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### J Jimmy Carper 00:09

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### C Chris Harrison 02:25

And I'm Chris Harrison. The other one?

### J Jimmy Carper 02:27

Yep, he sure is. And let's see here. We've got a couple of things going out, say Well, well, first of all, we've got you know, the usual things that we do. It's a bigger, yeah, you know, kind of community events and fundraisers, yada,

### C Chris Harrison 02:41

yada, yada.



**J** Jimmy Carper 02:42

Then we have Mr. Jared McNeil, who is running for emperor of Imperial Court of Houston, space city empire. We had Eartha and Lloyd on last week. And so we get him this week all by himself. Then JJ is back from Colorado. Yes indeedy. And I know all of you who have missed getting your GG fix. You can do that tonight. And she is in rare form. Yes, indeed. He doing the bisexual show.

**C** Chris Harrison 03:16

They're coming up with a 12 step program for GGR. Thanks. Oh, they

**J** Jimmy Carper 03:19

should. And he way. Let's see what's going on in the court report. See here. As you're going to find out later the on the Thursday, August the 12th elections for Emperor and Empress and the berry Petrie community commitment. Award is being held at ejss. Early. That's early voting for four to seven. And then on Saturday, the 14th is the elections that's going on at the pride committee, office 1415 California, that is from 10am till 6pm. And the night before that Friday is the final show hosted by the candidates for Apollo and Bristol in Gemini, Apollo emperor and Gemini Empress but sometimes things get mixed up, you know that it's hard. It's some it's weird.

**C** Chris Harrison 04:15

And you're having that gender pronoun, aren't you? So

**J** Jimmy Carper 04:19

I'm just thinking of GG, I guess, you know, all that androgyny. That's going on at EJ is 830. And then the next Saturday is the P and that Saturday after that's 21st is the P NP ball. That Prince and Princess

**C** Chris Harrison 04:37

Oh, okay. Okay. My mind was going to other ways and reception that was getting more and more

**J** Jimmy Carper 04:42

shared seven, and at the very end of it that that's when they named the Emperor and Empress elect. That's when you find out who won and in other things going on. And let's see Sunday, Sunday, Sunday. Yes, Sunday. be late, ladies and gentlemen. That will be that like today

**C** Chris Harrison 05:07  
30 minutes ago.

**J** Jimmy Carper 05:08  
Yes, of course tomorrow if you haven't been to bed yet, it's Ro Smith hosts the bare bones benefit for the Colt 45 AIDS trouble fund at the BRB. And this is the really, really kinda strange one this is going to be really strange because the treble fund is in need of community support as they are down to the bare bones and emergency rental and utility assistance monies for the disabled clients living with AIDS. They've had to cut their assistance levels in order to compensate for the increase in client load and decreases in charitable donations due to budget cuts with other agencies. Now the catch is and why they're calling it bare bones is that performers are only permitted one prop so if you're a drag queen, you either get hair or makeup or the dress

**C** Chris Harrison 05:59  
so if you've if you've seen scary drag get ready for it

**J** Jimmy Carper 06:03  
get ready for it

**C** Chris Harrison 06:08  
is there a shaving optional category?

**J** Jimmy Carper 06:10  
No Okay, I know probably a prop probably facial hair will have to have to be an anyone who doesn't have makeup I guess.

**C** Chris Harrison 06:23  
Why cuz that's getting even scarier isn't it? Isn't it sounds like a Halloween sort of event.

**J** Jimmy Carper 06:31  
Yeah, Halloween where he ran out of time to get dressed. Anyway, there's gonna be a light buffet at six ish. With raffles live auction and fun while they raise money for the AIDS trouble fund. And let's see I want you to do this one. I

**C** Chris Harrison 06:49

was waiting for you to hand me the one blast. He does this. Every week. I do that every week so I started stop playing with the core you come in here it was coated. She's done for live benefited show is fast approaching. Or this year's event has benefited the Houston Buyers Club PWA holiday charities and the Gulf Coast archiving museum yay as well as the Montrose clinic. Over the past years this year, the Montrose clinic and Gulf Coast archive museum G cam will be beneficiaries of the show. Andras clinics first people in the greater Houston area by providing low to no cost, health, social, educational and clinical research services to those primarily affected by HIV AIDS, STDs and Hep C. Last year the clinics for more than 15,000 men, women and teens. The Gulf Coast archiving museum preserves the history of our wonderful and vibrant community through collecting, archiving and displaying memorabilia of the GLBT world. And there's also inducting into G cam will be the crew of Olympus, a worthwhile organization that has provided services to the community for over 30 years. Live 2004 And now this is a Don Gil productions it is taking place on August 22 I'm not sure if that's a Saturday or a you know what

**J** Jimmy Carper 08:10

day it's just Sunday, Sunday Sunday Sunday yes indeed

**C** Chris Harrison 08:14

I set you up for

**J** Jimmy Carper 08:16

seven is my cue there are missed rehearsal and

**C** Chris Harrison 08:20

I could cue you with a stick and you still would have Sunday August 22 at 7pm over at keys West 817 West Dallas

**J** Jimmy Carper 08:31

now it's something else gkm itself is inducting a named inducting someone into the museum and it's something that we rarely do and it's something that we you know we save save up until you know we see somebody really really special and of course this year the special person being inducted by G cam into the museum is Mr. Don Gill

**C** Chris Harrison 08:57

had the big glass case installed for him there actually it's



Jimmy Carper 09:01

not No no no no there's only one glass case and that's that's for lady victoria last Yeah, yeah.



Chris Harrison 09:08

Oh, I was talking about you're going to be putting him in the glass case and setting them up as a display scared because



Jimmy Carper 09:18

that was somebody



Chris Harrison 09:21

I don't remember seeing taxidermist in the gay lesbian Yellow Pages there so Oh, there's the information on inducting John Gill on page two wasteful of paper you



Jimmy Carper 09:32

Okay. Also one more thing because this is happening at EJ is on August the 14th. Just if again, just if Jessica van Shelton presents an evening of entertainment, which is the direct benefit for the Colt 45 a scribble fund. Okay, we're getting some money there for the Colts good is she is Colt 45 Speak J summers Entertainer of the Year and she's putting this on On for them. That's August the 14th. EJ is at 830. A couple of things that are station oriented rad Rich is having his second annual backyard birthday Back to School Bash. And that's happening August the 21st. From three until 9pm Right in the backyard here at 419 Love it Boulevard. And he's got got like a dozen bands, including 30 footfall and cipher from New York. Freedom. So come on, come on that end guys and many, many more. Yes. And if you know rad he is the guy here at the station for alternative local music. He knows the band's he knows what's going on in the community. And something else that the station is, is doing this. We invite you and landmark theatres and Zeitgeist films, to to be a guest though, or to see if he's come back, come by the station and pick up one of these cards, seeing a movie called the corporation. That's happening Tuesday, August the 17th at 730 at landmarks Greenway theater. This is let me if you want to know what this is about. Let me tell you who's in it. Michael Moore, Noam Chomsky, Naomi Klein, Howard Zinn. And Milton Friedman.



11:32

Huh. Wow.





Chris Harrison 11:35

You can't get much more left than that. Yeah.



Jimmy Carper 11:37

They talk about what the corporations are really all about.



Chris Harrison 11:41

We just have one little special report, somebody called out to let people know Gloria Estefan. And her band is in the kingdom right now. Really? She just arrived over at South Beach the nightclub



Jimmy Carper 11:55

right girlfriend Chica have a good time over there. So



Chris Harrison 11:59

yeah, so expect a whole bunch of Latin drag queens out on the album The Pacific Street.



Jimmy Carper 12:05

Here radio dials turning off you know as people head over to South Beach. Oh, well. Oh, Paul



Chris Harrison 12:11

lays the straight people that listen to the show are still listening.



Jimmy Carper 12:14

Okay, gotcha. Isn't it time to bring on our first guests.




12:17


It would be nice to





Jimmy Carper 12:20


welcome to after hours. Mr. Jarrell McNeil.


 **Gerald McNeil** 12:25  
Pleasure to be here. Thank you.


 **Jimmy Carper** 12:27  
You have someone with you.


 **Gerald McNeil** 12:29  
Yeah, it's someone that I'm going to replace I hope. Mr. Keith Viola current radio, Apollo ampere, yes.


 12:37  
Hello. Hi.

 **Gerald McNeil** 12:40  
I kind of dragged him along. He was in the car and I said, Okay, we're going to be on the radio.

 12:44  
And I had some free time, so I had to keep an eye on him. Gotcha.

 **Jimmy Carper** 12:47  
So did you come here to bite him or what?

 12:53  
Just to make sure he doesn't get into too much trouble.

 **Chris Harrison** 12:56  
He's here for a moral support. Oh, I

 12:58

see. But



12:59

I have been waiting for to hear him say that on the radio.



Jimmy Carper 13:03

It's been done.



Gerald McNeil 13:05

Not by me and I'll be nice. Okay. I'll be nice.



Jimmy Carper 13:10

You Jarrell. You are running for Apollo emperor. Right? Why?



Gerald McNeil 13:14

Why? Well, you know, Jimmy, but eight years ago now seven years ago, I was the Emperor 13 of RSI, CSS. And like most people that run for the position, whether it be Empress or emperor, we always say that when our year is done going, we'll never do that again. Because when I was ampere before, it was like 364 functions in one year. Yep. It's a lot. It's a lot of work. But it's so much fun. Every weekend so much fun is not yours. And I figured, you know, when I stepped down, got involved with Colt 45 and MLA, Houston. And I thought, you know, why not? Let's have some more fun. Okay. I'm so proud of the Houston community. I've been here since 75. And a lot of I hear a lot of people talk about we need to be unified whatnot. But being around the country as much as I've I've been Houston is so unified. We have such a diverse and wonderful community that I just want to continue that that report Yeah, I've been involved with many organizations Miss camp crew, four seasons. There again NLA Houston, the court.



Jimmy Carper 14:31

It's so your whole life has been to better the community.



Gerald McNeil 14:35

It's been a blast. It really has been to four functions tonight. Can't wait to go to bed.



Jimmy Carper 14:43



But it's a work. It's a lot of work. How do you do it? How do you do it without burning out?

G

Gerald McNeil 14:50

I have no idea. It just like when I started the first function of the night at four o'clock. It seems like two minutes ago and what is it Almost 1230

J

Jimmy Carper 15:01

I mean, after all these years, it's just finding doing things for the community. I mean, you've been in the culture longtime your President, what four years in a row are yours? How do you, how do you do it without burning out? Because I know I have been in organizations where I just burned out and I just, you know, said, Okay, thank you. I've had enough. I have to go on to do something else. How do you do it?

G

Gerald McNeil 15:26

I have no idea. I really don't I I don't want to question it. I know Murphy's Law. Okay. I just, I enjoy it. I have a blast. I meet so many wonderful people. I've made a ton of friends over the years. And it's just a blast. It really is. People

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Jimmy Carper 15:43

do No, you

C

Chris Harrison 15:44

think it's as long I mean, for most people with organizations, it's as long as you're enjoying what you're doing. And now it can last forever. It's when it's when it starts becoming a job or a chore. That's probably when the the the kindling starts being thrown on the burning out. That usually

J

Jimmy Carper 16:02

happens in about the 10th month of your reign.

G

Gerald McNeil 16:07

I started counting down the last time I ran it. Day 69 day 60 started working from there. Okay, but I have no regrets. I really don't. As long as God gives me breath to breathe. I I'm going to do it.

J Jimmy Carper 16:22  
What are some of the ideas that you have for different types of fundraisers that you'd like to see during your reign? No, yeah, the whole week to think about this because

G Gerald McNeil 16:37  
question. I know I will let your reading material and see if you wrote it down there. It's here and I'm not picking it up.

C Chris Harrison 16:45  
We do allow cheat notes. Now

G Gerald McNeil 16:47  
be fine. Okay, now it's looking back when Giovanni and Regina were Emperor and Empress

J Jimmy Carper 16:57  
are I remember that you're very well Do you remember

G Gerald McNeil 16:59  
the little the corkboard that Regina walked around with balloons on it? No, I tell you Don't you miss that like this? That was they were trying to raise funds for for charity. And they were trying to think of something to do and she just got this, like a sandwich board. That's what it's called. Yes. And put balloons all over it. And for \$1 You bumped up a balloon. There was prizes and whatnot. People had a field day. And you remember Jeanette Vaughn? Yes, yes. Bless her heart. She did a big fundraiser chances with I think levers like 700 balloons. I know I got a headache because I had to blow them up and stick the whole prize things in. I look. It's things like that. That's when I want to get back. We do the drag shows all the time. Well,

J Jimmy Carper 17:48  
you say drag shows but there's a lot of original. Well, a lot going on there. I mean, there's there's live singing one like to

G Gerald McNeil 17:57  
save you. Yeah, it ha is it was the closet ball. Tommy Allen was stepping down as plausible coin it was. It's for people that don't do drag on a regular basis. It wasn't pretty. I'll go on. It's probably not supposed to. But like Scott Kenyon, Chairman of HCC and he sang live. Yes, it's a

probably not supposed to. But like Scott Kenyon, Chairman of NCC and he sang live. Yes, it's a it's a very, very good mix. Was it? Was it

**J** Jimmy Carper 18:20

Scott or was it his alter ego? It was God will hair stay on?

**G** Gerald McNeil 18:24

I don't know. She only does that occasionally. Thank God. I know that word. You're allowed. You're on the other side of the door here. But no, he sang live did a couple of numbers. It's great. People relate to drag shows. But it's it's now it's getting to the point where there's drag. There's live male singers now we have live female singers. We've even had a harpist. We even had a harpist. And I have no idea what's going on. But we're doing

**J** Jimmy Carper 18:57

News Radio over here. GG. GG. GG

**G** Gerald McNeil 19:02

was serious. I talked against things like that don't we do on our show.

**J** Jimmy Carper 19:13

GG wasn't here last month, he was in Colorado, with his spouse and spouse family. And so I haven't seen GG in two months.

**G** Gerald McNeil 19:23

You see me now all over. And we're where we

**J** Jimmy Carper 19:30

are about different fundraisers, different types of things. Like seeing and


**G** Gerald McNeil 19:35

fundraisers like NLA and the court one time went out to ball. It's things like that. You just a lot of people cannot. Well, the perception is we do a show in a in a bar. Yes. Okay. We do different clubs around the city. And a lot of people think well, I don't have the money. Well, we want to

get away from that and do things at other venues where you don't spend any money, you just come out and you meet people, you have a good time. And there's other people there that are raising funds and can afford to do it.

 Jimmy Carper 20:08

And also there's times when we're comfortable in bars anymore, right? Exactly. Past alcoholism or the smoke factor or something.

 Gerald McNeil 20:17

Exactly. Exactly. And we can do that. And we've started this this past year with with Keith and his rain. It's a blast because you meet a lot of fun people.

 Jimmy Carper 20:28

Now there's something switching over to Keith and you and you're just this past was it last set last Saturday or Sunday morning adoptable on the block. I mentioned it on the air

 Gerald McNeil 20:43

I lost four pounds.

 Jimmy Carper 20:47

I didn't realize just I thought it was just one block. But

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we have the five block area front down Westheimer between Mary's Well chances and EJ is

 Jimmy Carper 21:00

that's the first piece it

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doesn't take that long. It was hot as hell but it was a lot of

 Jimmy Carper 21:06

fun. So you just go and pick up the trash and pretty it up. We filled up two bags that day. Wow.

C

Chris Harrison 21:12

And then you got DJs and filled up how much

G

Gerald McNeil 21:16

a lot more than we're gonna say. Lots of trash. Let's say we had more fun coming back we did

C

Chris Harrison 21:26

somebody called in and wanted to know wanted to dust ash Jarrell about his mother of Montrose title. Yes.

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Jimmy Carper 21:35

I mean, he's running for Emperor but he is currently the mother of Montrose. Yes, I am. So what what's happening here?

G

Gerald McNeil 21:43

It's all Mark Cohen's fault was.

J

Jimmy Carper 21:45


Does this mean you have to give it up if you win? No.


G


Gerald McNeil 21:49

That's just that's just the camp title is Dennis Watson and Mark Cohen and I were sitting at Mary's one night and Mark and Dennis was stepping down as mother Montrose for 2003. Well, being a debris sister, we were going to be Dennis's backup Yes. For his step down. Well, Mark made a comment about he wouldn't do dragon I said, Well, you know, why don't you be Dennis's backup and I'll run from other mantras. Well, I put my foot in my mouth and I read from other said yes. Yeah. So I did a little bit of everything here. And the daddy is Mudros is buddy Thompson, buddy Thompson. And boy, Robert T. G is our boy. So all three are members of IC O H. Right. Wow. Wow. So that's what that's one thing I love about IC O H, all the members that will have their members of in every other organization and city and which works out great. So


 Jimmy Carper 22:48  
the mother so this family of Montrose is really part of a family. Very


 Gerald McNeil 22:54  
scary family. Yeah.


 22:58  
Just that Thank you. My mother in law. Yeah, that's right.


 Jimmy Carper 23:05  
Because, because, boy, Robert is your lover, Keith. Yes. So Wow. You're related. We've done Yes.

 Chris Harrison 23:17  
And you thought the genealogy of Arkansas was scary.


 Gerald McNeil 23:20  
Now I'm putting together for Houston. Oh, lordy. Wow.


 Jimmy Carper 23:25  
So voting is as I mentioned, but why don't you mentioned it again? Well, it's


 Gerald McNeil 23:30  
Thursday. August 12. At EJ is 47. That's the early voting. Yeah. And all you need is a driver's license form of ID for Harris County and surrounding counties. And who can vote? Anybody can vote. This straight by it doesn't matter. It's open to a whole community. Yeah. The whole community. And then Saturday. The 14th is voting the regular general voting tend to sex at the pride office. 1415 California.


 Jimmy Carper 23:59  
That's kind of right behind chances. Pride behind


 Gerald McNeil 24:02  
chances. 1415 Yeah, right underneath. It's downstairs. Yeah,

 Jimmy Carper 24:07  
it's a nice it's easy to get to lots of parking. Yes. That's something I wanted to ask and it just flew right out of my head.


 Chris Harrison 24:17  
We need to put your headphones on a little tighter I guess. So.


 Gerald McNeil 24:20  
Be nice to me.

 Jimmy Carper 24:23  
I've been very nice. How long was it? Let's say you were running you were running for the when I met you was when you were running for emperor of of the Royal Sovereign imperial court. Right? Because you came you. How did you approach me or did I approach you to be on the show? I don't remember. I don't either. But you showed up and and Shawn was with you? drunk on his ass because he certainly corner didn't say anything. How long ago was that?

 Gerald McNeil 25:08  
1996 Wow.

 25:12  
Wow. Amazing. Am

 Chris Harrison 25:14  
I gonna feel old? Yeah, that's not hard to do. I

 Jimmy Carper 25:18  
believe we've known each other that long.

**G** Gerald McNeil 25:20  
I don't feel old at all. No, no,

**C** Chris Harrison 25:22  
very making Jimmy feel old.

**G** Gerald McNeil 25:25  
Because a lot of people know me for some time. And I've got a daughter turning 30 on August 26. It says three grandchildren. Yes. So I don't feel old at all. Like I got my second winner he made a comment

**J** Jimmy Carper 25:38  
last week that everyone who was running for Emperor and Empress has grandchildren and you didn't talk about family values and and what makes a family and we're talking about your blood family here and of course your family at IC o h and your family at colts and your family. All these other organizations you've been involved with? And and and people that you know in or other organizations that you interact with? And and you made the comment at the beginning how how wonderful you thought Houston was because all of these different, and various groups get together and work together. And I've heard that from so many. I've heard that from so many out of town people who come here for a weekend event and they're just blown away by that. How does that happen? I think drag queens and Leatherman get together. Because

**G** Gerald McNeil 26:34  
they communicate. They accept each other because they are family. It makes a lot of it is simple. It really is because it works. I love Houston because of that. Why

**J** Jimmy Carper 26:46  
doesn't it work elsewhere?

**G** Gerald McNeil 26:51  
don't have an answer for that one. But that's

**J** Jimmy Carper 26:53  
a subject anyway. Because what's that got to do with you raising a lot of money for charity? And that's isn't that what the whole nurnose of that's all it is? Now explain the court to neople.



And that's isn't that what the whole purpose of that's all it is? Now explain the court to people.

G

Gerald McNeil 27:07

Please, how in the world you explain the court? Yeah, two crazy people.

J

Jimmy Carper 27:14

Yeah, the other two were kind of taken. Well, the Imperial

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Gerald McNeil 27:16

Court of Houston, the space city Empire, the space cities should kind of give everybody a clue. Yeah. Space connects here. The thanks AC

C

Chris Harrison 27:24

city,

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Gerald McNeil 27:25

thank you. I think it's pretty much like any other organization in the city. It's a group of people that got together that decided that we needed a way of raising funds, and using the drag as a premise for it, but then getting involvement from the leather community, transgender community, you know, right, every part of the community involved with it with some 80 some odd members, we have members from every part of the community in our organization, and the ideas that flow and whatnot. And that was the main premise of getting it started. We're a 501 organization. So every penny goes to charity. There's no administrative costs.

J

Jimmy Carper 28:10

So so the way this organization decided to make money is to do drag shows and and do this Emperor and Empress thing. Can I explain that?

G

Gerald McNeil 28:22

Well, it's a co president. Okay. Like I say it's a camp organization, a lot of pomp and circumstance we have a Emperor and Empress and then we have a line of succession. The barons and the Dukes and the princesses and all that.

J

Jimmy Carper 28:34

Big jewelry and shiny clothes

big jewelry and shiny clothes.

**G** Gerald McNeil 28:37

Mothers still working on what's going to be interesting is Lord willing and the creek don't wise. The vote turnout. I'm going to have to decide on okay. What am I ampere and when am I mama? Yes, yes, that's that. That's the fun part. That's the fun part.

**C** Chris Harrison 28:56

Get one of those, you know, the carny Act, the freak show things we get the mother of Montrose painted on one side of your face.

**G** Gerald McNeil 29:02

I've already decided on that. Just depends on which way I turn.

**C** Chris Harrison 29:10

sing a duet with yourself. You know? That's an idea.

**J** Jimmy Carper 29:15

That's an idea, isn't it? Oh, thank you.

**C** Chris Harrison 29:16

Well, you should have heard the ideas I was giving them last week there for Emperess court there lady she because of the the first Emperess with facial hair. We're gonna have a lady Schick and i Lord Norelco

**J** Jimmy Carper 29:34

me when he said that Baron barber

**C** Chris Harrison 29:36

saw you know stuff like that.

**G** Gerald McNeil 29:38

We're gonna remember that. Because these are camp titles. They're camped out



Jimmy Carper 29:43

and people who receive them wear them proudly. I might add Yes. Cuz that's part of the fun of it. That makes it fun that makes it helps give it the camaraderie that I really enjoy as being a member of this organization. Jerell thank you for coming.



Gerald McNeil 30:03

Thank you very much. Good



Jimmy Carper 30:04

luck on Thursday, and certainly good luck on Saturday. Wish you well. Oh, I



Gerald McNeil 30:10

do want to mention that on that Tuesday night, the 10th. Yes. At outpost, Meet the Candidates, the candidates, I missed that seven to nine.



Jimmy Carper 30:19

My goal is going to have a little, you know, little munchie thing. And the candidates will be there you can walk up say howdy how you do and then and you'll be surprised to see which of the ones is running for Empress. We already talked about that. She's a big girl.



Gerald McNeil 30:41

She has artha is a very big girl. That's right. That's right. big bundle of energy.



Jimmy Carper 30:47

Okay, well, thank you for being here. Thank you. And as I told the other two and as I'm telling you, should you be the winner, you're invited back at any time to promote any, anything that you want to thank you very much. Appreciate you some time to do that. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Keith, for being here. It's



31:07

been a blast as always.



Jimmy Carper 31:11

But you've been very nice tonight.



Gerald McNeil 31:14

Uh, we need to talk. Thank you, Jimmy. Thank you very much.



Jimmy Carper 31:21

Thank you. Coming up this GG But first, we've got a little something from Tom Robinson. And we will be right back



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you're listening to off grouse with Jimmy carpet until Robinson business quit radio with attitude



Jimmy Carper 31:53

the one and only Tom Robinson. He is like Ray Hill, you know, he was he's been gay activists since the 60s.



Chris Harrison 32:04

I think of all the other ways you could put that together and kind of figure out like,



Jimmy Carper 32:08

he just happened to do it in England, which is why you may not have heard of him. But he's been doing music and and all kinds of activist



Chris Harrison 32:17

work for years and he got beat up by a body instead of copper. There



Jimmy Carper 32:21

you go. Anyway, that was his rendition of his song boy girl, which I thought was apropos for a bisexual show, but I forgot to mention the songs that we opened up with the show at midnight. Started off with Rufus Wainwright. Instant pleasure. Jai is also dedicated to Gigi as when we

went to Alex, Cory Cory with a with a K Oh, fashion lesbian love song. And Jarrell and Keith, we're getting a big kick out of that. And I can I know that I'm going to have to make a copy of that because it will be used as a drag number.

**C** Chris Harrison 33:06

I can see that I actually the mother of Montrose coming out Oh,

**J** Jimmy Carper 33:09

I see that. Yeah, yeah. Oh, well. It's time it's way past time for for by net. Yeah. Hello. What do you call your segment?

**G** Gigi 33:21

So bisexual show sexual.

**J** Jimmy Carper 33:25

We ran over time, of course, as we always do, but don't worry, we can give you extra time. After after 130 at 130 de Becker calls in with your cultural baggage what's going on with medical marijuana? And then we can bring it back in and do some more stuff. Oh, definitely. And we got lots of stuff. I know you've been going for two months. Yeah, yeah. It's up in Colorado

**G** Gigi 33:45

and had a blast was climbing mountains and doing all kinds of things. Oh, fun stuff. Yeah.

**C** Chris Harrison 33:54

clean, crisp air just blowing up your skirt. Oh, yes.

**J** Jimmy Carper 33:58

I mean, you were there with your spouse's family. Oh, yeah.

**G** Gigi 34:02

Family reunion thing. And did some work at their middle of money and Oh, good. Good. Good. Had a good time. Lovely. It's just awesome out there. You get high up in the mountains and

**J** Jimmy Carper 34:19  
okay, you get high up in the mountains or you get high up in the mountains. Yeah. I see. Your did you bring with you tonight? Oh, we've

**G** Gigi 34:29  
got the radical fairies.

**J** Jimmy Carper 34:33  
You've got the after hours irregulars? Yeah. You've got a whole group. You've got a whole audience.

**G** Gigi 34:40  
Oh, yeah. And, and guess what? We've got special knees. Yes, the sacred sex temple now has a permanent location. And where is that permanent location? It's our spirit Alliance, which is pagan own property? Yes. And they have given us space to set up a permanent Tent. Paul, that is wonderful news. And not only that, I've created a water heating system that heats water from the campfire.

**J** Jimmy Carper 35:09  
Oh, you will be very popular. Oh, yes, we just

**G** Gigi 35:15  
and set up a swimming pool at the temple now. Wow. I mean, we have this oasis

**J** Jimmy Carper 35:25  
was popular before but oh,

**G** Gigi 35:26  
it's we just got back from a gathering. What was it last weekend? And I want to start the show on that gathering. We're also going to be doing another radical fairy gathering early in November at the ESA land. And so we're going to be and it's going to be fairies only this was both pagans and fairies.



Jimmy Carper 35:52

Okay, so if you need you to explain the difference and Oh, okay. I think Bobby has Merlin. Tell us about Yeah, Americans. And he has on many occasions. But but the ferry part was



Bobby 36:13

to go to a Handfasting today and then there wasn't a housewarming party. It's been a very busy day. Fasting. Yes. Marriage. So marriage is interesting. Oh,



Jimmy Carper 36:27

rubber bands around your wrist.



Bobby 36:33

Called the Handfasting. Because part of the ceremony is to take a cord and tie the wrist together for two people being joined. Yeah, yeah,



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actually, that's also a part of a Catholic ceremony as well.



Gigi 36:47

So Catholics stole a lot from pagans and change the meaning. gotta steal from the best. Yeah,



Jimmy Carper 37:00

I grew up as a Catholic and I'm here to tell you if they steal everything Oh, yes.



Gigi 37:05


But the radical fairies it's a men's day men spiritual group. And so it's doesn't follow any particular religion, but a lot of fairies happen to be pagan to okay, but we also have, we have Jews.





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We have Native American,


 Gigi 37:21  
Episcopalian,


 Jimmy Carper 37:24  
talking to who am I hearing? This is?


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Hi, I'm Jack.


 Jimmy Carper 37:29  
And I'm David. Hi, David. Hi, Jack. Hello,


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welcome. And we're part of the radical theory group as well. Okay. Yeah.

 Jimmy Carper 37:37  
And you see now, when you say radical fairies, I get the picture of kind of 60s hippie.

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And you should because it should conjure up the image of Harry hay, which was the founding father of the radical fairy movement, but you

 Jimmy Carper 37:54  
look yeah, he looked like

 Gigi 37:57  
a hippie to the day ya know? I'm a hippie at heart. Yeah,

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radical theories about freedom do Ferris Yeah. to express yourself.



radical energies about freedom, getting ready to express yourself.

 Jimmy Carper 38:06

And 60s I was a weekend to be a corporate thing Monday through Friday and radical dude.

 Gigi 38:15

I'd like to say that the radical fairies isn't just for men. It's a celebration of men's spirituality. So women are welcome to come and join us.

 Jimmy Carper 38:23

I'm sure you have NBA card only kind of knights.

 Gigi 38:29

It kind of turned out that way, but it's not exclusively okay.

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And the radical very group itself also was not necessarily directly part of the sacred sex temple. I mean, that is something because we have a connection with Gigi obviously that you know that so that is a facet. But we've gotten another

 Jimmy Carper 38:46

David here.

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What happened? What happens in the tents later on that night? It's pretty freeform.


 Jimmy Carper 38:52


David you went to one of these two, David's a jack and Gigi and and robbers are regulars. And


 Gigi 39:01


then some more people from forget the I


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don't know I just I'm Jan I just know Merlin's Jan's


 Bobby 39:10  
a friend of mine. Yeah, there's a bunch of furies behind me.


 Gigi 39:17  
Explain what the furies are. up into the mic.

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This is Star Well, if you lined up about 10 Different furs and as each one of them what it was that I'll tell you something different. For some it's a spiritual thing. For some it's for roleplay some like the art, some are in it for the sex. It's really just to be

 Jimmy Carper 39:38  
honest. Yes.

 Bobby 39:40  
Explain what that personal thing is to you. From your point of view me,

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to me, it's a spiritual thing. I believe a lot. A large part of my spiritual energy is that of a husky, but I could go on for hours about my view on spirituality and all that but, you know,

 Bobby 39:56  
that's happened here. Yeah, we

 Jimmy Carper 39:58  
may do that later on. Tonight Yeah, it's





Gigi 40:00

interesting can of worms today and that's kind of back to the furries and a little while. That



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is kind of what the radical fairies is all about. It's an exploration of spirituality, gay men spirituality, through different types of paths.



Jimmy Carper 40:14

So the the most I know about radical fairies is what I read an RFT. That is a wonderful publication. Yeah, I think all gay men did subscribe to it, because it gives you another perspective of what it means to be queer. Exactly,



Gigi 40:31

yeah. And we just got back from a gathering. I wanted to talk a little bit about that and see, you know, I know everybody kind of had a different perspective. But I think one of the things I intended for this gathering was bring together the radical fairies and the pagan community. And we did and it was awesome. I mean, we had pagans and radical fairies running through the woods naked and having a good time and fabulous.



Bobby 41:01

Witches and Wiccans and fairies.



Gigi 41:05

It was at ESA, or spirit Alliance, and just outside of Bastrop Yeah. 20 miles south of Bastrop. Red Rock, Texas. Okay, so



Jimmy Carper 41:16

yeah, you don't have to be real specific but just a general area. Yeah,



Gigi 41:21

it's a general area. Okay. What were your impressions? Good,



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**J** Jimmy Carper 41:32

David, what what brought what made you decide to go in the first place?

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Okay, well be a background I am a man who, who has traditionally thought of myself as being quote unquote, straight from where or fears Yes, I'm capable of having feelings for men. Okay, and I'm exploring that and find something that's good to enjoy. And there's still a little bit of a struggle but it's gradually getting better so this was an opportunity for me to go someplace where I could explore that he would other man you know learn from them and plus and plus I do have experiences from other circles I work with that could bring the to him we're talking about this being a group for men spirituality, I have a lot experience doing that type of work. I'm involved with a program called the new Warrior Training adventure, so I have long experienced in that area. Okay, so I brought that women in and just had a good time. It's sort of like another circle of friends I can hang out with. And also I think three main GG we're the ones that did the most NUDE NUDE.

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A lot of us were in sarongs. Nothing wrong with that.

**J** Jimmy Carper 42:39

Robert, Robert has competition for dance competitions shorts for my case,

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I have the sunburns proved I was naked. Show me quite happy to stand up.

**B** Bobby 42:55

You think he's kidding?

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Wait, now that doesn't prove that you renewed you were gonna prove you were nude. A little

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Robert, Robert has competition for dance competitions shorts for my case,

baby? Actually. Can actually David said a great job. Also. He hosts a sweat lodge ceremony that we had just north of Houston as well. Back over the bubble.



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That's the other thing I do. I'm involved in had a strong interest in Native American spiritual Comanche and we are talking about Bill sweat lodge.



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I actually just got back from South Dakota I was up at porcupine, which is like 70 miles north of Wounded Knee. All right. And I Sundance there. Okay, swallow Sundance, and it was pretty amazing. Amazing. Yeah, I've never done I'd like to talk to you about that show.



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I've never done it like Coda style Sundance, but I know some people who do something maybe closer to southern you tradition. Believe me. I



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have no idea how I ended up there doing it. It's completely mind blowing to me. I think everybody else



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did anybody do do a piercing during that dance? Oh, you pierce did it? Yeah, I'll be. I'll be asking for your blessing. Thank you.



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Yeah, it was from my mom. Okay, health and happiness. Oh, my God. You hung from No, no, no. Well, in some people, pairs where they go up. But tradition. I mean, a lot of times if you just have a really important prayer, they lay down in the Buffalo road. They take some scan, everybody gets their own scalpel. They put a little slit put a peg through there on his side, and then you have a harness and then you before they put up the tree, you've tied a rope to it. Yes. And then they attach all that together. And then you go to the end of the rope and you dance and you get the rope to dance. And you go to the tree and pray four times. On the fourth time. There are people there to catch you and you just go back and it breaks that is there's this immense release of energy. And it's it's very new and you're in sort of another world. Yeah. So it's not like somebody's cutting you cut endorphins



limmy Carner 45:09

 Jimmy Carper 45:09

are working overtime. Oh, yeah. Anyway. Yes. Yep. I want to hear more about the radical fairies. Oh, yes. Well,

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by the way, if y'all want to find some information, we do have a home on the web. Actually few homes on the web. Let GG tell us about the yahoo group.

 Gigi 45:26

We do have a yahoo group and I never can remember the address. But if you email me at buyhouse@houston.r.com Calm. That's it. I'm at Dizzy blonde tonight. I can send you that link to get on the listserv for the radical fairies.

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And we also have a website which is huge. Houston fairy circle.org. And yeah, Houston like it is very F A E r i. E circle.org. And there will be a link also to the yahoo group on there as well.

 Gigi 46:11

And I'd also like to say that at this last event, we did do some we did a heart circle. And then we also did some over at the time. Yes,

 Jimmy Carper 46:22

I have to do a quick break. We have to do a quick break and let you know that you're listening to after hours queer radio with attitude and KPFT Houston 90.1 FM and 89.5 in Galveston.

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KPFT is looking for candidates. If you're a KPFT member who loves the station and wants to do your part to make it better. The KPFT Local Station Board needs you. The Local Station Board Governance KPFT sets policy reaches out to the many communities in Houston and oversees how management is doing and KPFT members are about to elect nine people to serve on the board. Right now the field is open and we're accepting candidates for the KPFT election this fall being on the board's hard work, but the feeling of accomplishment can be a huge reward. We especially encourage people of color women, sexual minorities, members of the disabled community and working class people to run. For more info, contact election supervisor Bobby Muldoon, but don't wait too long. The nomination period ends September 25 Call me at 713-526-4000 extension 305 for more information. That's 713-526-4000 extension 305 to join in KPFT is experiment in democracy.

**J** Jimmy Carper 47:39  
Yeah, that's right. Cool Bobby Muldoon, especially if you're queer because we are looking for GLBT people yes

**C** Chris Harrison 47:46  
not often the Irish want a queer person around them and you know Bobby's gonna want one we need we need to get some rainbow coloring on the board. That's right. We share my turn ons, I don't even try it an extra.

**J** Jimmy Carper 47:56  
No, we it's really important that all the communities are represented on the board. Because the board is making a lot of changes and

**C** Chris Harrison 48:07  
the board is meant to represent the listenership of the show of all the shows and all the programming here we have on

**J** Jimmy Carper 48:12  
urge any any GLBT person to to get in the fray here and run for musician, Delia

**C** Chris Harrison 48:23  
so lonely on now I can imagine we're gonna do a lesbian hookup for Dalia, does she need one?

**J** Jimmy Carper 48:28  
I don't think so. Okay, we'll try. Okay. Well, that somebody will recruit

**C** Chris Harrison 48:33  
someone on therefore,

**J** Jimmy Carper 48:34  
We sure will. Let's get back to Gigi.

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Gigi 48:37

We're back. We just got back from a fairy gathering. And we were bet start in on talking about a little bit. It was pretty incredible. Because this was kind of a unique experience. We brought the radical fairies together with the bench pagans. And we did some radical fairy rituals and invited some of the pagans to come join us we had a heart circle. And then they invited us to walk the path of the what was it the to the underworld, where the Sun King went down and learned why he had to kind of start wiping away.

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And for those who don't know, it was a mid summer ritual, which basically just marks the beginning of the end of the summer it actually will the days we'll start getting towards winter

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Gigi 49:34

decline. Gods so anyway, um, what was your impressions from the rituals that were done and from the gathering?

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Well, I actually I unfortunately, we've missed out my partner and I Thomas Thomas Blanton, who also was the guy who has been instrumental in bringing the radical theories back together. We missed the the heart circles, so I can't really speak about that. But the midsummer ritual was very nice and the full moon rising, the Blue Moon rising was very impressive. And it was a fun time to be had by all.

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Gigi 50:10

Ah, cool. enjoy

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doing I'm, personally I enjoy being involved in ritual and doing ceremonies. So it's interesting to see taking these old mythological, mythological images that I sense we still carry our psyches and, you know, acting them out giving them form. Because the way they had this, they started out with the Sun King coming out in the leaves and say we need to do and then we went to the underworld, and the way the land is arranged, we're actually going down this dark path just lit lit with low tea candles. Here, we're going downhill. So we were literally going down into the underworld. So that was a, I enjoyed that.

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Gigi 50:50



And basically, a lot of for me, anyway, a lot of paganism is about kind of these archetypes. You know, we have throughout history, a rich array of different archetypes. Just kind of symbolisms of, of many different things. Everything from well, they like in ancient Greece, they kind of named their gods after a lot of the God of love the God of War the

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Bobby 51:21

summer. Yeah. But, and that crosses over to so many different I mean, yeah, you know, they all seem to have similarities in that, you know, but

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Gigi 51:34

one thing, you know, that really stands out to me in this, you know, I studied a lot in my undergrad on ancient religions and in ancient cultures and, and theater originated pretty much in ancient Greece. And basically, theater was a place people went, not just to passively watch, but to actually get involved. And, like during the tragedies, they get down and pound the floor, pull their hair out, and just go through this whole heart wrenching event. And it provided this sense of catharsis. And I think that's one of the things ritual does for us, is it provides a type of catharsis where we can act out and, and work through some of the turmoil of day to day living, and kind of give it some, some kind of meaning. Absolutely.



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When I talk to people about my experience, leading sweat is pouring water for sweat. So a lot of times, we'll describe it as good. A good ritual is good theater. Because, you know, my rational mind says, Yeah, we're sitting inside this dome shaped structure, and you're getting hot. But incorporate the imagination a little bit, and suddenly, you're inside the womb of the mother earth. Going into going down into the place of renewal and then rebirth. Yeah. So we're acting out the metaphor. Yeah.

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Gigi 53:02

And that's really what ritual is all about is acting out metaphors and, and incorporating them and bringing the magic to life.



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Regardless of what religious religious path you have, I mean, ritual good is, you know, manifests all that

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Bobby 53:18

definitely brings you back to the whole thing of the radical fairies Is that is that thing of? You don't have to be, you don't have to identify as pagan to be part of that. I mean, there are

people who identify as other things. Yeah. And can each one of them has their ritual. Each one of their beliefs has their rituals that do very much, you know, the same things. I mean, would like, you know, Jews and a Day of Atonement and Christian Catholics and lent and you know, all those sorts of you know,

 Gigi 53:56

and I'd also like to say it's not only multi religious, radical affairs, but it's also coverage, the whole GLBT spectrum in the sense that you can be gay, you can be bisexual, you can be transsexual, you can be androgynous, you can be like me, and hermaphrodite.

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And there's lots of, there's lots of different racial representation to Yeah, you know, and actually, I don't know if it's shells listening or not, but we also have welcomed a new member who lives in Galveston and joined us for and he was a really great addition to the group.

 Gigi 54:31


Yeah. So you know, and all are invited to join that wish to come and learn and prance about the woods and we're fairy wings and the fairy does

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have a little bit of a question like someone like me, either, you know, pagan, or I don't know much about the ritual radical fairies, but if someone like me wanted to join, would I have to like learn any mythological history or anything? Or was it just all very self guided or the actual

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roots of the radical fairies itself started with Harry hay, like we were talking about earlier. And for those who don't know about Harry hay, he was a very prominent figure in the gay rights movement. Throughout the 50s, and 60s and early 70s, and just recently passed away, there was a great PBS special on him, if you'd love to learn more about Harry, Hey,

 Bobby 55:20

before Stonewall, he was he was the man machine society he was, you know, he was out long before it was a good idea. And

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his his philosophy was not only should we be fighting for equal rights, but we are special we we

do is we deserve special privileges, just exactly what the right wing is all worried about nowadays.

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Gigi 55:42

And I think also there's this sense of freedom of gender and sexual expression that really came out in the radical fairies, as kind of a I don't know if it was intended from the beginning, but, but it was kind of the byproduct. And so you get people expressing themselves across gender boundaries against across sexual orientation boundaries, and just kind of opening the door to being free to express what's in your heart.



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And doesn't matter what your how you express that what background you come from, you know, you're you're more than welcome to do that. It's okay, it's a safe space, you're amongst friends. And that's, that's kind of what we're all about, and be as radical as you want to be be as conservative as you want to be. But you're with friends and you're part of the gay family.

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Bobby 56:37

It's the first for so many people, their, their core, the beliefs that they grew up with, were so constricting, they had to abide by a set way of doing things. This is how it is, this is how you do it. This is how it, you know, and all that. And then that's not that's not what the radical fairies are about, you know, they're freeform there in that respect. Yeah, much more.



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I think that would be nice, because, you know, my parents are Catholic, but you know, they're kind of like that lazy Catholic, they only go to church, Ash Wednesday, Christmas and Easter, but they were still you know, they didn't pose it a lot. And but I grew up, you know, not really spiritual at all, I guess I could call myself just a non theist right now, but I think spiritually, I'm pretty open to that, you know, I'm pretty young still, but I am open to anything. And I just think, you know, groups that allow people to express themselves spiritually is very healthy. And you know, especially with a lot of youth now,

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Gigi 57:37

we even have lather fairies. I mean, it rounds the spectrum, baby,



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I always have a philosophy all roads lead to the to the Divine, however you perceive that to be so don't let anyone tell you that your road is wrong. Yeah.



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That's a good philosophy. Absolutely.



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But for those who didn't catch the URL earlier, if you'd like to learn about the Houston group, it is Houston fairy circle.org. And that's kind of an old fashioned, spelling it at Houston, and then fairy is spelled F EY, E, R I e circle.org. And then you can learn a little bit about the Local Group and join the yahoo group and see what



Gigi 58:21

we're all about link from that page to the yahoo group. The lists are and that's where we post all the announcements for gatherings and, and what's happening here in Houston and also have links to the whole country and some of the other



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groups here in Texas and, and all across the country. Actually, we have some links to some other gay men's spiritual groups and metaphysical groups and things like that. So you can do a little research on a lot of different backgrounds. And well, I'd



Gigi 58:51

like to move on because you know, the, what we did at this last gathering was very laid back, it was so hot factory spent a lot of time in the pool.



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Especially when we have the tan lines to prove it.



Gigi 59:09

But I'd like to kind of get a little feedback on what What would someone walking into a radical fairy event? Experience? What would they say? What kinds of things happen?



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Well, my first thought is probably my naked body, but that's it but no, just just a group people are interested in learning, learning more about themselves and learning how to be connected with others. And learning about how Yeah, we are special. We each have something unique that

we contribute to the world, we as a group are special. And on some level, I think, you know, just the larger issue by gay, straight or whatever big betwixt between acceptable I think we as a group Group have something to offer to the world, you know, we are a mirror, remember, they are seeing something that's makes them uncomfortable. So maybe on some level, there's potential for us to help the rest of the world. So I see that as part of my own work, like think self as being a healer. And as I do my own healing work, I help others.

 Gigi 1:00:17

I remember my first radical fairy campout. Got there. And there's this big bear of a man with hairy chest wearing a tutu and feminine rings, dancing. Because welcome home. Oh, wow.

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And on the side that I will never forget, on the subject of helping the world or anything, and I know that the group is very spiritually focused, but do you ever do any, like, public activists? Like, is there any public visibility, like, you know, well,

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we just recently reorganized the group, there was a Houston radical theory group before, but the kind of driving force behind that, who was just named Jeremy, Jeremy, I wasn't part of the group back then. But he had passed away unexpectedly, and then the group kind of dissolved. So we've just read, reorganized it over the past few months. So we haven't really had a whole lot that we've done. We have done some things. It's actually

 Gigi 1:01:22

we've had quite a few gatherings here in town. Yeah.

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I mean, like the one it's super happy, fun land. You know, we've had some drum circles, we've had the sweat lodge ceremony that David here hosted. We've done this camp out now. So a lot of it's been right now just kind of more of a, join the group, let's get to know each other. Let's learn about what direction this group goes and what we're all about wanted to go. But you know, it's not. It's not let's have a big public party. And you know, let's, hey, let's go to South Beach. It's nothing like that. It's it's more of a let's let's hang out, let's get to know each other. Let's learn from each other about different perspectives on things. And I'd like to talk but it is open for people to join,

 Gigi 1:02:10

I'd like to have you talk a little bit about what is the heart circle, okay.



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Our heart circle actually is where we get to speak from the heart, we pass what we call a Talking Stick around. And usually when we're at GGS had some sort of phallic symbol. And the when, when the person having the holds the talking stick, they have the floor, so to speak. And I'd like to



Gigi 1:02:37

jump in here and say that a lot of times in casual conversation, we're so busy thinking of what we're going to say next we forget to listen. And so really the talking stick serves to honor and be fully present with the person who's speaking.



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Yeah. And it just it gives us a chance to you know, sometimes we will bring up a generic topic to, to throw out there, we had one ceremony, a gathering, actually was a very large turnout for that one. And we talked a little bit about things we wanted to change about ourselves. And every single person, of course, had something that was very near and dear to them that they wanted to share. And then another member of the group would help by offering up solutions, and then that person would empower themselves to to make that change in their life. You know, Merlin was there for that



Bobby 1:03:31

I was there at that one. And that was a really powerful thing. Because you know, whether we realize it or not, there's a lot of things that we very often hold on to, we think we've just, we've done away with them, but often we've just buried them, right. And you bury things in your psyche. And in your and it becomes an emotional issue played out in another way. And, and, you know, that thing ended with us taking those things that were written down on papers and burning them. And in a ritual sense of letting go of that issue in our lives. That was a sibling symbol of,



Gigi 1:04:12

and I'd also like to jump in and say there is this power of naming. When we name something and give it it helps us to manifest and bring about whatever change we want to bring about. If we just leave it nameless and drifting back in the back parts for psyche, they come back to haunt us or if we try to shove them back down, you know, it's like, okay, go back, come back. Like,



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well while you were there, I think tonight we're dancing Mike was talking about how he has

well, while you were there, I think tonight we're dancer Mike was talking about how he has some issues with some certain things and he keeps trying to bury that stick. Yeah. Meaning he's trying to move past a certain issue and that was kind of what that sermon was about. And, you know, did you take something and you finally do let it go and You know, in some cases, there are big monsters in our lives. So



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I think it's interesting how a lot of this sounds very similar to Les spiritualistic side, but like in public high school, and when I went to I just graduated from West Side High School, and they've been instituting a lot of these, like teen leadership classes, and a lot of what you're describing, like, going around a circle, asking, talking about what we could change about ourselves, how to interact better sounds a lot, like you know, what this group is maybe a little less ritualistic. And, you know, the spiritual impact is a little more subdued, because it's public high school, but I think that's a good thing. Well,



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the, the spiritual side of it, you know, like, I can't stress enough that it's not necessarily a particular religion.



Gigi 1:05:37

So it's religious, but not spiritual, but not religious, it's spiritual,



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and however you approach it. Like, I wouldn't necessarily define myself as pagan I, like you haven't really picked a particular path. But I do embrace a lot of different views on ways to the divine. And so however you approach it is correct, it's the right way. And



Bobby 1:06:01

I think therein lies a moment to diff to somehow put some difference in what we the difference between religion and spirituality. You know, religion is the dogma is the writ is the particular, you know, Catholic, you know, the ceremonial sort of whatever to it spirituality is the internal spirituality is how does it make you feel, how does it connect you to what you consider the divine, you know, the internal that's, that's the difference, like the temple, and



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then what binds it all together is the fact that we are all queer in one way or another. Some more queer than others.

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Bobby 1:06:52

As everybody likes to change.



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But, you know, obviously, in a lot of ways, gay people are left out of the spiritual world, for whatever reason, not to say that there aren't affirming religious places to go to now, because there are quite a few of them. Some of them are clients of mine, in my real world job. They're very wonderful places you can go. But, but this is a great place where we can all get together and talk and share and be gay men are open and comfortable with one another.

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Gigi 1:07:26

The other thing I'd like to jump in and say I wrote an email on some of the reflections I had over this past, gathering. And I remember when I was packing up, in our temporary village kind of slowly dissipated. And next thing I noticed I was all alone in the woods, because I was tightening down tempo and taking down all the stuff, you know, I go way early and stay way late after events. And I was kind of packing things happen and thought, you know, wow, our village is is it, all of a sudden, came and became and grew and flourish. And then all of a sudden, kind of wandered off. And it's our

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Bobby 1:08:12

version Brigida break it down is exactly.

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Gigi 1:08:15

And I got this sense of this was more than just a village is a family is this bonding this connection, not only with each other, but with the earth. And I was feeling some of the echoes of the earth after the very presence left and going, Oh, I'm happy very sad been here. The land spec to me. So



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actually, I mean, please feel if any of the other guys have questions, ya know, we're all sitting here talking from a perspective of we know exactly what's going on with the groups. So if

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Bobby 1:08:52

this one at least I know might be semi conscious. He's been up a very long