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J Jimmy Carper 00:01

You know, letting them make some decisions to that all, you know, we're all adults, and, but we also expect them to be responsible, you know, our committee. Because if we show up for a meal out, and that newsletter isn't ready, it's like, you know, that hurts everybody.

J Jewel Gray 00:15

It's true. That's true. Well, you know, the other thing I wanted to talk about is because we get, you know, a lot of people know your name. You know, I've seen it printed here printed, there seemed quotes. I've seen articles in this piece of media in this magazine and stuff like that. And a lot of people know your name, but they, they don't know who you are. When I was, in fact, I said something to somebody the other day about, I was gonna have you on the show. And they said, Any that long hair guy said to me, yeah. Well,

J Jimmy Carper 00:47

I even though I work, you know, had been on on radio for a long time. I've, I have no problem talking in front of large crowds, because I love you know, I love what we do, whether it's private, or whether it's a radio show, or whether it's the community in general. But I on a one to one level, I It's tough for me sometimes to just go up and say, Hi, how are you? Oh, yes. And at the same time, it's like, you know, talking about the weather or vacations is not something really exciting to me, it's a community, that's exciting to me. But I don't need to be in front of the community all the time. I mean, a lot of my work is behind a computer and getting that mailing list working and, and doing that type of stuff. That to me is, is what's and, you know, we've got so many other people that are part of the committee that that are just as important, if not more important, and their names are important to and what they do are important. And also, you know, not every organization does this, but it's really, I really don't like going to an organization and they have sort of their yearly party, your Christmas party, and they give out awards to themselves. And that's something they should do in private. That's not something

they should be doing, you know, to the whole committee, certainly, you know, the volunteers need to be recognized, and you need to be thing, but when you're on the board, if you're part of the committee, you don't need to be thanking each other in public and you

J Jewel Gray 02:09

know, yeah, yeah. Oh, yeah. I've seen it. I've seen it. Well, you know, I've, I've also heard that just, in general talk, if you'll excuse me, that you can be pretty opinionated and kind of stubborn, and, and kind of stubborn. And, you know, when I heard this, I said, Well, you know, you don't get you don't get nothing done. If you don't, you know, it's what the squeaky wheel gets oiled. It's that kind of person who moves things along. And I wanted to make sure that people understood that that about you that if you didn't have that kind of bravado, a lot of things might not have gotten accomplished. If you didn't instill that kind of confidence in the people that you worked with on the committee, and then they worked with on that committee, and then they standing on the street smiling at that garbage can wouldn't happen. Well,

J Jimmy Carper 03:00

that's true. I mean, if I wasn't that way, this show might not have started. That's where I don't know if you know that. Buddy came by it Wildenstein and, and we didn't click, we really didn't click and I. I mean, he kept talking about stuff and talking about stuff that to me was like, I didn't quite get it. And then he went and complained then they gave him this in this show. And to be honest with you, when I heard some of the stuff that buddy did, I was in awe. I mean, but he did some great, great radio, but

J Jewel Gray 03:32

but he was a burned down and burned everything down. But,

J Jimmy Carper 03:37

you know, I mean, we are propaganda? No two ways about it. We're propaganda here. I mean, you have to sort of talk about all sides of the community. I mean, there are times when you sometimes have to call things the way you see them. And at the same time, you can't just use this as a soapbox. You know, there are people I disagree with in the community, and things that are going on. And yes, I'm opinionated sometimes. But I'm gonna at this microphone, I've got to be a little bit careful, not only not so much about losing my position that they might kick me off the air. But the fact of the matter is, is there's a lot of people listening out there who may not understand the whole innards of this. And if I just started attacking somebody or some some organization, that's unfair advantage.

J Jewel Gray 04:21

Yeah, this media is very, very powerful in that line. And that's something I've always appreciated about you. You know, the thing about the fact that I never heard anyone say or

↳ and anything on the fashion Committee that were beautiful. I heard a lot of criticisms at various

heard anything on the Lesbian Gay voices trial was hurtful, I heard a lot of criticism at various times, but I never heard anything that was hurtful or personal. It was criticism of and I'm one of those people. If you don't agree with me fine, but don't shoot me.

J Jimmy Carper 04:51

And, you know, we all have different opinions on how the waste this community should move forward. And, you know, certainly I'm a lot I'm a little bit tamer than it was in the earlier years to have. Because we have moved forward. I mean, and we certainly have moved forward enough, the fact that we have somebody like nice Parker downtown, the fact that there are some more, there are major corporations in the city that now have non discrimination clauses and domestic partnership. I mean, you know, but still, I mean, people can get fired simply because they're gay or lesbian. 2106 is still on the books there. And they still use that as an excuse not to hire us. And, you know, there's still that glass ceiling that that exists for us. And I don't know if anybody saw that documentary, American undercover out at work on HBO this month, and it's still running, if you get a chance to see it. I mean, people just can get fired and go through all types of hell, because they're gay or lesbian or transgendered. And, you know, there's still a long way to go for

J Jewel Gray 05:56

Ghana. I think that if you have the power and the freedom to address that, where they're not able to because of their situations, then it's our obligation to our community that we do so. And sometimes we have to do so loudly and and kind of brusquely. So yeah. Well, you know, I think we've just got to take into anything. I wanted to know what if maybe there was some events coming up that you might like to highlight or share with us about pride. Things that we forget

J Jimmy Carper 06:31

to tell the date, the date of the parade this year is June 26. Oh, Saturday nights? No, I don't think it's, we know we know about this. It's Saturday night at 9pm. And pretty much there's going to be events going on all throughout June, the film festival, the gay and lesbian film festival that's happening this year starts on the 25th of that's wrong. It's like the last week and in May 1 weekend, we can in June, it's going to be like 10 days worth of films rather than the spread out like the year before. And the agenda is joining us and the Aurora theatre Up In The Heights is also joining the landmark theatres the Museum of Fine Arts diverse works rice Media Center. On there will be the announcements of the grand marshals on February 20. Can you tell it was nominated, I don't have it in front of me. But that will be in the in two weeks from today. We'll be bailing out the newsletters and they will be available shortly after that. At the the community things on the 20th of February Saturday from 10am to 6pm. That's the voting for the general public if you don't vote by mail at the community center, which is at 803 Hawthorne. And you know, the pride office is open more and more these days. If you'd like to get involved in pride, you can call us at five to nine I better say at 713-529-6979. We have that staffed 24 hours a day by an answering service. You can fax us at 713-529-6929 and of course our email address is info at Pride euston.org We do lots of things. I mean, if you're interested in computers, we can use your help if you're interested in doing anything. We have seminars on how to build floats. That will help. Our meetings are the third Tuesday of every month at the

Metropolitan multi service center which is a city building which is safe, which is accessible, where there's parking. And we the first tuesday MONTH is the Executive Meeting all meetings are open. And you know if you don't join pride, join some organization in this community because everybody can use help. And it really you know, you start to realize what what this community is when you get involved because it helps you to choose.

J Jimmy Vaughn 08:57

More time when is lesbian and gay voices heard

J Jimmy Carper 09:00

lesbian and gay voices heard at 8pm If there isn't impeachment hearing on Friday evenings and Glen Holtz, Joan Devlin, Lee Robinson and myself put that show together and we're going to be talking with hatch this next week.

J Jewel Gray 09:16

Great. You know, Deborah called earlier I hate to bring this up now she's probably given up on it. Hi, Deborah. And to say that this is her 49th birthday, happy birthday, and that you have a birthday this month.

J Jimmy Carper 09:30

I had a birthday. Last Monday. I Sunday

J Jewel Gray 09:33

hit 4545 My goodness, who and she also says Rush Limbaugh and Howard stone books. They share the same or maybe somebody says they both share the same birthday. Well, I certainly appreciate you coming down here so late they

J Jimmy Carper 09:48

the invitation and yes, I'm not usually around at this time. I'm more of a morning person is kind of late. But, you know,

J Jewel Gray 09:55

well, maybe we can have come down some other time when we maybe get closer to the prime weekend. We can rev up some people do some people,

J Jimmy Carper 10:02

we don't call it Pride Week anymore. We just call it pride because it's more than a week. Oh, it

J Jewel Gray 10:06

sure is pride. Yeah, side time. Yeah, there you go. Well, thank you very much,

J Jimmy Vaughn 10:10

folks that you are listening to KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station. And after hours, then you got something to play in there. Yeah, sure. Do. I'm sure jewel needs a cigarette by now. Yeah, and all that nifty business. So let's hear this and come back at you later. All right.

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I don't even know if I like Sandberg, oh, God, we're on

J Jewel Gray 10:35

standard burner. Um, so I'm looking at a tape CD that Jimmy has called lesbian favorites. Women like us. And I was noticing some of the names because I you know, the Tate truth, I have very little lesbian gay music had said, I'm just more into oldies rock.

J Jimmy Vaughn 10:51

Music. Let me go ahead and read you what we did here. We had that last cut was from the future Bible heroes. You're so beautiful. And before that was Nancy boy. Placebo

J Jewel Gray 11:07

sander? By placebo by who

J Jimmy Vaughn 11:10

is placebo doing Nancy?

J Jewel Gray 11:13

Boy? Oh, Nancy boy. Yeah, I was noticing that she does a piece on this. CD 50 ways to leave your lover I thought just hear that. Man a burner. Well, wasn't that great jack down here boys. He invigorating. I feel like going out and doing something. You know I know. But I just It's

the invigorating. I mean going out and doing something. You know, I know but I just it's infectious.

J Jimmy Vaughn 11:33

I bet you there appeal. There's still people not talking to one another because of a float or two. Oh, yeah. Well,

J Jewel Gray 11:39

you know, queen of queens. You know, they got the same heels and they never talk to each other again, you know? So it's probably lesbians. You know, the dark out there in the tool belt? You know, that's what I love about parade. And that's what I love about the Pride Parade. Is that all the ducks out and tool belts for the week before building floats for all the Queen standard going? No girl No

J Jimmy Vaughn 12:00

girl. Yeah, that's it, man. You just gotta get out of the way. That's right.

J Jewel Gray 12:04

You just gotta let them go. Anyway, hey, that was cool. I really appreciate Jack coming down here. And let me repeat what what it's Friday nights his show was on. Not his show, but the show lesbian gay voices. I'm sure he has a lot. A lot to do with it. Although he didn't say he was on it anymore. I didn't get that. Did he say that? Because he's so busy. I know. He's so busy. I know that occasionally. I've listened to it and haven't heard him. So I didn't know whether he was doing it constantly. Yeah.

J Jimmy Vaughn 12:35

And, you know, bring Glenn with that three gonad voice as

J Jewel Gray 12:41

well. Like I said, you know, he has to be up there. Way up there on the list of movers and shakers in Houston over the last 1015 years. I'm telling you. As long as I've been here, I've heard his name, you know, in relation to successes and, and, you know, positive stories here in town things that he's done and participated in and organized and set up and been responsible for. So he's one of our winners in our community. There are several others he mentioned. Thank you for mentioning them Jack because I just drew a blank, you know, like a nice mirror and Coleman and and what was Jim's name over. At Mary's was farmer Jim farmer over it was Mary's Oh, man. Oh, yeah. He was a real mover and shaker when he was alive. I think any farmer

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Jimmy Vaughn 13:29

Yeah, they called him Sunday. Yeah. Now you say? He's the ghost painted on the side of the building? Yeah, yeah.

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Jewel Gray 13:36

Yeah. Well, those people were movers and shakers. Charles Gillis, who ran the only gay lesbian bookstore in town, who has since moved to Austin, but he was a real mover and shaker and Ray Hill and, and Jack velinski. And Deborah Bell and a lot of people were doing a lot of stuff to get where we're at today. You know, he was saying a while ago, but people not realizing how far we've come. Well, I can remember 20 years ago in Houston, when you kind of had to duck and hide to go into the bars, where you you never knew what was going to happen. And then police raids were something that people were talking about all the time, because they were happening and happening. And like I said I was standing outside in front of Mary's just about time Kathy wittmeyer was an office that first year when they drug everybody out pushed him up against the walls and we're frisking them and you know checking them and deciding they were all PII and pulling up Paddy Wagon loading them in. And you know, that was pretty frightening. It's like thinking about it now the way we live now, I would have equated that event as something I would think that the Nazis did. You know, yeah, you

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Jimmy Vaughn 14:40

wouldn't think about that happening in your own neighborhood. No,

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Jewel Gray 14:42

now not now. No, not now. But back then it was a regular thing and and like I said, we go to the bars and and that be spoken about not that it was an obsession or anything but that would be something being spoken about, you know, when is it going to be our turn when when are they going to show up with the you know nightsticks in the you know, the paddy wagon for us. And they, they were dropping in at various bar everybody when they come. That's right. Where will you be when they go? Yeah. And that's why that poem has always been something meant something to me. Because where will you be when they come for you when they come for after they've gotten everybody else, then they have to come for you. Well, so let's see. Donna Garrett is on the cover of the triangle. Yes, yes. We you've noticed a new format. Do you like that? Yeah, it's a lot easier a lot easier for old eyes to read.

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Those bold. Yeah. Headlines.

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Jewel Gray 15:35

And I like seeing Nancy's name up there. Feature Editor. I'm real proud of Nancy. She's come a long, long way. Oh, yeah. A long and I can't even begin to tell you how long so you know, she I'm glad she's getting

J Jimmy Vaughn 15:49

she's been coming in here for a long time. We used to have to. I remember one night we were back at my old production room down drug production room. We had to like wave a dead chicken over the equipment to work

J Jewel Gray 16:06

days. Those were those are what make these you know, and Jack was saying everybody's thinks that those are the good old days. You know, they they had their flavor. They were kind of you know, good. But only from this perspective.

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Oh, sure.

J Jewel Gray 16:20

Oh, yeah. If you had to live it every day right now, you know, all this time, it would be like hitting me in Nazi Germany.

J Jimmy Vaughn 16:27

But now I mean, we have like Crossroads bookstore, where they have like, everybody's sitting out like outside sidewalk.

J Jewel Gray 16:35

And you remember when they almost would go up and down? Westheimer sweeping it for, you know, transvestites walking on the street? or drag queens or is it not sorry, transgender people, I'm sorry, walking up down the street and in the in the little male prostitutes, they would just chase them all over the place. It was like, very exciting back in those days, but it was like really ugly, but they would sweep them off the street one night and 56 arrests the scariest

J Jimmy Vaughn 17:02

stop and go

J Jewel Gray 17:03

Yes, that's right. It used to be it seems kind of

J Jimmy Vaughn 17:07

all kinds of forms of wildlife that

J Jewel Gray 17:10

is one place you know, it used to be that people said if you want to see the you know the life in the Montrose sit at Charlie's Well, Marlene will stop it stop and go Yeah, and use the ATM and stop and go. That's an intimidating

J Jimmy Vaughn 17:25

some days. It's worth risking your life \$10 using the ATM just stop or go to the corner of Montrose and west.

J Jewel Gray 17:34

That's right. That's right. You know. And you know, the thing is that even as as weird as it sounds, I feel safer in the montross than I do anywhere else. I feel safer in the Montrose than I do anywhere else. Because I know that I'm no longer persecuted here. It's like it's so big. They can't bother where it's so big. They can't arrest us all that kind of thing. You know, when you're speeding down the road eight people are speeding figure eight. It's there's another

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I only have to drive faster.

J Jewel Gray 18:08

That's right. Oh, my goodness.

J Jimmy Vaughn 18:12

You only have to outrun the slowest member of the party. That's right.

J Jewel Gray 18:14

You poor thing. You have to stick around here all night. Tonight. You usually get a break

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J Jimmy Vaughn 18:20

Yeah, well, we have the news coming up here a little bit, right. Big Roy and Michelle hatch

J Jewel Gray 18:25

guys. Guys, gals.

J Jimmy Vaughn 18:27

And yeah, we may actually get so yeah,

J Jewel Gray 18:31

that tells you how old I am the guys and gals. That's what buffalo. Bob used to say. How would he do it? guys and gals?

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I never saw

J Jewel Gray 18:40

Casey Casey says your guys and gals. But the girls didn't know the men and women that what do you want to say? Let's see the minimum the guy that the gay youth there yo gay. You know, I'm always reaching for that politically correct answer, but I go through all the wrong to get there. Like your dad used to call you every name. Every name.

J Jimmy Vaughn 19:05

Start with the oldest child and work your way down

J Jewel Gray 19:07

to you got your name? Yes. That's what I do. I worked through all the unpin politically correct.

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Oh, yeah. Okay. Yeah. Oh, you're doing anything new with the kids.

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Jewel Gray 19:17

I'll tell you a little secret here today. Friday, I got a foster child. So I'm now like a foster parent. And it's kind of interesting. He's 12 and he's got, he's autistic, and he's nonverbal. But he's just a cutest little kid. And he understands perfectly you know, you know, there's really no problem with him. But his parents travel a lot. So we made an arrangement and I'm gonna, I'm gonna keep their kid and I feel like a mother are ready to get air cut today. So oh my god. That's another thing. I took him to get a haircut. A pair of tennis shoes. Oh my god. It's a mother thing. I thought Oh 43 And then my mother now. Oh, no. Look at World. See. I always wanted to be a mother. I just never wanted to be pregnant. Well, yeah. Yeah. Business. So I got me a child. And I'm really thrilled with that. I'm thrilled with the process. I'm thrilled with the being able to offer that to the family and to him and, and it's really good thing. I'm really feeling good about myself about that. Especially that. I mean, he's not he's never going to be an Einstein, but he flies a kite. Flying a kite today, and that was good. That was good.

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Jimmy Vaughn 20:35

It was just say the world he he's in is not better than the one we're in. Well, yeah, you know. Well, you and Rose. I'm sure you can take care of a kid. Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. fantastically. You do the whole thing with the school and yeah, and all thing.

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Jewel Gray 20:51

Rosa is a mother. You know, she has a 21 year old daughter, but I think I'm a better parent. Oh, she's Yeah, she's not her kid. She's well rotten. Bad. Kid, but she is spoiled rotten. Now Oh, don't tell your mother told you. No.

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You can't do that. Don't say I said That's right. Don't say

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Jewel Gray 21:15

wow, what a week we've had. Does anybody else think that we are really spending a lot of money on this impeachment thing? I mean, did we have a budget it like Did we not do away with the budget deficit? Now we're gonna have a budget deficit because of all this. We're gonna kick these bums out of office and tell them you know,

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Jimmy Vaughn 21:39

but you know, I'm convinced that you know, I don't think it is really anything that horrible. And then also, I don't care for you to start listening to these guys and I go well, they can

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Jewel Gray 21:51

make like porno porno movies if they want that's amazing what these guys have like a spin doctor. Oh my god. And you know if you're just Duff doofus da out there and both on land and you know, one of those guys who has a rush sticker on his bumper, right sticker, you know, then you start buying that stuff because you're too stupid to see around it. To see the you know, this is what is happening. Is these Republican you know, elected Republican constituents, no, no constituent Republican Representative representatives have decided to you serve the public will the public voted him in but they want to find a way to get him out. Now the public voted him in twice, even with why they knew why water Yes, even though they knew Jennifer flowers, whatever her name was, and even though they knew what her name was going on, they still put him in that office. Yeah, I say leave him alone, get off his back and move on. to something like real government work. Yeah. Figure out a new budget to pay for stuff Jesus. The only person making it out of this is the lawyers. Oh, yeah. Yeah, definitely. What is it? What was it Shakespeare said and the only reason I'm quoting Shakespeare is because I don't dare say it. Kill all first kill all liars. I'm really getting to that point my life surely tomorrow I'm going to need a lawyer. Right? You're gonna need Yeah, you know, when you need one. You want them to be the best shyster you can find. But we don't need one you wish they were all you know, like burning at the stake? Can they really miss I think that that is going to be you know, I say this very often about various things. But that's going to be the downfall of this society as lawyers

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Jimmy Vaughn 23:36

and speaking of that, court and all I had jury duty. Oh my god was that for the first time?

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Jewel Gray 23:43

Who would you sit in who for do I direct you to judge pose? Did you see judge Paul?

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Jimmy Vaughn 23:49

No. Okay. No, no, actually, it was very minor things. And actually, there were a group of about 100 of us in this little room. And we all sat there from 945 in the morning. And then and then we had this break noon and then went back into

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Jewel Gray 24:07

doing nothing into the lab and into from doing nothing.

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Jimmy Vaughn 24:12

You need a break from doing nothing. Else you know how hard it is to do? Absolutely nothing.

J Jewel Gray 24:18

That's right. When you have to when you want to It's okay. But when you have to

J Jimmy Vaughn 24:27

we sat there until three o'clock in the afternoon nobody in the room. You had to pay for parking? No. Are they validating parking now? No, I parked in the official lot. It's like three blocks away. Yeah, we're really from bed about three o'clock they let us go. Wow. And that was it. Nobody got chosen for anything. And here's Michelle and Roy coming on in here doing their news thing and oh,

J Jewel Gray 24:55

well you know, speaking of law, you know they have animal court on animal TV now. Oh yeah, one of these wild judges sit. Oh, it's Judge Wapner he's doing it now doing animal court cases about and you know, that is just a travesty. That just shows you where laws going these days. Oh, law was good when Jefferson was laying it out, you know, and those guys were putting it down on paper, but it sure it sure sounded corrupted it since then. Okay, let's

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get on with the news.

J Jewel Gray 25:22

Oh, we'll see y'all next time.

R Roy McCarthy 25:36

With evening, welcome to this week's edition of after hours news with big Roy and Michelle. And hi, Roy,

G Gary Norman 25:43

how are you tonight? Oh, I'm

R Roy McCarthy 25:44

doing fine. Good evening, give me

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Gary Norman 25:48

before we start the news, we've got good news and bad news. The good news is no area code. The bad news is you got to use your own area code is part of a 10 number. So all you folks out there today, we're not going to say things like Area code 713, we've got to say 713784282. So we'll try to slow down a little bit. So that you can get used to writing 10 numbers in a row.

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Roy McCarthy 26:20

Right? Like if you and if you want to call into the station while I'm here, it's 713-526-5738 or five to 6k P Fp 713526. KPFT. Okay. All right. Let's start off with some sad news coming in out of Austin, an 18 year old crossdresser by the name of Scott Fuller, who used the name of Lauren Paige was killed just a few days ago, up there in Austin after being on a date with another person whose body was found at a business park in Austin, and it's unfortunate, but a lot of people who cross dress, there are people who do I wouldn't say a lot of people, but there are people who cross dress and do a very convincing job up in their cross dressers. And they will go out to a straight bar or into a straight neighborhood. And they will get with a guy who thinks that this is a real female.

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Gary Norman 27:36

Yeah, and then you can really get into trouble. Because if they find out and he's not dealing with a woman but dealing with a guy and women's clothes, sometimes they just go and beat him up and whatever. But boys did this incident questions individual out walking in, you know are going to straight bar and when you indicate area,

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Roy McCarthy 28:02

it was in the gate area. Okay. Now, the police in Austin are not sure whether they want to classify this as a hate crime or as a regular homicide. Because they're still leaving the book open on the hate crime part of it because of the viciousness of the test.

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Gary Norman 28:20

Now well, that's what that's one of the things that characterizes hate crimes is now the multiple stabbing or the multiple shootings or whatever. Or like they did with Matthew Shepard. Just leaving them tied up in the cold, Paul and beat to beat to a pulp.

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Roy McCarthy 28:38

Pardon the expression but it's it is what they call overkill.

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Gary Norman 28:41

Yeah yeah. Let me let me just mention to come now this happens a lot with the transgender

Yeah, yeah. Let me let me just mention to some now, this happens a lot with the transgender community across pressures, transgender transexuals. Don't be stupid, and go out looking for trouble. I mean, know where you are at all times. And I thought I'd also mentioned at this point, some of the information on Friday transgender community groups,

 Roy McCarthy 29:14

we just want to be upfront with your with the person who's Oh, yeah. Let them know that you are a crossdresser.

 Gary Norman 29:21

Oh, yeah. If you're fooling him and everything, make sure that you're in a big crowd when you give him the news. Don't be by yourself with him. And kind of apartment or were in your apartment or in the woods or in the back of a car. When you let them know that oh, look at this. I have some extra equipment. So anywhere in any of you wanting to get in touch with some of the transgender groups in Houston, Texas Association for transsexual support. Next meeting will be the 23rd. That's next Saturday at 7pm. For more information Call 713-780-4282. Helping crossdressers anonymous meets this Tuesday and every Tuesday from seven to 9pm. At Suzanne Anderson properties, which is located at 239 Westheimer. And the Gulf Coast transgender communities next meeting will be on the 13th of February at 7pm. They can be reached at 7137800 G, C, T, see? Okay.

 Roy McCarthy 30:39

All right. Now,

 Gary Norman 30:41

what happened on Friday?

 Roy McCarthy 30:43

Well, on Friday, there was an announcement made of a new Hate Crime Task Force that has been formed here in Houston with the US Attorney heading, the task force and it's being made up of the Houston Police Department, the Harris County Sheriff's Department, the FBI, the ATF and the DEA, DEA,

 Gary Norman 31:07

ATF is Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

 Roy McCarthy 31:10

Right. And the reason why Now you may wonder why in the world, would these people be interested in hate crimes? Well, because as we found out in that, in that one, lesbian bar in Georgia, yeah, yeah. A lot of times. bombings are homophobes way of dealing with gay people.

**G** Gary Norman 31:34

Yeah. And ATF is the people that investigate all these bombings. How about DEA?

**R** Roy McCarthy 31:41

Well, the only thing that I could possibly think, with the DEA is that they got deep pockets.

**G** Gary Norman 31:48

Yeah, that's a big organization, they have lots of money, and maybe they've been very cynical on my part,

**R** Roy McCarthy 31:57

and the FBI, they are into it, because a lot of times just the crime involves crossing state lines. And any crime that is involved in the crossing of state lines, is automatically FBI jurisdiction, as well as any civil rights violations.

**G** Gary Norman 32:18

Okay, so they're all getting together and working together. And hopefully, this will improve the situation, at least in terms of tracking down and in prosecution.

**R** Roy McCarthy 32:27

And as always, if you see a hate crime in progress, call 911. You don't have to worry about an area code or 713 or 281 or anything else with dial 911. Stay calm. And stay on the phone until the operator hangs up. Make sure you give them all the information that they that they asked for. Okay. Okay.

**G** Gary Norman 32:52

You have up here. I just wanted to mention court. Yes. Next Saturday, the Royal Imperial sovereign and not the royal the Royal Sovereign and imperial court of the single star. But I'll be having voting for the Emperor and Empress voting for this position is by the community. And this year, the community is defined as anyone living in Harris County, or any county that touches harris county fairs are contiguous counties. Well, I don't know what that word

contiguous means. So the voting will take place at the voice of the Houston voice in Houston voice is located on Lovett Boulevard across from the love it and love it in as 501 Love it. And so this number is something like 502 or five or four or 500 Lovett Boulevard, and that's the corner of Laverne and Whitney. So everyone that out voting starts around 10 o'clock and ends around six. Well, what day, next Saturday,

 Roy McCarthy 34:12

next Saturday,

 Gary Norman 34:13

are not still 23rd of January.

 Roy McCarthy 34:16

Okay, great. Okay, I'd like to mention that the micros clinic is going to be having some holding its second annual HIV testing marathon and that's going to be on the 22nd of this month. And last year, that event grew over 200 people. And it's a test for life and it's being sponsored by Walgreens. And it's offering anonymous oral HIV testing to the first 300 people who show up at the Montrose clinic at 215 West Highland, and the event runs from 7am to 10pm. And I also want to mention that, according to the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, one in three people who are HIV positive They do not know that they are HIV positive. And how the Center for Disease Control notice, because one in three people who test for HIV, do not go back to get the results.

 Gary Norman 35:15

Oh my god. So it's probably more than that. Because there's some people who don't go and get tested. Right. So you're saying one, and three people who have gone and gotten tested? Do not know. And are HIV positive do not know it right. Now, that's, that's really amazing.

 Roy McCarthy 35:35

And I can understand in this way, you can also understand that because they may have won a false sense of security. Oh, I don't have anything because I am. I feel great. Or they may be too afraid.

 Gary Norman 35:49

Oh, yeah. I mean, I understand completely why you might go and, and, and build yourself up and say, Okay, I'm gonna go get tested and you go get tested. And then the fear really sets in and you don't want to know the answer. I understand that.

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Roy McCarthy 36:04

The but regardless, you need to get tested. And you do need to go back and get the results. Yeah, you really do need to go back. And Abba's has testing on Monday and Wednesday.

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Gary Norman 36:22

I'm not at Twin Towers, I think, the Southwest Freeway.

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Roy McCarthy 36:26

And for more information, and again, more accurate location, you can call our office at 713-626-2837.

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Gary Norman 36:37

That's 713-626-2837. And average, does free testing and it's in English and Spanish. Since we're talking about that, I just wanted to say a few things about the Lesbian Gay community center here in Houston. One of the things I wanted to mention is right along those same lines is that on the first and third Wednesday of each month, the Montrose clinic does testing at the Houston lesbian and gay community center. Now, the reason they're doing that, and they're getting a good turnout is that there are a lot of people who are afraid or feel threatened to go actually to the clinic. It's on Westheimer. And they just don't feel comfortable going into the clinic and maybe being seen. And so that's a good opportunity to just kind of like sneak in, get your stuff taken care of, and nobody really seen.

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Roy McCarthy 37:37

Also, like I said that this was an oral testing. So it's an oral swab that's taken from the inside of your mouth. Yeah, so you don't have to worry about needles and being used as a pin cushion. anymore. Some, some people like that little bit of pain and

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Gary Norman 37:52

so let me mention a few other things that are going on at the center. this coming Wednesday, the center is having its normal Wednesday brown bank bag lunch, which goes from noon to one you show up at the center with some food. And we provide at the center we provide drinks and napkins. I also wanted to mention that the center is now open on Wednesdays from noon to 9pm. So the hours are beginning to expand. Also next month, the center cinema which will go on the fifth of February, and then again on the 20th of February the center of cinema located attacted delights the lesbian and gay community center on their cell celebrating they do movies, videos every every two weeks. They usually have a theme and next month is Black

History Month. And so on Friday, the fifth of February, they're gonna show Waiting to Exhale and what's love got to do with it. And then on the 20th that's the Saturday two weeks later, they're gonna show girl six