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## SPEAKERS

Jay, Gigi, Jimmy Carper

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Gigi 00:01

You know, I understand that there's radios involved that keep beach the patrollers informed with each other as to what's going on between the mobile units and the fit units. But then there's also a line for the police if we do need them to come in immediately.



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Yes. Like last night, Jimmy was mobile. And so Jimmy Carper has the radio so he can hear what's going on with those who are on the foot patrol and hear all the good gossip and Intel as makes



Gigi 00:37

them some the good guys.



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Um, tell us where to rush to to see the nice looking guy



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themselves off.



Jimmy Carper 00:47

I try my best.



Gigi 00:51

He was well, the other night.



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Jimmy has in the car, a telephone. And so if something goes wrong, Jimmy will move last night, for example, Jimmy would have been able to get right on the phone and emergency dial 1911 and get out instantly, right.



Gigi 01:15

And I've seen the response. The police do respond. I mean, we were out one night and someone was reported like he had a gun. And we call that in and I mean, the place was crawling with cops and no time.



Jay 01:27

So that the last time we were out, you know, someone's reported throwing things from a car and we told the police and then half an hour an hour later, something like that. The police stopped the car for something completely different. saw the license plate said hey, wait a minute. That's the license plate key patrol called in and then ended up arresting them.



Jimmy Carper 01:48

So it works. Dang



Gigi 01:49

it. Does it work? Well, we've got one



Jimmy Carper 01:54

or what's been great about it is that we know it's working because it's so calm out there. Yeah. We never we never let down or watch him.



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And some nights Glenn comes out in those little tiny shorts. That's another reason that makes Q patrollers coming out for but that's beside the point.



Gigi 02:15

And of course Miss JG oftentimes this time of year, where's the gravity defying? Short nobody can quite understand how they stay at



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gets arrested for indecent exposure.



Jimmy Carper 02:35

We have another driver with



Gigi 02:36

us. Yes.



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Yes. Some of you may remember me, but I It's unusual. I'm here when we're not plugging marathons. Right. But now I've joined it. The this is Chris, I've joined through Jimmy coming over here and having him have this unusual. I'm stuttering like this. Having hearing him login, cue patrol and I finally



Gigi 03:00

talk about boys and short



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flashbacks from Mexico from this morning. But that's another story. But I joined with going down went to the one of the benefits that they had and has tried to keep up as regular as possible as I can with that. And I've I do appreciate it before I joined Q patrol, because when you mentioned Paul Broussard that worried me about coming down to this area. And to find out there was a patrol here, there's someone watching your back. When you may not be in the best of situation, watching



Gigi 03:41

your friends



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circle the block there, make sure we get a full panoramic view. And the best part about it is like after the Pride Parade, when we went out and we did a patrol, hearing people alongside going hey, there's Q patrol and waving and just saying hi and recognizing that we're that we're there and then we're watching over them. And it's it's that good feeling about it. Because we see there's so many bad things that go on. And one thing I don't know if anyone else has heard of has been mentioned about her with Paul Broussard. Another one of the people who one of the people who got probation may be going to jail now. I only heard about it on one television station. I didn't see anything in the newspaper about it the next day. But in the next couple of weeks, one of the people who was given probation may be spending some time in jail soon. Yes, yeah. He he supposedly didn't want to filled a little cup when they told him to and didn't want to do his community service. So and he may be things to one of those. That was the



Jimmy Carper 04:59

second time I'm to go up before the job because of these problems.



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And according to the news that I saw, the judge was yelling at him. And the good part about that is that came out on. I heard it on Monday. And that was the Monday after Pride Parade. And the Friday after the, after the Friday to occurrence in the court over and Katie, a little 10 year probation that that person received Yes. But now I since I've joined with cupro, I enjoy just going out there and being part of a group and leaving the area not completely wasted. So remembering the evening, which is an unusual occurrence. But just going out and seeing the people and seeing your community and seeing your your, the your other people and knowing that yet if you're in a situation that there's gonna be someone there to watch you, right?



Jimmy Carper 05:55

And that we talked about maybe being frivolous or having, you know, really good time. But, but that stops immediately if something happens. And we get down to business.



Gigi 06:09

Oh, everybody jumps to it. It's like,



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after the price free, we had one car that was acting a little suspiciously and I was driving the mobile unit. And as soon as that report came over, and they were coming our direction, we pulled over waited for them to come and we made sure that nothing was going to was going to

wrong and just watch them leave the area. And that's the sort of thing that yeah, we we do camp up a little bit. We do enjoy ourselves because we try and keep try and keep things calm and alert. But if something happens, it is immediately Yes, we will shift gears very fast.



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Everybody goes into adrenaline rush and starts seriously working on the battle.



Gigi 06:57

And after all the dead nights I've been on patrol, it's like Oh, no. What about things happening?



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Control stories, has to be that pickup truck that was driving around with the tires off of the drivers and the passenger. Okay, the driver side



Jimmy Carper 07:17

really was not there for us



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was gone. He's like driving around on the rim sparks flying everywhere. bouncing through intersections, you know that you know, he's barely moving like, you know, 15 miles an hour and behind him or about 10 cop cars with the lights on.



Jimmy Carper 07:37

And he just kept going bar area and he ended up on somebody's lawn on Avondale. When I saw we were on Fargo.



07:48

Oh my



Jimmy Carper 07:50

Yeah, I mean, he went all over the place.





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as well. That's the other thing that you mentioned Fargo when you mentioned Avondale. When I first came out with the Q patrol. I thought it was just amazing. All these people understood first of all directions north, south, east and west. And I had no idea where I was. And they knew the names of all these streets. Well now we're actually going Monday, my mom came into town. And I took her on what I do, I do an east and west runs. I don't go up and downtown. I go east and west. Up Taff to Pacific. And then I went all the way up around having took her down Hyde Park. Oh, of course, I stopped at Whitney and Hyde Park and made her get out of the car and look at car tables how Yes, and the birdhouse house. Unfortunately, if you join Q patrol and you're on patrol with me, then you're going to have to see the birdhouse house because that's my friend fact last night, when we were out there, we met the owner told the owner Oh, I had my mom back here by here the other day. And then afterwards, we went up to Taft, and then got on Fairview and then drove down Fairview and then went up to Drew and did the run down, Drew and then did a little bit on Fargo. So I showed her the whole route. And I now know all the streets and sometimes and sometimes I even know north, south, east and west.



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Give me direct I'm not



Jimmy Carper 09:54

in north south east west. You know I'm away from town or towards town. Something like that.



Gigi 10:00

This way in that way, one thing I've kind of observed just being an uncute patrol is that, you know, we have been fortunate having moved patrol, because, you know, there haven't been any real serious incidents.



Jimmy Carper 10:17

Because we continue, however.



Gigi 10:20

And, you know, I think that has an impact on the community. I remember after the restart incident, how stunned everybody was and how people came out, just, you know, the mood was really pretty tense. And in a sense that, you know, they were chanting will take back the streets. Well, you know, I think it's because of key patrol that we have gotten the streets back. You know, we can go out to the bars and get totally smacked. And, and know that, you know, there's some safety out



 Jimmy Carper 10:56

there is some safety. Yes. Unfortunately, it does not extend to the rest of the city, right? Because there have been incidents of other people being bashed being killed fragmente own Fred Mangie owned, being the one that sticks out my mind in the most was outside of the Montrose area. Yeah, whose incident happened?

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Not no, that wasn't that also a straight bar?

 Jimmy Carper 11:20

Yes. But it was a bar that he freaked. He and his lover frequented often. And everyone in there knew them. It was just the others. It just took a couple of people, the two killers were adrift Rangers. And I use that term deliberately.

 Gigi 11:41

But I think the thing that's, you know, I take a lot of pride in that sense, when I go out and patrols knowing that, hey, Montrose is a safer place because of something I did. That's right. Yeah. And speaking of volunteering, is Who do people call if they want to join Key patrol? And how did they become a member?

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To join queue patrol, all you have to do is call up on the queue patrol, voicemail, that's area code, 71352, a, safe S A F E, that's 5287233, you'll get a voicemail, leave your name only needs to leave a first name and a telephone number. And we'll get back with you and give you information over the phone and then follow up with information in the mail. If you want to. You can use that number to either volunteer to come out on patrol with us. Or you can use that information to To make a donation.

 Gigi 12:58

What kind of volunteer positions are there?

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Well, basically, what we have is an organization of patrollers. That's basically all we do. We patrol, we don't do any fundraising. We participate with other organizations who are fundraising for us. But we're not a big fundraising organization. We don't have events. Basically, the job is patrolling. And you'd come out and you become a patrol member.



Gigi 13:38

And you have positions where people can either patrol unfit or Oh, yeah. Or hikes or skates or Yeah, we mobile,



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we put out usually put out a foot patrol and foot patrol consists of at least three or three experienced or four or more individuals. We also have skaters will have two or three skaters at a time out there. Just zipping all around the Montrose sometimes we



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try to maneuver



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and we also will sometimes have people with bikes who want to patrol with us. And as we also mentioned, whenever we have a patrol out, we always have a mobile unit. And so there's also a car that's somebody in a car with Q patrol signs, little metallics for big metallic signs that we have. We put him on the car, and that car has both radio and telephone communication. So it's in communication with all the patrollers and also is in communication via telephone with the police department. And so you know, we don't have other than patrolling, we have a meeting once a month to talk about patrol business and those kinds of things. But other than that, and a Christmas party. But other than that, we don't do anything other than patrols. Now, we do hand down information. And Chris is going to tell us a little bit about that. Our little business cards.



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One thing is this, if you there's other ways you can donate to us, even without seeing us or calling in. We're part of two different programs right now. To the grocery store chains will give discounts, we'll get an atmosphere that discount will donate to us based on the amount of food that you purchase. One of them is the Kroger share card. And I think all of a sudden patroller will be carrying some cards around with those.



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Oh, we had a contest last night to give up the



Jimmy Carper 16:07

Michelle won, she is incredibly aggressive.





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It's quest that's always thinks



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it's a quick and painless thing. So when you go to Kroger and you it's all business card, you have them ask them to swipe the card has a UPC on it. And what it does is we get 1% back, I believe it is right 1% of whatever you purchase, and every little bit is going to help is going to help come in there to just pay for the communications and for our that's the big thing is is that communications, the radios and the cellular phones. Yeah,



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our our budget runs about \$400 a month right now. And about 85% of that is for air time and telephone time and printing for patrol stuff. And so 85% of it is going directly into things that are dial patrol, communication relating. And then the rest is admin costs and stuff like that.



Jimmy Carper 17:17

And I'm probably replacement for for things because I know that we've recently had to get new rates a couple of new radios.



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Yes. And then I'm cheap and they are not cheap.



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Maybe these aren't Seabees these are more like cellular phones that look like walkie talkie. Yeah,



Jimmy Carper 17:39


they run about 1000 apiece. Yeah.





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As patrol coordinator. I have a radio which I actually have with me tonight. And not this weekend, but three games. I guess it was back in June. I had an occasion where I had to be West have beltway eight on a Saturday night, around 10 o'clock. And so I had it so


 Jimmy Carper 18:10  
don't worry.


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Don't wait. Okay, so between


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my area highway six beltway

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and so I had my radio with me to hear what was going on. And you can hear real is about all it's fantastic. I mean, they are really super first class radios. I had no idea they went that far. But yes, parent Yeah, they're about

 Gigi 18:38  
that camp we do on the radio watch where we are going all over the place.

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So with to To make a donation, you have to get a card from one of us from a queue Patrol member to go into Kroger, right, but there's one you can do right now, if you have one of those Randles remarkable cards, the one that they give you the discount on anything you purchase. If you tell the cashier to designate for 892 that will also trigger a 1% donation to cue patrol off your purchase price. Great. And that one you program it in. I don't know if you've ever given once or each time you just tell him that number. And like I said, it's automatic. It's what's the number again? Yeah, 4892 4892 Alex, it's, they're quick and they're painless ways for you. Actually, you're making a donation, but you're really not making a donation. You're just telling them. These are organizations to support right. And I think with Randles was also progressive if you had so many donations, you get a larger chunk of

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all right, yes, it goes up.

 Gigi 19:47  
And with that number, nobody even knows who you're donating to. So even if you're in the closet you can give Oh yeah

closet you can give on your.



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You have you have the Once from Kroger they don't even look at them. You hand them the card. That's right, it says, because I've those of you who know me, I live out in the boonies and Copperfield. And you hand them the card and unless there's a problem scanning it, which is only happens when it gets older, they just hit a button, throw it down and they could really care less on what you're handing her throw.



Jimmy Carper 20:22

That's right, even even at the Kroger in the Montrose they don't even look at it.



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And using either the number which is again, what was that number from from 892 4892. If you use that, or if you use the Kroger, scale card share card, it will not change the amount you pay. No, it will not be any money out of your pocket. It'll be what you're designating for. Kroger and Randalls to do is as part of their community therapists donation,



Jimmy Carper 21:01

right, these governors have designated 1% of their sales to go back into the community. So it is our responsibility to make sure that it gets all of our purchases get scanned.



Gigi 21:15

And it gets back to that community first, supporting one's community so that we can have a safe environment.



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Now the other thing I just I do want to mention is that there are some of the other organizations within the community that have cards like this, oh, yeah, for example, the gay and lesbian switchboard, the pride committee, the committee. And so if you have an A card from your organization, then you use the card from your organization, the way you want to ensure the thing that's important is that the money comes back into the community, right, let's support the community.



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And also, one thing you can also do is ask the managers and point out to them, I know with Kroger definitely you can only use one card at a time because I tried that before I've heard

Kroger, definitely, you can only use one card at a time, because I tried that before. I've heard rumors with the Randles card, you can designate three or five, possibly let them know at Kroger that maybe see if you can spread it out and use a second card or use a third card. If Randles allows you to choose those, all you need to do is you go to the managers booth, they'll show you a list. Hopefully it's a current one, then, and you can just go through there and pull down in a couple of minutes just looking up, you know, some of the organizations somewhere in here, my wallet, I've got a list of ones. And it's like, I mean, Hatch has one I believe the switchboard AIDS Foundation, Houston, and just put in a variety and you may want to change it around every month, add a new group and just rotate out several of them as many as you can, that you can spread it out and show them that, that when they look at the figures, they can see that yes, our we're sending a lot of money into the Montrose, organizations of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered groups. And that we're gonna take a big chunk of of their area, more than the Boy Scouts and the religious organizations. And there's other groups that also have long long lists in there. And just to show them that when they sit there and look at the pie, and they sit down their their yearly budget, and look at that at their pie charts and say, Okay, well this is chunk went to here. If the pink triangle part of it is huge, then they're going to start to realize, hey, we need to start looking at this area more. We need to cater a little bit more to them. You betcha. start respecting those who come in?



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Yeah, your money is power.



Jimmy Carper 23:48

That's right. economic power, is it?



Gigi 23:51

And part of the you know, we've talked a little bit about change in our community. And I think part of that change has come because of the gay dollar enhance span and people are recommence getting recognized.



Jimmy Carper 24:07

We also did the community first thing and spend the money with with with gay merchandisers. Because because everyone else is discovering the power of the of the queer dollar. Yeah, and they want it. You can



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tell it very clearly that I mean, this year, we had our first film festival, and they had to carry some of those films over and went into the Greenway for life too, and then as soon as that one left, as soon as that closed out, its extended run. They brought in late bloomers which is a lesbian teacher movie right shot right here in Texas. And so it's, it shows that there is there is some support out there, that they're recognizing that we do make a difference. I went to go see

love the Lord compassion and that was packed Oh, good. I'm sorry, not the movie, I saw the play. And it was a small theater. But that was packed. And you could just tell that if it probably wouldn't work better on a larger stage, but maybe a couple more seats in there. And that would have been still packed to the end of its run.

 Gigi 25:20

And I want to kind of jump back for a moment to the parade. Okay, coming down Westheimer and seeing 50,000 people it was just, it made me go

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in this room right now that was not walking in it. Yep. Strange, because in this part of the control booth earlier, I was the only gay man. So

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I've been out here. And I'll tell you this is watching it from the sidelines as my first parade. And watching everyone go by and Miss Carper up there flashing around.

 Gigi 26:07

And she was glowing.

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Me going through there and then going home first after going to one of the after hours parties, after our parties and going home and watching it on the news, flipping through the stations trying to see where it got its notice workout, as mentioned. And it was it was very touching. I don't know whose float they showed. But watching us on CNN. I missed that.

 Gigi 26:38

Yeah, we were I wish we could have gotten a tape of that.

 Jimmy Carper 26:41

I'm gonna get a tape of our coverage on channel 1111. I was there.

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Yeah, they interviewed.



Gigi 26:48

But this, we made history in more ways than one. I mean, being on CNN this year, that



Jimmy Carper 26:56

nighttime Pride Parade in the northern hemisphere.



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And when they grouped, they've mentioned for gay pride parades. And I think to be to have Houston mentioned in the same sentence area with Paris, which is the biggest in Europe, San Francisco, and New York. Pretty good. Because they went they showed the Paris they showed a little bit of Houston, they said this afternoon San Francisco's having there in New York is having lawyers. And I think it may sound like I'm trying to pump up what Houston is. But the fact that we're getting to be put in that kind of accompagner. That queer community of a global proportion. I mean, the two



Gigi 27:41

are on the map. Maybe we made



Jimmy Carper 27:43

history.



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When you get lumped in with the two two of our mechas in America and Oh,



Jimmy Carper 27:51

wow. Yeah, that's like, getting the same time slot is as a report for Mardi Gras and Rio are so



Jay 28:06

shows the power of the community. Yeah. How many people turned out and



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yeah, now some more pictures in the Chronicle would have been a nice touch hint hint for those of you who may be listening to work there. Nice article, and well buried on the bottom lower corner in the fold of

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Gigi 28:27

hey, at least we made front page this year. That was the first.

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Jimmy Carper 28:34

It was great. Great. And we have to find our future. I doubt that there'll be another daytime Pride Parade in Houston. It was so incredibly successful and police work. We're in a good mood. Just great.

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Gigi 28:49

And even have it. I talked to some of the people from Pride committee. Right after the parade. I said, you know, I've got a strong recommendation for next year. As soon as the last float passes the finish line, we've got to have a firework display. And they said we will be looking into that for next year.

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Jimmy Carper 29:15

A dance afterwards. Yeah, festival type dance. There are a couple. We're getting close to the to the wire here. It's 250 in the AM. And there's a couple of things I need to plug. Some folks that were here a couple of weeks ago dos Chico's productions, and the easy credit theater are going to present vampire lesbians of Sodom, weaning up or or known as coma to one act plays by Charles bush. These are like gender bending really funny takeoffs on on other other plays. It's saw a new group does Chico's which is a real girl and and not so real girl. The preview is July. And how

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Gigi 30:09

do you define a real girl? Girlfriend this

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Jimmy Carper 30:19

preview is July 10. Tickets are like really cheap five bucks. And it runs July 11 through the 26th and August wanting to this is Friday and Saturday evenings at 9pm. Now that's a kind of an odd time. But you can either have dinner beforehand and go there or you know, go there and have a later dinner or go out clubbing. The easy credit theater is the second floor at 314 Main Street and the reason you can say it, it's like this building that says in big neon sign easy credit. It's between Preston and Congress at the home of the easy credit. Vampire lesbians of Sodom. Now

this is a classic Charles bush. It's been about five or six years since it's been performed in Houston. So I'm looking forward to it. Let's see some other things that are going on. This weekend. The Mr. Texas drummer contest is going on at Pacific Street. Shawn car, a fabulous comedian is doing a show tonight Sunday night at 7pm for the conclusion, you know they've had one half of it Saturday night and second half where they're going to choose Mr. Texas drummer. And so far we'll be there. He's John. She is John Bennett VTEs favorite. Also going on at the venture in is the lady victoria last Piedra PWA holiday charity show going on there at eight o'clock. So you know that's kind of a toughy you know, you're gonna see Mr. Texas drummer or, or contribute to a wonderful charity story less PWA holiday charities

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Gigi 32:13

and venture in does a lot of charity work they do. Yeah, I'm all for that.

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Jimmy Carper 32:20

A friend of mine called me right before the show to tell me that he had read in The Chronicle that a straight person had had written into the letters column. Very pro Disney letter, that that was time that America woke up to the fact that people are people and giving. Giving spousal rights to gay and lesbian people is just not a special interest. It's what everyone else gets. So it's kind of nice to hear anything going on in your neck of the woods. I mean, you've got the you've got the bi net conference going on. Yeah,

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Gigi 33:07

that's coming up in July 25 to 27th to none Do you have a phone number? I didn't give that earlier. The phone number is area code 213-882-4402. Or you can email to info at by net la.org For details, bisexual conference in California, something else? We're gonna be having a bisexual picnic here in Texas. I mean came out. We haven't set a date or time yet but it's coming sometime in the fall.

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Jimmy Carper 33:50

I want to push Comedy Sports. Kirk is a member of Comedy Sports. It's improvisational comedy that goes on at tree beards every Friday night at about eight but the they've got a fundraiser coming on coming up called improv a looser coming up. And that's going to be happening July 17. That's on a Thursday night at eight o'clock a tree beards and all the members are going to be there. Usually there's just two groups. But they're going to have all the members working there and they've got two judges so far. They're working on a couple of more judges but one of the judges will be mattress Mac the best and Gina Claire I think you have to be a little older to remember Don Mahoney and Gina Claire show that was a local country in western kitty program in the 50s and 60s. Don Mahoney has since passed away about and I thought maybe Jane and Claire had to, but evidently she's alive and kicking and she's one of the judges at the Improv Appaloosa going on pre beards. That's Thursday, July 17.





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Ah, oh, and again, yeah. Anyone wants to volunteer to be on patrol with us on cue patrol, or to make a donation just call area code 713528 SAF. A five to eight safe. That's 5287233.



Jimmy Carper 35:35

And how about another plug for the Transgender Law?



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Yes, the Transgender Law conference will be at the Ramada Astrodome Medical Center area at South Bridgeport and Greenbrier on the 11th of Friday. And the 12 hour Saturday of July. That's next weekend. And on Friday night, it's free. And the original Jones the internet or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is going to be there and give a keynote speech and Carrie Lobell from the executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Task Force will be there on Saturday. Thank you very much. That's great. Hey, oh seven Area code 713777 TG LC



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The only thing I can plug is Jimmy so



Gigi 36:28

boy. Baby cannon watch



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talking about open mouth insert whole foot.




Jimmy Carper 36:41

You have been listening to after hours career radio with attitude her every Saturday night at midnight till 3am on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station. We don't have news. We used to have monitor news. But that's been discontinued because monitor news is no longer doing broadcasting. So right at the top of the hour, we will be going right into the return of the sons of musical chairs with Billy Gilbert and Elmo and brandy. I'm Jimmy Carper. And





Gigi 37:15


this is JT


 Jimmy Carper 37:17  
he is here with

 Gigi 37:18  
Barnett. He's

 Jimmy Carper 37:21  
coming up next week. We'll be Sarah dipalma. And she is gone. This is going to be an exciting show because she is dragging a bunch of people from the Transgender Law conference in going to have people from out of town from out of country. This is this is one it's gonna be electric recorders for this one,

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folks. Yeah. And I'm hoping to get Danielle back.

 Jimmy Carper 37:46  
Good, good, good. Well, until next week, have a great week. We'll see you there

 Gigi 37:54  
and shine with pride