

HOST: Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Act--

JIMMY CARPER: You bet

HOST: --as well as other GLBT-related legislation. The events will also continue on Monday, March 11 with Texas Gay Lobby Day. Lobby your legislators on bills that are important to you. For more information, you can contact Samantha Petersen at 512-474-5475, or you can email her at samantha@lgrl.org. You can also keep a look at www.outtexas.org for more information.

JIMMY CARPER: Here lately with demonstrations especially in the political arena, I think gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people are learning the value of not compromise, but coalition building. Because there have been lots of other organizations who have helped us, who have demonstrated with us on our issues, and we're helping others.

And I know Edwin Johnson is one of the ones who has helped coordinate a lot of these things. He's not particularly fond of Pacifica. A nice guy, but he has many more times than once been picketing right outside these studios for one reason or another.

He's one of those-- he's kind of like if there was a straight act up he would head it. He would be the head of it. But I can see many more queers getting politicized because of all of this coalition building that's been going on, and it's a good thing.

HOST: Yeah. Especially, I mean, with the past-- you have to look at kind of on a federal level the past eight years. All of the different minority segments were fairly well represented and had a lot of issues that-- maybe not advanced, but were at least brought forth to the table in the past eight years.

And we're looking at this conservative swing at the federal and state levels that it's time that we're going to have to start bringing in together some of the other communities of not just the gay communities, but the Black church vote.

JIMMY CARPER: You bet.

HOST: Bring them in-- the women segment, and try and find common ground that we can all stand together on rather than trying to--

JIMMY CARPER: There's lots of common ground we can all, you know? And it's a matter of helping each other out.

HOST: Yeah. For example, the one protest that was held after the inauguration of George W. that was-- I mean, there was the groups from the Exmo attending, one of those groups that were there. But they were also with several of the Black churches, the Black organizations that--

JIMMY CARPER: And political groups.

HOST: --and political groups that really, really stretched across some of the different boundaries. There's also the PFLAG meeting for March. Monthly meeting will be discussing hate crimes legislation. That's on Sunday, March 4 from 2:00 to 4:30 at Christ Church Cathedral at 1117 Texas at San Jacinto.

Dena Marks from the Anti Defamation League's Assistant Director in charge of publicity for the Southwest Regional office will give a presentation on hate crimes legislation. For more information about PFLAG, you can check out their website at pflaghouston.org. Also, if you want to do something a little more proactive having to do with hate crimes, Q-Patrol is always looking for new members to come out--

JIMMY CARPER: You betcha.

HOST: --and walk the streets. It's a non-interventionist citizens' patrol group that patrols the Montrose area Friday and Saturday evenings just trying to keep down on hate crimes to try make it a little bit safer for the people who are going out to the clubs and just have a good time. So if you're interested in something like that-- we call it a three hour tour of the Montrose--

JIMMY CARPER: Yes it is.

HOST: And you can either call us at 713-528-SAFE. I only have two numbers to remember in the Montrose and I can't get the prefixes right.

[LAUGHING]

I mean, there's two-- 528-SAFE and 526-KPFT. So it's the words at the end. It's the numbers that screw me up.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, OK.

HOST: 528-SAFE-7233. Or you can email us at qp_callouts@hotmail.com.

JIMMY CARPER: On a lighter note--

HOST: Yeah, we need some lighter note.

JIMMY CARPER: Some of the music I played at the very beginning of the show was by Marcy Rae from her latest album *Live at the Hollywood*. Marcy Rae, or better known as Sweet Mama Cotton does a night a week at the Briar Patch. And she has been known to-- I don't know if she's still doing a night a week at the Hollywood. She may be.

But you'll be able to find that out tomorrow because there's going to be an in-store performance of her new latest CD *Live at the Hollywood* at Cactus Music at Shepherd and Alabama-- that one-- at 3:30 in the afternoon. So she timed it perfectly. Montrose will be awake by then, and have had brunch, and all of that.

HOST: And a cocktail or two and a coffee.

JIMMY CARPER: There you go. And then they can drop by Cactus Music and hear her do a in-store performance and sign an autograph CDs for you.

HOST: I haven't been to a performance there at Cactus, but I've heard that in that little venue there it's great.

JIMMY CARPER: Is it?

HOST: I mean, I've heard a lot of people who have said that when they've gone to-- I mean, KPFT has a lot of artists that promote things going on down there at Cactus. And from what I've heard, it's just a great little venue inside that record store.

JIMMY CARPER: Marcy Rae is just the sweetheart. She's been on the show a couple of times. Usually she drops by to give me one of her CDs, and I rope her into getting on the microphone, and we just have a ball. She's a wonderful, wonderful performer and entertainer. So try to do that. I, unfortunately, will be in switchboard training tomorrow so I won't be able to be there.

But I will be able on Monday evening to listen to JD Doyle's Queer Music Heritage which will be-- he does an hour of music every fourth Monday of the month on lesbian and gay voices which is heard right here on KPFT at 8:00 to 10:00 Monday evening.

JD's spot will start at 9:00 PM sharp, and this one has included special interviews with Matthew Callahan and Kristi Claxton. And the spotlight feature is gays in the military. He's got music, new and old, about being gay in the military.

HOST: What it really means when Johnny comes marching home again.

JIMMY CARPER: You got it.

HOST: Ready for a spring fling?

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yes, I am. Yes.

HOST: On March 30th, buy your tickets now for the PFLAG-HATCH Youth Scholarship Foundation fundraiser. A number of sexual minority youths in Houston area recently have received scholarships from the PFLAG-HATCH Youth Scholarship Foundation since 1997. Last year, a total of \$58,000 in scholarships were awarded to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered youth to help them become positive contributors to society.

The foundation only has one fundraiser a year. This year, it's Friday, March 30th for spring fling 2001 dinner. It will be held at the Warwick Hotel. And a few of our scholarship winners will update us on the progress in college. This is not a Black tie event. Tables for eight are available, and tickets are \$75 per person. If you'd like to get some more information, contact George Nevers at 713-526-0471.

Also don't forget that HATCH has a yard sale coming up here on Sunday.

JIMMY CARPER: Sunday, Sunday, Sunday.

HOST: At the Houston Lesbian Gay Community Center at 803 Hawthorne. The hour of the sale will be from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, and the sale will-- proceeds from the sale will support the programs of HATCH. For more information, you can contact Carol Petrucci, the HATCH program director at 713-942-7002.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, good luck on that because it's going to be tomorrow from 9:00 until 2:00.

HOST: Well, for anything else you want to help out with HATCH, we'll give them another--

JIMMY CARPER: There you go. And don't forget the unity banquet 2001 is March 24th of this year, and it's going to be at the West Chase Hilton. Nancy Ford is going to be the emcee. It's going to be a wonderful, wonderful evening. I have enjoyed. I've been twice now and I've enjoyed it, and I'm going to get to go again this year. I missed it last year.

You can get tickets from just about any transgender organization or you can buy them at Jewels. It's a store on 2404 Taft. That's Taft at Fairview.

HOST: Yeah, just a couple of doors down.

JIMMY CARPER: From the T-shirt shop, right? And I think that's it.

HOST: Well, speaking of other events coming up here. Now, The Texas Lesbian Conference 2001.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, that's coming up, yeah.

HOST: And since Roy wasn't here to give it to me, I'll give it to myself.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh.

HOST: Will be held at the Amara Suites Riverwalk in San Antonio the weekend of March 23rd through the 25th. TLC 01 will offer lesbians opportunities for empowerment through sharing information, experiences, and strength. Some of the workshop topics will be coming out again and again, flirting 101, maintaining relationships, women's health issues, political activism, anger management, family matters, and spirituality experiences.

For more information, you can email @tlcsanantonio@aol.com or you can go to their website of hometown.aol.com/tlcsanantonio/myhomepage/index. Just go to hometown.aol.com and just put in TLC San Antonio, and that should link you to it a little bit quicker than slashing through that email address.

JIMMY CARPER: Did you mention the lesbian health fair that's coming up?

HOST: No.

JIMMY CARPER: OK, that's coming up March 10th, and we need to tell people about it ahead of time. The Lesbian Health Initiative of Houston will be offering health screenings at no cost. Do you hear that women? No cost. This includes mammograms, pap smears, pelvic exams, HIV STD testing to name a few. The MD Anderson mammogram-- Oh, God. MD Anderson mammogram mobile van will be on site. The health fair as always will be staffed by lesbian-friendly health care practitioners.

And it's hosted by the Montrose Clinic, 215 Westheimer on Saturday, March the 10th from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. For mammograms and pap smears, you must be scheduled. That's the only catch. It's free but you must call in to schedule those because they would just have too many if they didn't have a schedule. And you can do that by calling Barbara Walker at 713-830-3075 or just call the Montrose Clinic at their number and ask for Barbara Walker. That's a lesbian health fair, March 10th. Get those mammograms.

HOST: OK, got a little bit of theater coming up here.

JIMMY CARPER: There's a lot of theater.

HOST: On cue.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yes, that's brand new.

HOST: Specially requested for you to attend. At 7:00 PM on Sunday.

JIMMY CARPER: Sunday, Sunday, Sunday.

HOST: February 25th. This is a fundraiser event for the little room downstairs theater. The program is a mixture of pieces for full ensemble, solos, and sketches. Highlights include route 66 with additional lyrics about I-45. Music from David York's Millennium mosaic, a work about gay youth commissioned by the Portland Gay Men's Chorus, a torch song sung by the Statue of Liberty.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, my.

HOST: *An Interview with God* followed by *My Heart Belongs to Krishna*.

[LAUGHTER]

God Bless the Child, a song about a clinical trial called drug naive, and fairy tales composer, Eric Lane Barnes's Sunday. So in other words, when that play goes on, Jimmy's going to be in the back screaming Sunday, Sunday, Sunday.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, Sunday, Sunday, Sunday. It's our heads talking.

HOST: The fundraiser once again is on cue for The Little Room Downstairs Theater. It's 7:00 PM on February 25th.

JIMMY CARPER: Where's that?

HOST: The Little Room downstairs. Theater at 2326 Bissonnette, between Greenbrier and Kirby. Tickets are \$15. You can contact the box office at 713-522-LRDS.

JIMMY CARPER: And they're right next door to K's Lounge. That's what they say. They always talk about it. And don't forget you can pick up on new memberships in the brand new club baths. They are opening their new facility, it's a \$1.9 million facility. It has more equipment than any other gym I have ever seen in my life. It's incredible.

HOST: I have noticed all the construction with them and all around.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yeah. Right next door to it, just this huge two-story building. It's magnificent. The tile work, and it's just--

HOST: Comfortable?

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, man. It's just incredible.

HOST: You didn't get my tees there about the tile work being comfortable.

JIMMY CARPER: That I don't know yet, because they're not open yet. They had a preview, and that's at 2205 Fannin. You might want to get in early and get an early membership. It's going to be great.

HOST: The Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center is going to be having a topic on the vagina monologues. It'll be the part of the popular, what women do lesbian sex workshop series.

JIMMY CARPER: Who knew those things could talk? Spoken as a true gay man.

HOST: I'm sorry. It may talk, I don't listen that often. That's on Thursday, March 1st in the Houston Lesbian Gay Community Center. The event will begin at 7:00 PM. Psychologist, Miriam Minakuchi.

JIMMY CARPER: Maria.

HOST: I'm sorry. My mind started slipping there that's a topic on the vagina monologues is done by someone named Minakuchi.

JIMMY CARPER: Don't go there. Do not go there.

HOST: I try to avoid going there at all times.

JIMMY CARPER: Maria is a sweetheart. Don't go there about her Minakuchi. Sorry, Deb.

HOST: Yeah, you'll have to deal with Deb. Psychologist Maria Minakuchi, director of the Center for Creativity, Knowledge, and Change will be leading the discussion. Women of all ages are welcome. Also at the community center in honor of entertainer, Rita Moreno's tour stop in Houston, they'll be screening her film, *The Ritz* in movie night.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, what a fun movie that is.

HOST: And that's on Friday, March 2nd at 7:00 PM. This nutty 1975 comedy, Moreno plays a spectacularly untalented singer in a gay bathhouse.

JIMMY CARPER: Hello, Bette Midler.

HOST: I was just thinking there, is it the Bette Midler story?

JIMMY CARPER: No, she's talented.

HOST: Oh, well, I saw her on the Grammys presenting and she wasn't very talented there.

JIMMY CARPER: Neither is she in that show, yuck.

HOST: Well, they had her standing next to Stevie Wonder so it was--

JIMMY CARPER: Whatever, OK.

HOST: Yeah, I now wrap up. OK. Unhinged Production celebrates women in theater on Sunday.

JIMMY CARPER: Sunday, Sunday, Sunday.

HOST: March 25th at 6:00 PM. That's later on today at 3304 La Branch. Unhinged Production is a nonprofit theater dedicated to promoting and producing plays and other theatrical events addressing lesbian and gay themes in a positive manner is pleased to present an evening of celebrating women in theater.

JIMMY CARPER: So that means that's our second gay theater group.

HOST: Janine Brunis, I hope I'm pronouncing her name correctly, the mayor's liaison to the lesbian and gay community will welcome guests. And Nancy Ford, starter *The Dyke Show* will emcee.

JIMMY CARPER: Wow, Nancy's getting a lot of emcee work here lately.

HOST: She's getting around town. Festivities also include a concert reading of the new comedy *Fly Away* written by local lesbian playwright, Patti Aldridge, and directed by Marissa Elkins. Admission for the evening is only \$5 and includes complimentary refreshments including addition to the frivolity.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, dig deep. Give them more than five.

HOST: It's all charity.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right.

HOST: Unhinged Productions is located once again at 3304 for La Branch. For more information about this event or the upcoming season, contact them at 713-524-70, I'm sorry. 713-524-8707. Or check out their website at www.u-p.org.

JIMMY CARPER: OK.

HOST: Don't forget Louie next weekend. I'm pretty sure they'll be discussing that in the next segment.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, Jim Sorgini is coming in here and he's got Kreth Robinson and Jim Nixon. And they're both--

HOST: Shopping at the bit and some other things.

JIMMY CARPER: They're going to talk about-- Yeah, Louie. You don't want to miss that.

HOST: If you want to send us news, information, stories, love mail, hate mail.

JIMMY CARPER: Dirty pictures.

HOST: Or want to find out the real reason Roy isn't here, you can email us at afterhourskpft@hotmail.com.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right. Thank you very much. We'll see you next week.

HOST: All right.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yes. You are listening to KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. This is *After Hours*, queer radio with attitude. I'm Jimmy Carper. And the leather line is on with Jim Sorgini.

JIM SORGINI: Hey, Jimmy. It's good to be here tonight.

JIMMY CARPER: It is wonderful to have you back.

JIM SORGINI: Well, thank you. It's good to be here. And I'd like the song says, Louie, Louie, Louie. We got a Louie, Louie, weekend.

JIMMY CARPER: We got to go. We got to go.

JIM SORGINI: Really. Everyone has to. And my special guest tonight are Kreth Robinson and Jim Nixon. Many times on before, and it's great to have them. And we're here to talk about Louis weekend, which a lot of people don't know a lot about Louis.

JIMMY CARPER: Before we get into that, I want to publicly thank Jim Nixon and Patrick Chase, by the way. Lots of people forget that KPFT is also a 501(c)(3) organization, and we do have fundraisers. But Jim and Patrick didn't forget, and they did bartending last month and just dropped in and just handed over half of the tips. And I just thought that that kind of thing hadn't happened to me before.

JIM SORGINI: That was nice.

JIMMY CARPER: It was very nice.

JIM NIXON: Into our heart always.

JIMMY CARPER: Thank you.

JIM SORGINI: All right. Now, when was that last?

JIM NIXON: It was actually the first weekend of the month. We bartended for our travel fund to go to Dallas for Gulf Coast drama. And so we decided to make a charity for each one of our bartending nights. And so we donated half of our tips to KPFT and the other half goes towards our travel fund.

JIMMY CARPER: That was super brave. Just super, yeah. And Kreth is becoming a regular.

KRETH Yes, I'm becoming a very familiar face around here.

ROBINSON:

JIM SORGINI: Which is good. And I just want to let people know, Kreth, you're going to be hearing a lot more of him. Kreth is going to be taking over the *After Hours* show here. And I'll step in when needed during scheduling problems. But I want to thank everyone for these, about a year and a half here.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, I know.

JIM SORGINI: It's been really fun.

JIMMY CARPER: And it's been a wonderful year and a half. I got to say this on the air too. Over the years, there have been literally hundreds of people who have been involved in this show. Hundreds. However, there's only been about a handful that I could really depend on, and you've been one of them.

JIM SORGINI: Well, thank you.

JIMMY CARPER: When it was time for the leather line, I knew I don't have to worry Jim's got it. It's not going to be he's not going to call me at the last minute and say, oh, I can't make it. No, he's not going to let me down, he's going to be here, and he's going to be prepared. And as a producer, that really is a nice feeling.

JIM SORGINI: Well, people don't realize too how you, Jimmy, keep the show running and doing this and doing that. And people don't out there in radio land, there's so many distractions but you just keep it all going.

JIMMY CARPER: Got to. Got to. Midnight to 3:00 is showtime.

JIM SORGINI: That's it. And I want to thank Kreth.

JIMMY CARPER: And I know Kreth has been involved in a lot of shows over the years of various types of shows too.

KRETH Very different, exactly.

ROBINSON:

JIMMY CARPER: So you know what goes on backstage, and you can keep it together.

KRETH I'm going to certainly try. Some large shoes to fill but I'll do my best.

ROBINSON:

JIM SORGINI: Size 10Ds.

JIMMY CARPER: Daddy.

[LAUGHTER]

But to me, it's important to keep news and information and education on leather here on this show.

JIM SORGINI: It's very important.

JIMMY CARPER: It is, and that's what we're here.

JIM SORGINI: We're the fourth-largest city in the nation, and we need to get the word out there and get the people involved in all the activities. And one of them is Louis weekend coming.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, man. Yeah. Let us entertain you.

JIM SORGINI: Yeah, a lot a lot of people don't know about it. And Kreth is going to talk about it. And first of all, Kreth, welcome.

KRETH Thank you. Thank you very much, again.

ROBINSON:

JIM SORGINI: And we gave me a little history before, but tell the listeners a little bit about yourself.

KRETH A little bit about myself. Well, any of y'all that don't know who I am, I've been around the Houston community for a number of years. I've been out for 28 years. And yes, I'm dating myself. But I'm very proud of that fact. There's many people that have been in this community they can't say that unfortunately.

JIM SORGINI: It's true. Unfortunately.

KRETH So I'm very proud of that. This is my third year as chairman of Houston Council of Clubs. I have been through several different entities in the community. I'm a former President of the Colt 45s. As a matter of fact, I believe that was about 10 years ago that I was president. And also shortly after I left the presidency of the Colt 45s, I got together with Bill Herbert, who at that time was the vice president of the Colt 45s, and we formed The Misfits.

So a little bit of history behind me. Some good, some bad. We won't talk about the bad.

JIMMY CARPER: No.

JIM SORGINI: It's a learning experience.

KRETH It certainly is. Now, there's not anything I wouldn't divulge, believe me. I'm very proud of all my accomplishments in the community. And I hope to go from here and even make more.

JIM SORGINI: You've really been around and you've seen it grow, seeing the community grow. And it's kind of an interesting thing in that you've seen it grow, you've seen the good times and the bad times like you said.

KRETH I certainly have.

ROBINSON:

JIM SORGINI: But really, all in all it's been good. It's been good.

KRETH Oh, most definitely. I have absolutely no regrets. And if I had it to do all over again, I would definitely do it again.

ROBINSON:

JIM SORGINI: All right.

KRETH Make very few changes.

ROBINSON:

JIM SORGINI: You also have a business too.

KRETH I do. I'm the proud owner of Big Dog Leather, which is just about seven months into the making and doing very well. We do custom leather by appointment, and it's just going wonderfully. I can't be more happy for that.

ROBINSON:

JIM SORGINI: And congratulations to your business. I know it's kind of tough starting out, but you're very good at what you do.

KRETH It is. And I have been doing that for a number of years and very proud of it and have a very good reputation in the community for that.

ROBINSON:

JIM SORGINI: That's Big Dog Leather.

KRETH Big Dog Leather, that's correct.

ROBINSON:

JIM SORGINI: And well, if you have a phone number or something that we--

KRETH We have a phone number. It's 713-880-2628. And then there's also a website, which is www.bigdogleather.com.

ROBINSON: And that is still under construction. We're in the midst of having a photoshoot done. And now we'll have some items on the web page. The web page is actually set up but the items are not on there right now.

JIM SORGINI: Good. I know you have a good webmaster there.

KRETH We certainly do.

ROBINSON:

JIM SORGINI: So for those of you who don't know it, Jim Nixon who's also our guest here is just a superb web designer. In fact, you did the web design for Louis Weekend. And to tell people about that, that's the website is--

JIM NIXON: Right, it's www.louisweekend.com, all one word, .com. So It's new this year, it's something we put up and has really grown over the last-- since November. And doing a lot of changes and updating and making sure all the information and contents out there for people. Because Louis is basically for entertaining people from out of town as well as in town. A lot of people don't know about it, and it's a great way to get that information out.

JIM SORGINI: I was on there a few days ago and had like 4,500 hits. So it's doing pretty good.

JIM NIXON: I think we're actually up to--

JIM SORGINI: What's your latest?

JIM NIXON: We're almost 4,500. Tonight, we were five short from 4,500.

JIM SORGINI: So y'all log on to that Louisweekend.com.

JIM NIXON: Very much.

JIM SORGINI: All right. Well, let's tell everyone a little bit about Louis because people say, what is Louis? So again to explain, it's let us entertain you weekend.

JIM NIXON: Correct.

JIM SORGINI: You don't have to know what day it is, it's always right after Ash Wednesday or Mardi Gras Tuesday. It's always the weekend after that here in Houston. And how did that come about, Kreth?

KRETH
ROBINSON: Well, actually, it started within the social clubs here in Houston. The Texas writers were instrumental in beginning that 28 years ago as a matter of fact. And they found a need for entertainment for people that were coming from New Orleans from Mardi Gras that weren't quite ready to stop partying.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

People on their way home. And so therefore, the clubs provided entertainment and bar runs and cocktail parties. And so therefore, Louis was born. First two years, it was fairly sedate. And then after that, it started growing. And we've got some figures for you actually. The largest crowd we've had was in 1999, and we had 799 registered last year.

JIM SORGINI: It's incredible. That is incredible. Do you remember when you first started about how many it was?

KRETH
ROBINSON: I believe there was approximately 30 people that started it out.

JIM SORGINI: So this is incredible growth here that we've seen.

JIM NIXON: It sure is.

KRETH
ROBINSON: Unfortunately I wasn't around in those days when it began. But I was around but I wasn't aware of what was going on at that time.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, I didn't realize it's that old. This is the 28th--

JIM NIXON: Yeah, I was amazed. I was amazed.

KRETH
ROBINSON: Exactly. So it's grown by leaps and bounds.

JIM SORGINI: And people always ask, what is the cost involved in this?

KRETH Actually, for people from out of town, because it is designated, let us entertain you weekend. That is what
ROBINSON: Houston does, is we entertain our out-of-town guests for that weekend. So therefore, if you're from out of town with outside of Harris County, the run fee is free for you. If you're from within Harris County, then it is a mere \$15 run fee, and that provides all of your provisions for the entire weekend.

And believe me, just the food alone, the food alone is worth more than the \$15 run fee. Not to mention the cocktails and just the good time.

JIM SORGINI: Yeah, it's just fun. You can't really put a price on that. I just want to make a clarification. In this week's eclipse, there's an ad there for Louis. And it unfortunately had stated \$20, and that's incorrect. It is \$15.

KRETH Yeah, the Mary's ad. We try to prove things on a regular basis and still it slips through. It happens.
ROBINSON:

JIMMY CARPER: But if you want to donate 20 bucks--

KRETH Absolutely.
ROBINSON:

JIMMY CARPER: It's not a problem.

JIM NIXON: It'll be a nice surprise when they get there and register.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, I'll meet you.

KRETH I'll be quite honest with you. A couple of weekends ago, I ran into an ex-lover of mine. And he said, well, I want to
ROBINSON: register for Louis. I said, fine. And we had just so happened to have applications there. And I had him fill out an application. And he said, well, how much is the run fee? And I said \$15. So he wrote me a check for \$50.

- Oh, wow.

KRETH It's not unusual for people to make a additional promotions for this.
ROBINSON:

JIM SORGINI: Really nice.

KRETH So it goes for a good call.
ROBINSON:

JIMMY CARPER: It certainly does. And even-- I've paid my 15 bucks and I figure if all I can do because of my schedule is get to breakfast at Rich's and see the show, hey, I--

KRETH That alone.
ROBINSON:

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, no kidding. Plus all the cocktail parties.

KRETH True. Absolutely. At this point, we've got cocktail parties lined up all weekend long as a matter of fact, starting on
ROBINSON: Thursday the first.

JIM SORGINI: You want to run through those?

KRETH
ROBINSON: You bet. We have our schedule here as a matter of fact. We're going to start out at the outpost for pre-registration. This is the second year in a row that we've done this. It was quite successful last year, we had over 70 pre-registered. There at the outpost last year, which of course obviously, it was needed. Also took a little bit of the hectic point out of Mary, so it wasn't quite so packed last year. It was packed but the registration wasn't so bad.

Starting out at the outpost for pre-registration, we're going to have snacks courtesy of the Lone Star Boys of Leather, which is a new group. That is Boy Patricks. He's doing very well. Also our first cocktail party of the year is going to be put on by Bulldog Productions, Doug E Decker. And the second cocktail party is one of our members here, Mr Monster Drummer, Jim Nixon, and Patrick will be doing the second cocktail party.

JIM SORGINI: That sounds good. I think I'm going to have to take off Friday.

JIMMY CARPER: Before we get along here because we're going to be talking about cocktail parties a lot, what is a cocktail party? What does that mean?

KRETH
ROBINSON: OK, well, actually a cocktail party is devised by one of the organizations and/or groups or individuals within the community, and they predominantly make a punch that they can serve there. Of course, we have some TABC laws that limit us in the city. We can give them away. And the punch, what we ask is so many clubs, their imagination level sometimes is limited as I say.

JIMMY CARPER: On some, not all.

KRETH
ROBINSON: Bless their hearts.

JIMMY CARPER: Or the limitation may be in people who really want to work behind the bar.

KRETH
ROBINSON: That's true. But that's one of the things. And these bars get out and they support Louis tremendously, and I just really can't stress enough that if you're going to do a cocktail party for Louis, please do a cocktail that you cannot go behind the bar and purchase.

JIM SORGINI: Yeah, exactly.

KRETH
ROBINSON: It's a plus for the bar and also for the customers.

JIM SORGINI: And there's always sometimes a theme.

KRETH
ROBINSON: Many times there's a theme. And it just adds to the fun of it actually. So it's basically free cocktails. More like a punch line type thing. Absolutely. So but that's the kick off on Thursday night. That's where we start.

JIM SORGINI: Thursday, March 1st.

KRETH
ROBINSON: Absolutely.

JIM NIXON: With the outpost.

KRETH On Friday, March 2nd, It's actually the big kick off. Which is that Mary's naturally. And that starts out at 8:00 PM
ROBINSON: with registration, and Mary's will have snacks for us. The first cocktail party will be done by Sundance company. The second by Wolf Pack, which we know will always outdoes themselves. Always the unexpected.

JIM NIXON: You bet.

KRETH At 10:00 PM, the Lancers. Motorcycle Club at 11:00. The Houston area Bears, which is a member of their home
ROBINSON: bar now is at Mary's, I'm very proud of them. And at midnight, Texas Leather and Lace. So that's going to be quite an exciting evening.

JIM SORGINI: And I guess these clubs that are hosting a cocktail party, they are members of the HCC or Houston Council of Clubs.

KRETH The majority of them are, yes. There are a few organizations that are basically friends of Houston Council of
ROBINSON: Clubs that do also fill in spots.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, for several years I know the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard was a friend and did a cocktail party.

KRETH Exactly.
ROBINSON:

JIMMY CARPER: It was so much fun.

KRETH So they either do cocktail parties or some of them provide food like the Royal Imperial Court is providing food on
ROBINSON: Saturday, which we'll get to that.

JIMMY CARPER: And those are big girls, so you know they'll be good food.

KRETH You can always depend on that food. Absolutely. But anyway, that'll be our festivities on Friday evening. And
ROBINSON: Mary's is once again outdoing themselves. They've got some prizes for the Outback, which I won't necessarily go into, you just have to come and see. It's going to be quite entertaining. I think everybody will have a very, very good time.

And we're more than prepared for a large crowd there as well as registration can be done there at Mary's. Hopefully or from what it looks like at this point in time, we possibly will not need registration on Saturday. Although we do have provisions for 750 registered guests, and that's in town and out of town. Beyond that, I don't know exactly what we'll do if we run too far over, which hopefully we will. We can provide a few additional registrations, but we just have that many pins and packets.

JIM SORGINI: Because you always-- like one year, I know they ran a little short and you got pins in a few months.

KRETH They were actually reordered pins, which we have that ability as well.
ROBINSON:

JIM SORGINI: And these are collector's items.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yes.

JIM SORGINI: Every year, do you have your little pin? Yeah, look at all them at Amazon.

KRETH Actually, they've become even more collectors more of a collector's item now than they used to be.

ROBINSON:

JIM SORGINI: Wow.

KRETH OK, moving along. Saturday, March 3rd, we start out at 10:00 AM with eye openers with the Ripcord.

ROBINSON:

JIM SORGINI: Oh, boy.

KRETH And we do still have a spot open for a cocktail party at 10:00 AM. We've got a couple of people that have not given us a commitment on that yet, but there's a possibility of somebody going in there. So that's still open. Breakfast will be provided by the Ripcord, and so that should be really good. Then it'll continue at 11:00 AM in LA, Houston. Which that group at 11:00 o'clock on Saturday morning is going to be extremely scary.

[LAUGHTER]

JIM NIXON: They'll do something really interesting.

KRETH Exactly. I'm anxiously awaiting that.

ROBINSON:

JIMMY CARPER: I can imagine.

JIM SORGINI: And it's everyone's chance to see the Ripcord in daylight.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, that's kind of scary.

JIM NIXON: With their new patio.

KRETH They have actually I have a real nice patio out there.

ROBINSON:

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, I haven't been out there during the day.

KRETH They have a nice patio and they've actually enlarged it.

ROBINSON:

JIM SORGINI: I'm not going to say anything.

[LAUGHTER]

JIM NIXON: During the day.

JIM SORGINI: We'll just let that pass, Jim.

KRETH And this year we changed up things a little bit. Last year, we were at the Ripcord in the afternoon and at EJ's in the morning. And now, we're doing just the opposite. We're going to EJ's in the afternoon. And they have such an incredible patio as well, we're going to take advantage of that area this year.

JIMMY CARPER: They can hold a crowd.

KRETH Very much so.

ROBINSON:

JIMMY CARPER: You think of EJ's as a little neighborhood bar but they can really hold a crowd.

KRETH They certainly can, and it's really put a lot of work into that patio. It looks great. So at EJ's we'll be expecting, of

ROBINSON: course, we'll have the food served by the court here in Houston, which is always--

JIM SORGINI: [INAUDIBLE] Single Star.

KRETH Absolutely.

ROBINSON:

JIM SORGINI: It took me a while to get that. But they know it's nickname at Reese's.

KRETH I still have trouble with that.

ROBINSON:

JIMMY CARPER: I just call them the Reesiki girls.

KRETH So we're looking forward to that. At noon, we'll have a cocktail party hosted by the House of Highway.

ROBINSON:

JIM SORGINI: Rusty, yeah.

KRETH Yeah, Rusty and Selena. And at 1:00 PM, the PWA holiday charities, which also will have their table set up. This

ROBINSON: year, we're allowing some of the non-profit organizations to sell their wares.

JIMMY CARPER: That's very nice.

KRETH And we're only doing it at one organization per bar. So it's not overwhelming, but they've supported the

ROBINSON: community so well. So we're giving back to them in that aspect.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, you bet.

KRETH And then at 2:00 PM, and don't ask me what this is going to consist of. When Buddy Thompson and a few other

ROBINSON: people tell me they wanted to do this cocktail party, I just ask no questions. But this is going to be put on by The Wretches.

JIMMY CARPER: The Wretches. Buddy Thompson is in on this.

KRETH That's all I can tell you at this point.

ROBINSON:

JIM SORGINI: Oh, scary.

KRETH I will stand back and observe.

ROBINSON:

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, I don't know what's going in that drink, but if Buddy is there, you better watch to see what they stir it with.

KRETH Absolutely. And then at 3:00 PM, and this is the one everybody waits for on Saturday afternoon, is the Tipple T.
ROBINSON: This year, the Colt 45s are hosting it. And of course, for those of you that are not aware of what the Tipple T is, that is a group of people that are made up of the first ladies. In other words, each president of each club of Houston Council of Clubs is to participate in this. They bring a hat and/or some type of costume to wear while they serve their cocktails.

So just because your husband happens to be the president of say, the Colt 45s, that doesn't get you out of it. Absolutely.

JIM SORGINI: And there are some outrageous costumes that they wear.

KRETH Absolutely, they certainly are. And speaking of Colt 45s, that'll be Shawn Carter, as a matter of fact, that would
ROBINSON: be doing that part of that. So I can-- He's going to set a precedent this year.

JIMMY CARPER: He certainly will. I mean, let's face it, this is the guy who did naked boys singing, remember?

KRETH Exactly, so.

ROBINSON:

JIM NIXON: Well this year, they're actually introducing a contest for that best hat or bonnet. And they'll have prizes for the Tipple T.

JIM SORGINI: All right. So that'll be a lot of fun.

KRETH And after that, there's just no topping that. So we go into break time. That free time from 4:00 until 7:00.

ROBINSON:

JIM SORGINI: After that, you need it.

KRETH You got it. Absolutely.

ROBINSON:

JIMMY CARPER: Probably nap time for a lot of folks.

KRETH For a lot of us, yes. I'll try to get at least 40 winks in there, believe me. And then at 7:00M o'clock, we reconvene
ROBINSON: at the BRB, which has been a long-standing tradition. And at that point in time, we'll have a barbecue dinner.

JIM SORGINI: Oh, and that's always great.

KRETH Absolutely. Damaris Barbecue caters that, and they do an excellent job. That's something that I've even gotten to
ROBINSON: a point I've gotten so comfortable with I don't even worry about it anymore. They're so dependable.

JIM SORGINI: They are. They're great.

KRETH Then the food's always consistent so we're looking forward to that. The first cocktail party at the BRB will be done
ROBINSON: by the Colt 45s. And that's at 7:00 PM. We change the cocktail parties a little bit at BRB.

JIM NIXON: They shorten up a little bit.

KRETH They shorten up because we had a few other groups that we needed to fit in there. So rather than an hour, there
ROBINSON: are 45-minute Intervals at the BRB.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, that's good. More people want to participate.

KRETH You bet.

ROBINSON:

JIMMY CARPER: It's great.

KRETH So at 7:45, then Texas Renegades take over and do their cocktail party. And at 8:30, the Rainbow Wranglers,

ROBINSON: which is incredible dance group.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yeah.

KRETH And then at 9:15, the BRB Royalty.

ROBINSON:

JIM SORGINI: I'm not sure who they are.

KRETH That actually is Mr and Mrs. BRB. The reigning Mr and Miss BRB. And I think also I may be wrong here. But

ROBINSON: believe me, Shaun will correct me if I am. It'll also be the former Mr and Miss BRB will participate.

JIMMY CARPER: Did they just have that contest?

KRETH They did.

ROBINSON:

JIMMY CARPER: Because I don't know the winner.

KRETH I believe two weeks ago.

ROBINSON:

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, OK.

KRETH Yes, they sure did. So we have new BRB.

ROBINSON:

JIM SORGINI: I'm sorry, I don't know who that is.

KRETH I know Jamie Roberts is Miss BRB but I do not know-- actually, I believe they're listed in The Eclipse.

ROBINSON:

JIMMY CARPER: See, I didn't read any of my gay publications this week.

KRETH But anyway, if you're not sure who they are, you get to meet them at the BRB.

ROBINSON:

JIMMY CARPER: Jamie is an incredible entertainer and has been with TGRA and doing shows and just putting herself out for years now.

KRETH Most definitely.

ROBINSON:

JIM SORGINI: And Mr BRB is Larry Wittek.