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Roy McCarthy 00:01

The State begins the first of its kind study to determine the scope of hepatitis C, and to launch in an aggressive education and prevention campaign. Hepatitis C is becoming a health crisis of the same magnitude of HIV AIDS, according to some experts. But until recently, very few gay men and lesbians in Texas have paid much attention to this crisis. Gay men are often considered at mid risk for contracting the virus that can cause liver damage and even death. A first of its kind bill passed to the Texas legislature last year sponsored by openly gay State Representative Glenn Maxi aims at bringing the issue of hepatitis C to light by finding out how prevented the virus is in the state, educating people about the risks and making testing available for the virus at AIDS clinic. And the Center for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that there are 60,000 Texas, Texans carry the virus. But that number is extrapolated from national estimates, and is simply not accurate enough, according to Glen Maxine. And so folks, we will keep on top of the story and keep you informed as we always do, to the latest developments of this thing on hepatitis C, and actually

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Chris 01:26

there is a website you can go to for more information along these lines. It is gay health.com.

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Roy McCarthy 01:34

Chris is our electronic web email man because he knows how to read this stuff. I don't

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Chris 01:40

just happen to be on the site of payment pages. One of my stories, I looked down here and saw that there's a website that's going to crash it's gonna be launched next month. So main information source from the author of the ins and outs of gay sex, a medical handbook for gay men.

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Roy McCarthy 01:56

Okay, so like I said, we will keep you informed. So keep listening to after hours and after hours, news and views with Chris and myself because we will be staying on top of the story. And what do we have with the rabbis, the

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Chris 02:09

reform rabbis are expected to take up the issue regarding same sex unions. Leaders of the Reformed Judaism have Reformed Judaism could vote to support clergy who perform same sex unions. A resolution sanctioning so called commitment ceremony is expected to come up at the Central Conference of American Rabbis convention. Starting in soon in Greensboro, North Carolina. A conference official expects the resolution to be approved. supporters believe Rabbi should affirm committed relationships between Jewish gays and lesbians as sacred, just like Jewish marriage. The conference already supports civil same sex unions and approved openly gay rabbis a decade ago, Reformed Judaism as the largest and most liberal of Judaism's three major branches in North America. The Congress has 1800 members serve at at least 1.5 million reformed Jews. And we got this story off the American off the Associated Press news wire.

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Roy McCarthy 03:12

That's right. In fact, just before Christmas on the year a little while ago, he was busily are in our Associated Press newsroom getting stuff off the wire when Jim came in and kidnapped to me. What can I kidnap Chris for from the walls that trigger right ahead. I just gave you away didn't even ask for much.

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Chris 03:35

That's the story of your life giving things away for free.

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Roy McCarthy 03:37

Anyway, his folks, the merger virus is attacking everyone including the gay community, the advocate, which about a month or two ago, acquired OUT magazine. They are now merging with their required planet out Corp and liberation publications. And the deal would create a media company aimed at the gay and lesbian market that encompasses both print and the internet. It is the latest example of a new media company buying or joining forces with an old media company, the company's exchange Doc as a condition of the merger and executive involved in the transaction said. Now as you may know, the advocate is a news magazine and it's published every other week. And it's one of the glasses. And it was founded in 1967. And at that time, it was about the same size. I remember when the advocate first came out is about the same size as the Texas triangle on the same type of paper newsprint and it has a circulation of about 80,000. Actually, I think more than that, I think they're being a bit conservative on that ad 1000 And I think

 Chris 04:57

so with a lot that they can really only They go off of people who subscribe directly right doesn't that they really can't throw in many of the right people

 Roy McCarthy 05:08

and the people who read it who That's why on any not just gay but any type of magazine publication. The Back Page is the most expensive page comes by advertising the back cover and the inside cover on the front page has the second lowest the inside cover of the of the inside of the back cover is the third most expensive

 Chris 05:33

I hate to burst your bubble that's for all magazines.

 Roy McCarthy 05:37

Anyway rate planted out is backed by America Online. The mail fill the Mayfield fun, and Eden capital, the company runs planet outcome. Planet out.com, a gay and lesbian site that has distribution partnership with several web companies including America Online, Yahoo, NBC eyes, snap.com, Lycos and Netscape. And Megan Smith said that they wanted to be able to touch the customers 24 hours a day. James Franklin, who is president and chief executive of liberation, which owns advocate said the deal would move the print properties into the electronic arena. This puts us in another league in terms of electronic media. So folks, once again, the acquisition and merger, it even hits the gay community and who knows what tomorrow holds.

 Chris 06:33

The good part with that is planning to plan it. out.com is a very good resource. I'm on their mailing list, their email list. And every week I get stories from around the country of what's happening, what events are coming up. They also have a separate send out to me for entertainment purposes. All the energy of what movies are coming out what film festivals are playing around the around the globe. And it's a very good source or if you're on the internet, check them out. It's planet out.com. And it's a great they've got several different areas. They go through television, all forms of entertainment, music, you can listen to radio programs from other communities that's just made up for the Internet, which is a good little Google system on there.

 Roy McCarthy 07:22

Yeah, I heard that. There's a group out there. That's getting ready to release movies on the Internet exclusively on ~~Hey, Stephen King had a best seller the first week on his book~~

C Chris 07:39

Yeah, it's becoming the new media as long as it's you know what you're doing with it sometimes and you have the right equipment because I will never

R Roy McCarthy 07:46

believe you folks it will never ever replace good old fashioned radio

C Chris 07:53

is the wireless is still about in an attempt to better understand the differences in divides among women in various races, cultures and lifestyles. The University of Houston downtown is hosting a panel discussion about the diversity of women as part of the school's women's month 2000 members of the panel the diversity of women what we bring to the table will be asked to confront the issues that exist between women and try to arrive at some common ground onto which bill or which to build said Joanne Pavlovich system professor of English at the school. Women can be just as homophobic and racist as guys. straights work to keep lesbians in the closet, lesbians are sometimes prejudiced against the transgendered. This panel is not only about sexual orientation, but it's also a race, ethnicity, class, body type and image and political orientation. Members of the panel are drawn from a broad cross section of society and include city council members a nice Parker and Carol Galloway, author Lucy Greeley, transgender activist Phyllis Randolph Frye, and university Houston downtown students, Latasha Connor, and Evan Evelyn Castillo Gonzalez. The diversity of women is occurring on March 29, at 7pm at the University of Houston downtown academic building in the white oak room. If for more information you can call 713-221-8482.

R Roy McCarthy 09:31

Okay, following your proposed shareholders resolution to ban job discrimination based on sexual orientation and its workplace. General Electric has decided to adopt the policy change on its own private foundation and the equity project to groups promoting shareholder activism to win gay rights in corporations announced a policy change this past Wednesday. The move was a result of a shareholder resolution sponsored by proud foundation and sculptor Marian Well, in so many ways God sets the standard for global business said Ted Lord, Executive Director of pride Foundation, which also provides grants and scholarships to the gay community. GE the third most valuable company in the world, based on market capitalization employs about 40,000 people worldwide.

C Chris 10:21

To Morrow is the game prevalence of the Super Bowl at Oscar night. And you can see there are a couple different places where you can go and watch the festivities with crowd. First one is that the Houston lesbian and gay community center at 803 Hawthorne. This will be on a large

screen television beginning at 630. Guests will sashay up the red VIP carpet and enjoy it on a 60 inch television. During the evening guests may complete Oscar nominee ballots in hopes of winning the coveted statuette known as the Mary \$10 donation at the door will benefit the center. Reservations are encouraged. The Oscar party of Montrose will begin with Billy Crystal's opening number and last through the awarding of the best picture so they'll probably late into Monday. You can nosh on movie concession stand foods like hot dogs and popcorn and Milk Duds and hot tamales and sodas. Once again, that's at the Lesbian Gay community center. 803 Hawthorne for more information and directions at 713-524-3818. And also there is the one at the River Oaks which is benefiting the if I remember correctly, the gay and lesbian Film Festival

R Roy McCarthy 11:43

and I'll be talking about that a little bit.

C Chris 11:47

I didn't mean to step on your toes. Oh, you

R Roy McCarthy 11:49

didn't. You gave me a good intro for Well, if

C Chris 11:51

you're stepping on your toes, I want to stomp harder.

R Roy McCarthy 11:53

There we go. Anyways, Jimmy was talking earlier about the dissensus.

J Jimmy Carper 12:00

Can you can you we've got a call on the line somebody wanting to know what what you said about G was a domestic partnership was it there was just

R Roy McCarthy 12:11

no banning workplace by

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bias. Okay. So

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Chris 12:16

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Roy McCarthy 12:18

based on sexual orientation? Ah, past

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end, not that same. GE has

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Roy McCarthy 12:23

its own end does not not a DOMA.

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I see. I see. Okay.

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Chris 12:31

So a GE will start talking all initials. And actually, I

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Jimmy Carper 12:33

think that's even better. You know?

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Chris 12:37

Yeah, I mean, I think I think that's that's a better thing to fight for first. Yeah. Then later on, let's worry about everyone being covered. Covered with insurance. Let's make sure they have a safe place to

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Roy McCarthy 12:48

work. In regards to in regards to gay marriages. And the article that you did about 1010 years ago. So trying to think of this guy's name. He used to be a professor at Yale University. He wrote a book called was original book was



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Christianity John Boswell John Bosco



Roy McCarthy 13:12

Christianity, homosexuality, yeah. And society. Then he they came up with another book by 10 years ago called same sex unions in pre modern Europe. Yes. And he has another very scholarly, very dry but very supportive of gay marriages. Yeah, and it shows



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strong theatrical yay for GE.



Roy McCarthy 13:34

Anyways, regarding the census that Jimmy was talking about earlier, the Houston voice as emailed us and it says that they're looking for members of our community, who have received their census forms and are figuring out ways to make the community known in the final Census count. Same sex couples are checking that they are unmarried partners, and indicating that their spouse is the same sex. Some single folks are writing in that they are gay or lesbian. How have you handled that question? Please send along comments to the editor at Houston. voice.com. If you include your name, email or phone number, a reporter may call you to ask more questions. Your identity won't be used without your permission. And it says, Matt, this comes from Matt Henny and he's looking forward to hearing from you over at the Houston voice.



C Chris 14:31

It seems that discovery channel is deciding to take on a and eight for our community now. What is it a boy or a girl? an hour long documentary will be airing on the Discovery Channel tomorrow Sunday March 26. It says 10pm double check it may be 9pm we I'm not sure if this is converted to our timeframe. From the moment of birth everyone wants to know is it a boy or a girl? This question can be complicated when a third option is introduced to One out of every 2000 children in America are born intersexual sometimes biology malfunctions and the children are born with mixed mixed sexual characteristics and what is called an intersectional birth. For some intersexual goals, whether they are boys or girls is never really clear to them. Many argue that the standard practice of sexual assignment by surgery in infancy should be discontinued giving the intersexual the right to choose or not to choose surgery once that person reaches adolescence, but whatever the surgical choice intersexual show that gender is in index, infinity infinitive. Boy I'm getting like Roy now is infinitely more complex than the shape of our genitals. The summer was report prepared by the Discovery Channel, but world

premiere is on Sunday, March 26, at 10pm. You can also see it at 2am on the 27th and may 14 At four o'clock. Check your local listings. And you can also get more information on intersex@www.isna.org for the intersex Society of North America.

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Roy McCarthy 16:10

Okay, folks, April Fool's Day is still coming up. And it's not too late to enter the common Miranda look alike contest. The Internet. Jimmy just went backwards over that one. The International Festival is going to be held in downtown Houston. And they are holding a part of their official thing a common Mernda look alike contest at Rich's on Sunday, April 1, at 9pm which is located at two to 401 San Jacinto at mechanic Mcilhenny. And you can call them at 713-759-9606. And I do want to say that they're going to have waiters at their, at their Brasil Plaza all dressed up and come and render lookalikes. And if you I have a whole lot of information on that, if you would like more information on this call me here at the station tonight. 713526 KPFT. I have the official official international festival schedule.

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Chris 17:20

The official one makes it sound like he's the only one out there. Hey, and

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Roy McCarthy 17:24

if you don't want my official one, you could probably pick one up at Reliance energy in downtown Houston to the Chase Bank. Counter team show. And I'm getting the wrap up sign telling me it's all over for tonight.

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Chris 17:39

One last thing here. Let's get us going because it's tomorrow. Deb ball. 2000 bucks, presented by Miss camp America Foundation is going to be from four to seven to our Sunday. Sunday. Sunday. Sunday. March 26. At clubs Sonoma. That's right. 14 dead do

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not fall.

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Chris 17:56

They left the knot in here. Yeah, well, it Ray Allen. He's the West. Well, I didn't want to say the last night.

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Oh, he's a nice guy.

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Roy McCarthy 18:06

Yell at him anyway. Okay.

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Chris 18:09

\$5 in a cash bar. And that sucks. And I'm at 1415 California. Just look for the valet parking.

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Roy McCarthy 18:17

I have one very important closing quote here. Okay. From column columnist Liz Langley in the Miami Herald back on February 25. She said gay marriage should be legal. If just to raise the standard at dancing receptions.

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I saw that I love that. I love that. Once again,

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Roy McCarthy 18:35

Jimmy has saved you guys from me reading that I saw the clips concerning Richard Simmons and his hair plugs that

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Chris 18:47

this is the bad part. Okay, we go from starting off at the beginning of the news, where we're using the Associated Press to him wanting to use the film clips

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because it's a hell of a lot more interesting to their

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Roy McCarthy 19:07

clips, and it came from the US Secretary of the Interior. The Stonewall Inn has been selected as a national historical landmark cool

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wonders never seen

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Chris 19:18

cool. So if you want to send us any news information, hey, memories hate mail your dentures.

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Who about to get that and I get pictures of yourself? Yes.

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Chris 19:27

I haven't gotten in essence the cockatoo we got from careful. Was a bird. I can't tell us the birds. It could be a parent could have been a cockatoo.

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Yeah, it was it wasn't a perch in a cage.

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Chris 19:42

But the email sent us is after hours kpft@hotmail.com

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Jimmy Carper 19:52

Okay, it is time for the leather line with Jim Cerini.

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Hey, doing good. Good to see you tonight.

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Jimmy Carper 19:59

I can't believe It's been a month it has a day went by real fast shirt did shirt did.

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Well keep it with tonight's theme. Unfortunately, we have a guest who is out sick. So I have a group of guys here that are really great in the community contest are now tonight we're gonna be talking about the Mr. Prime choice contest coming up in April.

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Jimmy Carper 20:22

Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. This is one of my favorites. Because it means that, you know, there are hot looking guys over 40. And there's a couple of right here. I'm looking at him.

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Let me introduce him. First off, Jim Benton is a contestant on the contest. And Jim has been around the community for many years. And secondly, we have David Haines. And unfortunately, Craig Rutherford could not be here. But we hope he feels better. Yeah.

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Yeah, there's really Yes, going around the night.

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But what I want to do first of all, a lot of people don't really know a whole lot about this letter contest. And as we talked about earlier, it is a contest for men who are over 40. So you have to be 40 or over to enter this contest. And it's a letter contest. Prime choice is the name. It's held April 14 and 50. Next month at the ripcord. I don't know what time it starts, but probably

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eight, nine, whatever. Yeah, check your local listing go early, have a few

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drinks. Exactly.

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But we'll talk about I want to get into these guys heads and find out why they did this because it's a lot of work. And we'll get into that in just a bit. But, again, the contest is held April 14, and 15th. What they have is they have certain categories that they'll be judged on. And one of those is dress and that is a leather Levi or Western type of outfit that they wear that's worth 20% of their point total. They'll do a fantasy. Interesting. Oh, that's funny. They'll tape they'll tape a fantasy. And this pre recorded videotape will be played the night of the contest. And we'll talk to the guys about this. So it's something that can be played in a bar. Yes. And the whole thing about this is kind of interesting. This This contest is a precursor for the Gulf Coast drummer, I never knew that. And if if you're familiar we talked about again at this later IML international Mr. Leather international Mr. Drummer. The main difference between the two

contests is one of them has to do with a fantasy and that's the drummer portion of the contest. So this, they'll do a pre recorded fantasy on this one for Prime choice. However, for actual Gulf Coast, and for if they go far enough to international Mr. Drummer, it'll be a live fantasy. Oh, so that's all kind of been a topic that's been going on for many years. Should this prime choice continue with the pre recorded video fantasy or do a live one?

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Jimmy Carper 23:13

Okay, so what's the difference? I mean, I understand doing it live? And is it the fact that if you do it pre recorded, you can kind of rehearse and act it out

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that that's the key. And because we know when we do things live, especially here, things tend to go wrong, so they can, but what so that fantasy is worth 20% of their total? Well, they have a person personality and attitude portion of the contest. That's where they interview that with the judges in the

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host. What do you mean by attitude?

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That's just their, their leather attitude and lifestyle? Okay, it's, it's where they do a speech, the talk about what the goals are. They're 40. They're Leatherman. What are their goals for Leatherman in their

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40s Stage presents, how you conduct yourself on stage, which

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is very important, and that's 30% of the total. And last but not least, is the sponsorship. And this is the number of people and the total number of dollars that they raise during their trying for this contest for 5013 C charities. So that is factored in. And that's again, 30% of the total. And we'll get into that.

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Jimmy Carper 24:20

So this is a benefit also, yes,



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I see that's important. People will realize, Oh, it's just another leather context. This actually, this does something for the community. And boy, I don't have a total I wish I did on the total number of dollars that the prime choice contestants have raised throughout the years. But it's significant. It really is because I think in one year when Steve Bayes won in 1998 He raised I believe is over \$15,000 Wow. So this is just incredible. Help for my contestants. I'm trying to find out the date that the prime choice started. Did you have any history on that?



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So he told me it was like 8687, I believe, wasn't that long ago?



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It's been a long day. It's been a while Oh,



Jimmy Carper 25:06

called No idea. The date, I was thinking Don Downton was the first



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seemed like there was somebody even before how can? Ben was Yeah, yeah.



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Okay. Well, again, Jim Benton. Welcome. I appreciate you being here tonight. Why don't you tell us a little about yourself, you know, when you were born and and what you



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do for a long time. Born in Central Texas in 1954, and have three kids of my own and work for an arts organization doing special events, and spend a lot of time dealing with people in and out every day. So this has not been a real big stretch, it's just been a lot of additional stuff to do. Normally crowded day. But it's been great fun, because it's been a lot of people that have, I think are benefiting from all of our work that we've done. All three of us have have worked really hard,



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you really have. And that's one thing I need to say is, usually you have a contest, and there's all

these bitter enemies. It's not that with prime choice and very much together. I've seen each of these at each other's fundraisers. And I think that's important. That's



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very important.



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Some great friendships are being made out of this. And I think that's probably the overriding factor for all of us. That way, once this is over, when it's over, so while we're still great friends, so Right.



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That's good. That's important to know. What are some of your interests and hobbies?



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That you can talk about, oh, that kind of okay, we'll go back.



Jimmy Carper 26:40

It's still o'clock you can talk about and since it's two o'clock, I need to remind people that they are listening to after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston, and ke O 's College Station.



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And Brian, also please, Brian, we're not forgetting, you know, no,



Jimmy Carper 27:00

we're not Bryan college stretchy official. FCC wants it a certain way. Okay.



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So they shall have



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what they want, they can



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actually say the question was your hobbies how exactly yeah, I'm still trying to think of that one. I spent a lot of time cooking. You know, I started out as a an avocation. It became a vocation for 1516 years, and still enjoyed it. We just did benefit for our sisters tonight. I helped with that. And they pretty involved and all that is great organization. Yeah, yeah. And so many people. It's like, all the guys rallied around to help ladies out and it's time that happens. Yeah. And I'm really delighted to be a part of that. And so I really, you know, what I used to do for a living now I get to do it for fun, and it just means the world to me. I really enjoyed doing that. I do a lot of music stuff. My all my actual educational background is in that taught school for three years as it yet that's not what I want to be doing the rest of my life. And so now I get to work with different groups around town I direct the music for Houston Bar Association, they do a summer show called nikecourt. Every summer, this would be my fourth or fifth year to direct that. Taking 50 attorneys and teach them sing and dance. But so that's pretty cool. I have



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I have a visual of this.



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Well, you know, I did I did to the first time that I was told that that was a possibility and have just made some unbelievable friends. That group and I finally decided after the first year that most of them if they weren't in court, they would be on a stage somewhere. same mindset. Same.



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Just different theater.



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It's exactly the story. Yeah.



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Just more wood. Yeah, exactly.



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So we've got in fact we've got one attorney that's a partner and one of the major firms here in

So we've got in fact, we've got one attorney that's a partner and one of the major firms here in town we dress has lent a trip one year and liked it so well that I think we're gonna put him in a kilt this year.

 Jimmy Carper 29:04

Oh, so Oh, you know if that's a fantasy of mine. Guys. nervous around the guy and kill about a man in a kilt. Yeah, regiment. Wow. If I didn't ever think I had a fetish, but that's the one that might be.

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Well, that's great in your music career. I see you're a you have a Master of Music Degree from Texas a&m down in Kingsville.

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Yeah, I'm an accidental Aggie. All right. Honest to God. I really truly. When I started my teaching career, I was in Kingsville. And so went ahead and continued some more work on my graduate degree and got through with everything and for years, I've worn an old Texas a&m cap always. Yeah. And somebody asked me one day they go, are you an Aggie? And I got thinking, you know, I guess I am because I changed from Texas a&m to Texas a&m About about two, three years after I left. So yeah, I'm an Aggie music major.

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That's great. I'm glad you worked a lot with that in your career here. Also, you talked about earlier about your catering. You had a business at one time. And you're still involved in that though.

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Yeah. Well actually likes I didn't for grins now, do a lot of stuff around the office do love stuff for church, too, you know, and people won't let me get out of the business. You know, they keep calling. You know, it's like, hey, a few extra bucks would be nice. And so there we go cooking. Yeah.

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What's your favorite dish?

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Oh, yeah. I don't know. I've done so much stuff for so long. It's yeah. Do like what's your

UH, GOSH, I DON'T KNOW. I'VE DONE SO MUCH STUFF FOR SO LONG. IT'S YEAR. BE LIKE WHAT'S YOUR favorite song? Yeah, exactly. You know, I think pinto beans and cornbread. I never forget one. One year at Christmas time the kids were up and I said, What if we got anything to eat? And I said, Well, yeah, I think there's some prime rib. I think there's some shrimp in there. refrigerator I got no like real food. So Wow.



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You also worked with the art community for many years?



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Yeah. been involved in that from the catering end. And then all of a sudden one of them two years ago decided that since I was up there in their offices all the time, they might as well hire me. So that's kind of what happened. They were creating a associate director special events position and asked me I was interested in really at that point in time. I was really ready for change. You know, if you do something for so long, it gets to the point that excitement factor is pretty much gone. And it was a great change. Really great change doing pretty much what I've always done just doing from a little bit different angle. This time, I was hiring indicators instead of me being hard. So get a paycheck came with it. What did Hey,



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that helps out. And, and also Jim is a real Daddy, tell us about you got some some boys x, I



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have 320 year old, it's going to be graduate from college next year. Oh, my gosh, and a 15 year old that is heavily into drama in many ways. And then an 11 year old. So yeah, life is full and busy and fun.



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That's great. You're also active as a member of the National leather Association, Houston. What else? I'm reading your bio here. You also work with a Barry Memorial, United Methodist Church, and you're on the board of directors forbearing Omega house.



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Yeah. This would be my third year in the term. Wow. And it's a major passion in my life. It really is. We have done so much over the years for so many people. And there's so much still left to do, we have really begin to notice the national demographics over the last couple of years that the epidemic is changing focus on us. The gay male population, perhaps we're doing better there, but it's going into the minority female population. And so that's it's really a whole new

area. Because us, you know, the white gay boys don't mix well with minority females. So we're having to really change our focus, and find people that are as passionate about this as we are that can go into those populations, and people feel comfortable with them. And we can still, perhaps let them learn off of some of our experience over the last 1215 years. There's no point in them having to reinvent the wheel. You bet.



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All right, that sounds real good. You're also involved is the chairman for the caregivers wall. Yeah,



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I'm gonna learn to say no one these days, that seemed like something I really want to do. I think it's a great idea. There's been so many people that have been so instrumental in helping so many people. And we have honored so many of those that have gone on, but so many times, the people that are working hard, continue to work hard. And I think it's time they get some recognition. There's several people that are involved in getting this put together. And they asked if I would chair a ball to raise money. So looks like that's what we're going to do. It's going to be a really quite a special event. It's going to be on New Year's Eve. We're looking at one of the major hotels here in town to do that app. And it should be a great a lot of fun.



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Are you familiar Jimmy with that? What they're doing?



Jimmy Carper 34:15

I've been reading about it? Yes. And I do think it's a great idea. It's I never thought of it myself, because we always think from the other side. But yeah, we need to honor those folks that have helped me. Yeah, you know, along the way.



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I've seen the design it looks really nice. It's



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pretty Yeah. And we're we're waiting to get the money raised the design is is pretty much like we think it's going to be unless the the land itself that it goes on changes. So we're waiting for the city to kind of give us some indication of where that may be placed. Yeah,



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we're hoping to be determined. Yeah,



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we're hoping out somewhere between Montrose Med Center would be a really a perfect spot. Yeah, you bet. So we'll see what happens but we've got a lot of money to raise. We want to try to come up with \$500,000 to the so A lot of work to do. But that's okay, we're up for it.



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I know all these gentlemen, they can do it with their fundraising activities. Oh, there's we were shown Roy's bringing in a picture of right? Yeah. That's, that's really nice. It's gonna be really spectacular. And, you know, not just an HIV AIDS epidemic,



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but there are a lot of caregivers and a lot of situations. Again, maybe because I'm, it became focused with the assisters group. But you know, breast cancer has been a big yes, definitely, that



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needs to be more,



Jimmy Carper 35:28

and it's time for us to to help our sister absolutely,



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you know, they have given so much for so long know of us, and it's time to turn that support background.



Jimmy Carper 35:38

And you can do it as easily as buying those breast cancer stamps. Absolutely, you know, for 40 cents. And instead of 33, or whatever, I don't even know what the price of stamps is anymore. 30 It's a small thing, but if they sell all they have made, will have \$16 million for breast cancer. So ask for those breast cancer stamps. Absolutely.

 **Bobby** 36:00

It's a thing of, you know, we get so focused on the gay male community with AIDS and all of this, that we, you know, even if you look at all our publications that are out there, I mean, you always see the gay male pictures of and depictions and everything we forget, you know, we forget, you know, there are females out there who have health issues, and, you know, need to need to help to when

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it's important to because I one of my fundraisers was for breast cancer that I did a few years ago. And it's very prevalent, unfortunately, in the lesbian community. Yes. And for a number of different factors. You know, one is lifestyle, and plus, they don't tend to want to seek medical help. And again, getting, getting people aware of what they can do about themselves is very important.

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I think going to a doctor for any office can be very intimidating. But perhaps it's more intimidating. When you think there may be a problem like that it's easier to bury the head, you know, then he has to actually get up and do something. So perhaps with that new focus going on or that support that they know that there's that support going on for maybe it's easier to face that, you know, and do something early on, so it's not a life threatening situation.

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All right. Well, I'll tell you what, in a minute, we'll talk with David Haines. But how about a little musical break?

 **Jimmy Carper** 37:28

You bet. I've got something from Yolanda and the plastic family. This is a drag queen and her group who are in where is it? It's like New Hampshire. And they're big in New Hampshire. It's because she's got some real talent, the

 **Bobby** 37:48

phrase big and New Hampshire.

 **Jimmy Carper** 37:52

Anyway, it's called Angels and you're hearing it on after hours on KPFT Houston, and ke O 's College Station. We'll be right back. With plastic family who makes you want to go testify? That was a drag queen? Yeah. Yeah.



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That was pretty good. She's



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good. The ones who actually knows how to sing Yeah.



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We're back here on after hours. And we're on the leather line talking with the contestants for Mr. Prime choice. And next I want to introduce David Haines. David, appreciate you being here tonight. Thank you. And tell us a little bit about yourself.



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Okay, I'm 40 years old. Born in Tyler, Texas. Rose capital of the world. And back in 1959. Cancer in July. In July. I ended up my son has a cancer. I've been in Houston since 1978. So I've been here 22 years Wow, it's



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quite a long time. Yeah, I



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moved down here from Canada. Although I was born in the states my family moved up to Winnipeg, Manitoba. Oh cold controlled flat and cold. And so after I graduate high school, I came down here and I stuck it seems



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alright. Do they do they in Canada say I like they do in like Fargo you ever see that movie?



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Well, in Fargo it's a little bit different. But yeah, the a i Yeah, everything ends with an A Yeah.



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Did you how'd you adjust to the temperature difference?

Did you know as you adjust to the temperature difference?



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Well, I was younger. I was younger, I had pig blood. Also you dress for the weather. You know you have the park as you have the layering clothes and you really prepare yourself for that that bitter cold. Down here my blood thinned since then it



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does that I really feel that I used to live in Chicago and moved here back in 6768. And I used to run around You know, with just a t shirt on when it was 40 degrees, I can't do that anymore. Right,



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right. I remember Christmases outside with a toboggan, and you know, no jacket on and just a sweater. But no, not now. All right. Well, I'm



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glad we're glad you moved down here to Houston. You were talking to me earlier about when you lived in Canada, that up there at that time, there was not a whole lot of freedom of sexual expression. Yeah, well, I



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came out when I was 18. I actually came into myself earlier. But when I started experiencing the gay community up there, there was there were no gay bars. To get to any gay community, you had to be a member of a private club. And it was a, you had to kind of be sponsored in. And there was a lot of the outdoor cruising type of stuff. There was a place called the hill, which was at the Capitol, and you'd have been cruising in cars and bushes. If the police picked you up and brought you downtown, there was very likely you would end up with broken bones, fingers, arms, bruises, strains, and, in fact, I had a couple of friends who had that happened to them. The being gay, and that was about 1976 75 through 77 When I came out openly, was very difficult.



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I didn't realize that that you had to deal with it. That's very traumatic, especially when you're coming out.



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Yeah. Yeah, it was.



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When were you exposed to the leather scene here? neuesten.



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Well moved down. 78 and for the New Year's Eve, I went out and I had heard