network folk, which also has a meeting at the Charles goggling center. And if I can read this through without Chris knocking me on the head of you, America on January 26 is coming out under fire the video currently the presidential primary candidates are debating their views on whether to change the Don't Ask Don't Tell military policy. In this powerful film, the experience of nine gay and lesbian veterans are documented Combining declassified documents, rare archival footage, interviews and photographs, the video returns back to World War Two. Where the current Don't Ask Don't Tell policy originated. Here the dramatic first person stories are a group of men and women who volunteered to fight for their country, only to be later persecuted, rounded up in witch hunts and labeled as undesirable. Again, this will be at the Women's Network at the Montrose Counseling Center. 701 Richmond room 15. Call for more information 713529003 Set one

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last thing don't forget Showtime having the special common ground the story of gay life in three different time errors in a small town of Homer, Connecticut. It was so many next Saturday at 7pm followed up on Monday, on January Monday, Monday, the 31st and February 10. To go good idea to watch that and I'll be bringing tapes to that for the people here. Good. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. If you wanna get in contact with us to talk Yes, anyone who wants to let us know of events coming up and let your bit of insanity show up here or anything you want. You can email us at after hours kpft@hotmail.com We did it. Thank you

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Welcome back to the new revival our Seriously folks, it's after hours on KPFT Houston celebrating life in the heart of Montrose. And now I'm handing it over to the collective to see what they do with it.

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Well, we do all kinds of things with it. Actually. I'm Jimmy Carper you aren't listening to after hours, and now we have the leather segment with Jim Cerini. Yes, it's leather. Like trying to put an h in your last name. A lot of people do that. That's okay.



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I don't know if you can call me anything. It's actually we call this the Jim show.



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Yeah, there you go. Hey,



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I got a great guest today. Kim Ziegler of Blackhawk leather who is here. So we're going to talk to him in just a bit and I thought maybe I'd get into a little leather news and things. Sure. What I wanted to mention, first of all,



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well, I want to mention first of all, is it your birthday? Happy birthday.



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Thank you. I didn't want to talk about the birthday. Yeah, no, that's, that's one of those things where this let it slide. Yeah, about



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after 25 was that? And I've been doing it for a very long time.



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All right. Let me get into a little leather news here. Yes. There's a bid in Chicago. You've heard of the leather Archives Museum, we talked about that. They're moving and they'll have their new grand opening in February. But they're trying to establish a titleholder database. And so what you can do is contact the letter archives and museum care of Joseph bean. And he's in Chicago, His email address is J W being that J wbean@ix.net com.com. And what you can do is give information on different titles that you know about who the winners were, the title year, the title holder, and the sponsors, where it was located, and information like that. So they're trying to get all these title holders together and try to get a database started.



Jimmy Carper 18:57

Well you know that's happening. It seems to me I don't know maybe because I'm involved in

Well, you know, that's happening. It seems to me I don't know maybe because I'm involved in it. But But archives and museum things seem to be happening everywhere people are trying to regain the lost history are just get a record of what's been going on in their various communities. I'm all for it. Because I think that, you know, if you have a history, you do not have to recreate yourself and every generation you have you. You're there you have the basis.



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That's true. And it's good to get all these things together. Yes. tied in with that, of course, is the International Mr. Leather competition this year for 2000. May 25, the 29th in Chicago, so that's got a little bit of time there but make your plans and travel up there. Pantheon of leather is going to it's their 10th anniversary. So that's another big, big show. That's going to be February 25 26th and 27th in New Orleans. lunch. And so the pantheon of letter that's another big event.



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Wow. New Orleans. That's party time. Yes, that's party time.



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Okay, the brotherhood of pain. If people familiar that the brotherhood of pain, they're having their 11th anniversary hell run. That's going to be February 11 12th and 13th at the ripcord, you can sign up there. I believe the run fee is \$35 On the day of registration, and on the 12th. They're having a slave auction there at the ripcord. Oh, good. So that should be fun, good, good. Little information about a new leather club, the Houston Leather Alliance, what they're formulated is a mission statement. And I was told that that's going to be a dedicated group of individuals in the leather Levi in uniform lifestyle, and power to educate and provide support through fundraising for our diverse community. And they're gonna have a their first fundraiser, just kind of a conceptual thing here is an Easter basket basket auction. That's going to be of course in Easter, which is this year, April the 23rd, at EJC. And we'll have more information on that. Okay. Also, if you're familiar with Mr. Prime choice, oh, yeah, that's coming up this year. And I found out some of the local candidates that have signed up for this contest. Those including David Haines, Craig Rutherford, Jim Benton, and I believe there's one from Dallas, but I have not heard of his name. And that Mr. Prime choice is going to be April 14 and 15th at the ripcord this year. And it's real important for us to support these candidates because it is a fundraising activities and that they provide shows and do benefits throughout the next few months



Jimmy Carper 21:51

to me, Mr. Prime choice is a very very important event because we're talking about older man it's so many times the mister this mister that are younger man and not taking anything away from anybody. But you know, there's there's a lot of there's a lot of beauty and wisdom with our older men to



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there is and I tell you, boy, when you're looking at those man, they look really fast. So

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it's, it's great. This guy is over 40 Oh my god. Yeah, for daddy. Yay for daddy. And with that,

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I'd like to introduce my guests. Kim Ziegler. He's the manager of Black Hawk leather. We wanted to get Bob Houghton the owner here, but I understand he's closing down a store right now.

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He's been working at the leather shop at the venture in which was where we got our beginning. Back when the venture in was Blackhawk Nighthawk Nighthawks Yes. And we opened the store there two years ago, Louis weekend.

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And by the time to open this door, it was,

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it was a very interesting opening, we had set up that we were going to open the shop in there, the shop that we opened was in a little closet that was a beer closet. Six foot by 12 foot, and we had to come up with a way of displaying our merchandise with having no floor space. And we had lots of wall space, but no floor space. So we took the racks and went from the floor clear to the ceiling and everything was hung up on the racks. But we went to that into that space or Wednesday before Louis weekend. And it was full of junk. And by Friday night at 830. We opened we missed our opening time by a half hour. Oh, I

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bet you were sweating that and I

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was exhausted.



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I'll bet I bet. Just mentally and physically, mentally



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and physically. But we opened and we're stocked and opened and had just a great time. Louis weekend, two years.



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So you are now located.



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We're still located in that same okay space. And the bar has gone through a number of floor plan changes over the last months. And we're moving into another area the bar.



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Oh, so you're not leaving the bar. We're not leaving the bar. Oh, okay.



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We're just moving over into another section. what Jim was referring to about closing the shop was we're simply closing up our shop at two o'clock at night on Saturday night



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didn't mean that you were closing Yeah, okay.



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Just just okay. Yeah, that's what that's yeah, that's what I want.



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I'm glad to clear that up. Play. Yeah,



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I can tell by the look on your face. You thought we were done. Yeah. Chat. Yeah. Always. Yes.

I can tell by the look on your face. You thought we were close. Yeah. Small. Yeah, always. Yes. Just closing for the night or the evening just for the evening. Okay, but the shop in the bar at the venture in is open Thursday nights from eight to 12 and Friday and Saturday nights from nine until two and those are the hours for the shop in the venture in. Then



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we'll get into your new shop. You just opened up a new shop on Sheppard. Yes, I have dinner



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mine at the two blocks north of the Southwest Freeway on 5938 14 South Sheppard, we opened up a 1600 square foot store there that includes both retail and manufacturing. And one of the things that really



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the retail and manufacturing combine



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one side of the store is leather manufacturing will remain manufacture the garments. Oh, okay. Okay, the different toys restraint. Work room. Yes, this will work room. Basically, there's a cutting table to work benches and a variety of cabinets that store the buckles to ribbons to snaps all the pieces that go into making a leather garment. And then there's also a back room that we put the finished merchandise in that we don't need to put out on the floor or we're waiting to take over to the shop in the bar. But the other half of the store is all retail space, where we've got our different cabinets with our spreader bars and restraints and hoods and masks and shirts and motorcycle jackets and all those things that we've made that we put out, okay for sale and that store is open monday through saturday between the hours of 10am and 6pm. Okay, now this is located you gave the address 3814 South Shepherd is what's the cross street across street is Lexington but okay, it's two blocks north. It's where Shepherd is still one way. Correct. Okay. A lot of people when they're coming from the Montrose area, they'll come south on shepherd. And then they end up over on Greenbrier and they'll call me and they'll go, Well, I'm over here and I'm on Shepherd. But I don't know where you are.



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Yeah, you turn there's a pizza place down Yeah, around the corner. Easiest way to get



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there as to what I tell people on the phone make the block that's run on Sandman, which is a street between start pizza and 59 Diner. Start Sandman dead ends on Lexington. Take a left on Lexington go to shepherd. And we're in that first building on your left



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cool. Hey, Jim, I loved her phone number. It's 713. Leather.



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And wow, you can't miss that one. No,



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that the story behind that number was real interesting when you're starting to put together a business and you're conceptualizing what you're going to do for promotion and ease of remembering things like addresses and phone numbers and this sort of thing. I woke up out of a dead sleep at 230 in the morning, and I went oh 713 letter. It just hits me. And I got out of surprise. You could get the number. Well, I got up out of bed, got the phone, the portable phone went to the other end of the house, so I wouldn't disturb Bob. And dial 713 squinted at those little bitty letters. Yes. And I get when I got to the R I went now, if I push this button, I'm either going to find out that this number is available. Or I'm gonna wake somebody up upset with me. That's true. And I said, Well, what the heck? One way or the other? I'm gonna find out. So I pushed the ER and I got that infamous recording. Oh, yes. Exactly.



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Very good. Thank



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you. Thank you very good. Many noises here.



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And then I was so excited. I couldn't go back to sleep anyway, so I wasn't gonna go to sleep for the rest of that night one way or the other. But we got the number and we're real pleased to have it. Anybody that's looking for a leather item only has to remember what they're looking for. And the 713 area code has been in Houston for ever. Yeah.



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That was great leather. Boy, that's easy.



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Okay, um, well, we were kind of wondering, you know, how did you start out? How many years have you lived in Houston.



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I have lived in Houston since 1980. And it's been continuous years other than three years when I lived in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Back at that time, I was working for Conoco and they transferred me over there for three years. But other than that I have been either in Houston or in Lake Charles since 1980. And previous to that I live three years in Port Arthur. All right. And that was a real experience to go from having been educated in New York City to Houston to Lake Charles and then back to Houston. I seem to make these swings from big cities to very small towns back and forth Port



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Arthur now you know why Janis Joplin left? Oh, yeah.



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explains why her voice was as interesting as it was, or was



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how many years that you've been active in the gay and lesbian community.



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I'm one of those people that did not come out till I was 39 years old. I have I was in a marriage for 18 years. I have a 19 year old son who is going to college at University of Texas at Arlington. And I have a 14 year old son who is at Watkins Junior High out in the side Fair School District. Wow. So I've only been out since 1992. And I came out right into the leather community. I didn't go through any of the other intermediate steps that a lot of people go through to get to the leather community, you had a long time to think I Yes. And I had some very interesting fantasies to fulfill before I even got close to coming out. And one of my favorite stories is my ex asked me at one point, what one of my fantasies were and I thought, Well, gee whiz, if she's old enough, that's the question. She's old enough to have the answer. Well, I found out she wasn't prepared for the answer. Ouch. But that was several years before we separated and divorced. And we have a very good relationship with each other.



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Oh, good. Good. That is good. That it's very important because you spent 18 years I mean, she has to be someone you cared for a good friend at least and I still do. And you know, yeah. Why?

has to be someone you care for a good friend at least and I can do. And you know, you can... Why should you do to throw that away? She's



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happily remarried. Good. Yeah. I get to have Bob and I get to have dinner with my remaining son in Houston. Every week and we do things together. Just have a great time. Great. And my sons both are aware of my sexuality. They're very accepting. And my younger son actually teases me about it. He's got a very open mind. So now they have two dads. Actually, they have two dads, actually, they have three dads. Yeah. Yeah. The joke with Bob is they don't know whether to get him a Father's Day present or a Mother's Day present.



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It is a problem. So he says,



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well be nice to me and give me one of each. Oh.



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Want to again, congratulate you on your new shop location. I know that when you get into how you came about that adventure in that's been your kind of mainstay for many years. In fact, you're in February, you're having your two year anniversary.



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That's correct. And we're doing a two year anniversary. We're doing a grand opening. And we are doing an open house. The weekend of the 18th 19th and 20th. In February of February, is our grand opening and then Sunday the 20th. We're doing our open house and we're having Sarah Jones from San Francisco come in. She is a very, very talented flogger manufacturer. And at this point in time we have not found any floggers that surpass hers and we carry her floggers exclusively. The other person that we have got coming in. Oh, I misstated that Sarah cannot come in. We found out she was planning to come okay. She went through a series of colds and different things and was not able to make what we had invited her. But we do carry her floggers. The person that was successful in getting their calendar arranged for coming in is Lila rice with Aerotech she manufactures the violent ones. All right can handle Yes, yes. And she will be doing a demo. My boyfriend loves those. Aren't those wonderful? They are so titillating. Yes. And she's going to be doing demonstrations at our shop at the venture in. And she'll also be doing demonstrations at our store on South Sheppard. Okay, so



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you'll have demos at both location, both locations, but the actual grand open or open house at

the new location. 20th



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is a 20 Okay, and that's being catered by Jim Benton.



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All right, one of the candidates for Prime choice, he has to tie all this together. Yeah.



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It's just like this great big puzzle. They all fit together so nicely.



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You know, I have noticed that about the Houston leather community.



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Well, I have found that my experience is the people that I know, are one person or the or my immediate contacts. But the people that I don't know, are only removed by that one person that I know we're all one person removed from each other. So if any of us do anything that we shouldn't be doing, or do anything that we don't want other people to know about. The people who know us know we're going to do it or have done it. But the people who don't know us hear about it from the people that know us it's a small world. Yes.



Jimmy Carper 34:29

Yes, it is. But I've I'm not that familiar with the leather seating. I'm not into it. My boyfriend is my lover is not but what I've heard consistently from people from out of town or other areas is that they are amazed how well all aspects of the leather community get along from straight to gay to transgender. You know, it's everybody gets along and everybody has a good time. Okay, you know, not everybody gets along but you You can't expect that. But on the whole, it's kind of an amazing thing I really look up to the leather community for for doing



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that, well, the leather community lives by a group of protocols. And the protocols. Really, if you really think about what you learned in kindergarten, Don't lie, don't steal, don't be deceptive. These are the real basic tenets of what the leather lifestyle is about. Because in the nature of our play, in the things that we do with each other, we cannot be deceptive, we cannot lie about

what we're interested in trust has to be there, the Trust has got to be there. Because if the trust is not there, somebody's gonna get hurt. And there's nothing that disturbs the liver community in general, more than to find that somebody has hurt somebody, or somebody has been hurt, because one party or the other in the play arrangement, was not honest.



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You know, they sound like really good. You know, these sound like really good rules for any relationship. I mean, the ones you just mentioned, seemed like they could, you know, they applied to the leather community, but but once you started could reply to any number of relationships in our community.



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Funny, you should mention that, Bobby, but it's because of the leather segment here. When John ben VTEs was, was doing it that that I learned about, about talking, and about making your feelings known to your partner. And that's kind of something that I hadn't always done in my own relate my own vanilla relationship. And it made for we've been together now 21 years, my lover not great. And the last six or seven years have been a whole lot better. Because we're honest with each other. And we can discuss things.



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Yeah. And I think there was like a fear factor people were Oh, yeah, you're right, you know,



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I can't let him know about this factor, you know, this, these feelings that I have, but it's not true.



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And if they're not discussed and are not made, known to your partner, Bob, and I've been together six and a half years. If they're not known, and they're not discussed, then they may not be obvious to that other person. Right? Right. And what is obvious to me, and what my needs are, what my wants are, and what satisfies me, that sounds very selfish, is not necessarily obvious to Bob. Now, in our relationship, just can't assume you don't exactly. And I know, he generally wants to make me happy. And I know, I generally want to make him happy. But if he doesn't tell me what makes him happy, I might assume, such as such as such, and such, and such is going to make him happy. But they could actually be things that may not make him very happy with me actually dislike. And then we're going down this path of me doing this variety of activities, and you don't have to be play activities or sexual act. No, not at all. They can just be activities of normal, everyday life. But what is obvious to him, if he doesn't communicate them to me, or vice versa? I can't, I can't help him I can't make



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you'll be continuing this pattern of action that he doesn't like or meets up with or may



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not really appreciate. Or he appreciates it, but it's not what he really would like to have.



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It's the honesty in the leather community that really shines.



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And we all we all try to live that way. Yeah,



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it's a very interesting motto, treat people the way you want to be treated. It's very simple. It's



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so simple, doesn't it?



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And the younger men that are coming into the leather community now are so hungry for knowledge, and so hungry for the guidance of the older men. And there's a leather he's not a boy, but he's not a daddy. He hasn't defined his his position yet. He's 21 years old. That's come into the leather community here in Houston. And he and I were having a conversation the other day, and I said, there's one thing you've got to remember. And he said, What's that? And I said, if you live by these four concepts, you will do just fine. And he said, Well, what are they? Because it seems like deliver community is so small and it is so obvious. I Keep in mind, the people you don't know are only one person removed from you right now. If you do not lie, you do not steal, you do not cheat and you do not practice deception. You'll be just fine. In the leather community,



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all right. You know, I tend to be brutally honest with people about a lot of things in my life. But I'd be willing to bet there are an awful lot of my friends who have no idea how much I enjoy things about the leather community and stuff. I just, you know, they would look at me and go,

You're kidding, right? Like, no. There are lots of things that really I mean, I actually the first time I ever went into the ripcord was on like Halloween. That was the first time I'd ever been there. But I went in at a time. Because two of my two of my best friends, one we just called dad and the and the other one is a guy who I share a name with Merlin. And I've known these guys for a while now, you know, more than a year now, I guess. And I don't know, there's just something about this is it's just an I think, and yeah, I think we people in the leather community are, you know, by sheer nature of the play, and all of that are brutally honest with each other.



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And let me go a little bit further with that, because I know people who like leather, but are not into the leather scene, and I know people who don't wear leather and who are. So looks can be deceiving. That's true.



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Well tell us it's kind of interesting. I think we all have this this vision or dream. Like we'd like to own a leather shop. How did you get started?



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The initial concept for Black Hawk leather, actually just had his two year anniversary with Mid Atlantic leathers, competition and weekend in Washington, DC this month, Bob had gone to Washington DC two years ago, and was really immersed in the activities that are surrounding the contests there, and the vendors and the vendor fair and all this, it goes on in that type of an activity. And he came back home. And he said to me, and at that time we had a boy to our boy and said, We're going to open a leather store, just like that, just like that. And I said, Oh,



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that would be my reaction.



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Bob, where are we going to do this. And he had already had this time while he was on vacation to think all this stuff through because while he was off on vacation, I was running our other club or other store, which is a clothing store out in memorial at Kirkwood Memorial we own man's resale on Memorial. And I was running that business. And we had have owned that business for it'll be six years, the end of this month. So we have got two different businesses. One is conservative mainstream clothing. And the other one is our fetish kink business



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where you got to really know where you're going that day when you get dressed.



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Yes, do you go with your nipple ring showing or not? But in any event, he said, Well, we we need to come up with a place to do this. And at that time, the owner of the venture in was going through the process of changing the name of the venture into Nighthawks and wanting to change the venue of the bar. So I went over and I approached Jim and I said another



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another has been on the show too. We've had



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lots of gyms



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approached him and that said you're gonna go to another Levi venue. You need to have another story in here. And we'd like to do it. And he went, Okay, so we kind of looked around the bar to see where we could put this little business and we stuck it in this beer closet.



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You must have been totally underwhelmed when you saw



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it. Well, I was because it was full of beer cases. And the canisters that the case