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Jimmy Carper 00:00

The following program contains language or images of or sensitive nature, which may be considered objectionable by some discretion Oh yes, you've tuned into after hours queer radio with attitude right here on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. The crew of after hours is ready to bring you news interviews, dialogue and music geared for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people and their friends. Hear it after hours, we may be diverse, but we have one thing in common. We are all out of the closet and urge everyone to come out of their closet. That means standing up for yourself taking responsibility for your own life, and being proud of who you are. Realistically, we know not everyone can do that because of age job or frame of mind. That's okay, we're here for you too. So sit back, relax, and enjoy this week's edition of after hours. Hello, Houston and College Station, and Galveston and the world. And welcome to the Saturday March 6 edition of after hours. I'm Jimmy Carper. I'll be your producer for the evening. Actually, I won't be your producer for the whole evening because Chris Harrison will be little later and he's ya know. And he is the CO producer. We are co producers now for after hours. And don't forget about me and don't forget about the assistant engineer David who was standing right behind me having a cigarette Stealing is stealing a cigarette. Okay, okay. I have a cold and I feel miserable. So get away from you. I'm gonna announce that first. Get that out of the way.

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And from you people once before and I don't want anything else.

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Jimmy Carper 02:59

I don't want to hear about it. It was a cold. Oh, a cold. That's what you got from us. Okay. The music that you heard I had some old and some new in there. The first one was by new artists Matthew Duffy. It's called here I come from the album of the same name. The rest of that's kind of a slow one but most of the rest of it is kind of dancey is that synth pop kind of thing going? He is from New York, I believe. And I just he just sent this to me. I didn't even I mean, I don't

even know how we knew about well, he knew about us because of JD Doyle's website. That's how he knew about us. For lyrics, Latest News pictures and info please go to W cubed. Matt. Matthew duffy.com MATTHEWGUFFY The second one was our old friend Mark Weigel. And that's this was from his CD The truth is and that was called when I see you say and I really liked this because it's about deaf people and there's not a whole lot of songs there about gay deaf people. I'll tell you and it's very very very nicely done. Just have a couple of things to talk about first of all, after hours Yes, we are. Let's see got a story idea for after hours love hate mail hate mail picks. promos, heck you can even send us no you can't send us your old viruses. We've got enough running around these days. Email addresses after hours@kpft.org And if you miss the show Hi Bobby. Hello. How you doing? You

 **Bobby 04:50**

brought friends. Okay.

 **Jimmy Carper 04:55**

Well, it's very nice friend.

 **Bobby 04:58**

He's been here before he's he's currently hitch slow. Well,

 **Jimmy Carper 05:03**

I'm currently old so it doesn't matter.

 **Bobby 05:06**

The difference is that for him that might change for you that it's gonna change. Thanks a lot. I'm gonna change for any of us.

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Yes, that's the solid truth of the unit.

 **Bobby 05:21**

Keep going. Okay, interrupt here.

 **Jimmy Carper 05:24**

If you miss a show that's not a problem. We are now archived online at wq dot KPFT. No KPFT archive dot O R G. There we go. And then of course, we are located at 419 Lovett Boulevard. Houston. 7706. As you want to call us like right now. You can do that at 713-526-5738 answering the phones. Who? David David is answering the phone. Ah, okay. Okay, a couple of things I want to put in your ear before we get to our first guest. We're kind of doing creative scheduling this evening. Don't go there. Don't go there. I CLh the space city empire and Apollo Emperor Keith video. Present sharing the hope. That's it keys West at 7pm. Sunday. Sunday. Sunday March the seventh.



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Yes, folks, he said Sunday, Sunday Sunday.



J Jimmy Carper 06:34

And I told you we had a cold. Yes, you did. Yes. This is a fundraiser for IC O wait drain June net proceeds benefiting the Montrose clinic. HIV and hepatitis C counseling and testing programs. And so that's keys West. Tomorrow night. 7pm. That Sunday, March the seventh? Always a good cause. So stat Saturday night until you go to bed. That's how that works.



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Unless of course you're a literal literal like me. Then once it hit midnight oh one. That's it? I'm sorry. I consider that Sunday morning. Robert. Robert. Robert. Yeah, I know. I know. I know. You



J Jimmy Carper 07:12

still have a chance to join the KPFT T's team at the AIDS Walk 2004 which is going to be held next Sunday? Yes. March the 14th.



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At the same time as the Irish parade. Yes.



J Jimmy Carper 07:28

Oh, really? Yes. Oh, man, because they're wanting people to do that. So



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you have to choose one or the other UPS ups. Anyway.

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Jimmy Carper 07:38

If you want to join Kpf T's team contact Jessica Mays right here during working hours at 713-526-4000. That's the daytime phone number out in the lobby there. And they'll connect you to Jessica, or? Yeah, that's good. Yeah, that's good. That's good.

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I know how to get in touch with. Let's

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Jimmy Carper 08:01

see. Coming up, though, on the tense is a pretty neat thing. HIV in the law, the legal battle against HIV AIDS in the Lone Star State, South Texas College of Law symposium, March the 10th, from 9am to four Ps. Now this is usually this is kind of geared for lawyers, but anybody can learn a lot from this. There's a whole schedule of stuff going on here. Gosh, for more information,

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paralegal clergy, nurses, doctors. We need the whole gamut of people coming to get in touch with these people. For more information contact John a nachtmann. Ne ch ma n at 713-650-0570. Or niche low. Any ca ch l o w@bigfoot.com. Okay.

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Okay.

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I believe me, we need all the support we can get for that too.

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Jimmy Carper 09:06

That's nice. Oh, Sam called. David just handed me a note. Yes, he did called listening. He's been listening for 10 years, Sam

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way to go guide me. I keep the support comment. And

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Jimmy Carper 09:19

he appreciates the show. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. That's very nice things about me.

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Oh, by the way, Sam, if you'll send a request to after hours IQ kpft.org. We didn't have any response to that last week. That's not true. Oh, tell me about it. My Lee smiley made a request because he expected to get his radio back. He did not get his radio back. Ouch. He ended up having to borrow a neighbor's Oh, because there'll be got to borrow money because the property room didn't return his property on Friday like they Should have Shame, shame, shame. That's what tdcj is all about.

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No, no, grab it and

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hang on to it. Let's go

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Jimmy Carper 10:08

to our first guest. Okay. And she's waiting in the wings here. Hey, Jimmy, and she's trying to keep from falling asleep. Not that hard. Hello, hello, who are you? By the way?

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My name is Elizabeth McLean. I'm the Vice President of outreach for a sisters and we decided we'd come on up from parallel and and chat with you guys to know Whoa, what a drive that was quite an exciting drive. partner in life is sitting over here in the corner saying Is there room for us in the Montrose? And I think I think there is. I have to say a shout out to Matt and Tracy. Those are our kids. And we promised so there we

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go. Always room for one more.

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Jimmy Carper 10:49

I love assisters. Well, thank you think that is one of the neatest groups going well,



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we have fun with it. We've got about 100 members at this point. And we're working with 20 women, in terms of clients, 17 care teams, and there's always needs greater needs. We've got people on waiting lists. That's why I'm here tonight, I'm basically saying, come to our website, give us a call. And I'll give you our website. It's www.ASSISThearst.org. And the phone number is 713-521-4628. We're looking for volunteers for those care teams hold



J Jimmy Carper 11:24

on here. Yeah, let's start from the beginning. Yes. What does this what is the sisters? What do they do?



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Okay, we've been around since 1996. And we are a group that was organized, we're all volunteer to respond to lesbian health needs in the greater Houston area. We have clients with cancer, HIV AIDS, heart problems, all kinds of situations, and their number of tasks we take on from there.



J Jimmy Carper 11:50

Like what? Okay, well,



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that's good question. We do everything like light, house cleaning, laundry, yard work, taking people's to doctor's appointments, all kinds of things like that, grocery shopping, pet care, we've had an older client, we do a lot of companion visiting. And we have a whole range of clients from fairly young, middle aged to older people. So this is not a spectrum, just at the the elderly age group.



J Jimmy Carper 12:15

i This is such a terrific idea because it helps lesbians stay independent. Absolutely. At a time when they couldn't do otherwise.



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Well, what we find is about half our clients live by themselves. Others may live with a partner or a caregiver who is struggling to keep things going. By putting a team into place we can help them keep going and keep that kind of autonomy. We think is especially important given the

fact that I think it's pretty obvious the government is starting to drop the ball on health care services. It's right. And the more that we can imitate the care team model that we started looking at with the crisis and aids in the 1980s. The better and that's one reason we're

 J Jimmy Carper 12:57

here. Now are all your volunteers, women?

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Absolutely not we'd be glad to talk to anyone. Yeah,

 J Jimmy Carper 13:04

and that's my point, folks. Back in the early 80s, when the AIDS crisis hit, guess who were the first people to help out gay men. Hello, are the lesbians? That's right. That's right. And I know many women who cared for for gay men who couldn't even feed themselves. Absolutely. Stuff like that. So guys, it's time for pay back. Exactly. And the sisters is a wonderful organization. Well, I

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think given that we have an epidemic of such thing as breast cancer. Yes, the need is, is really there. salutely. And we're not just all about care teams, we also do a lot of health education for ourselves and for others. We have a second Saturday, we meet over at baring, we invite the public to join us to that and find out about that. We also on

 J Jimmy Carper 13:55

the second Saturday, you you explain breast cancer or?

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Well, what we do is we have meetings actually for the teams to talk about how to schedule things. And then we also have an educational seminar that's open up to the public. It's mostly all of the obviously lesbian oriented. We've done things like safer sex prevent, you know, prevention of STDs and long term relationships sorts of things. But we also are involved a lot of committees. We do a lot of fundraisers, we have decadent dessert progressive dinner. Yes, that is so great. We're very happy that the bunnies on the Bayou are going to be using letting us be one of their beneficiaries this year. They raised tons of money. Yes, we had the Pride Parade Float. We keep trying to make it a little better every year. But the whole idea behind it is that we are very involved in all aspects of the community. And that someone joins us it's they can

certainly serve on a care team, but also they can join committees. And there's a benefit of improving their own health, which given a lot of us who are younger or in our Middle Ages and important things sour.

 J Jimmy Carper 14:54

And as as the country grows older, so Does the GLBT community? Oh,

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absolutely. We're starting to look at strategically at the issues like, we haven't taken it all as a goal yet, but things like retirement communities that that's a biggie come in exactly what are we going to do with all these baby boomers, including us? Yeah. In terms of our care needs, you know, we're taking care of people now, what's going to happen to, you know, recruiting groups younger than us to look at that? So yeah, I think we have a generational issue here.

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Well, people like the X generation,

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exactly y, z. Q, wherever we are. Yeah, that's

 J Jimmy Carper 15:31

right. You know, I just was filled with pride, when one of the CO hosts of the teen segment here, yes, hatch segment. When she turned 21, she joined a sister, and she has

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been marvelous. In fact, she's the one who gave me the idea to get a get a hold of jewel at our group to be here. Good. So she said you want to reach younger people, it's not enough that you're a college professor, you need to get on the air here. So

 J Jimmy Carper 15:58

that's a good thing, because I can talk about the sisters all I want. But when it when the word comes from somebody involved, if somebody makes a difference absolutely really makes a difference. And so



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it's, as I said, very open in terms of age, we would like to get younger and middle aged women involved, because it's the needs are just there at this point. But we'll take folks in their 80s we're not proud. We're happy to take any one. How about women of different races? Absolutely. Yes. Ethnicity, Race, religion. And we do have we do have groups, all groups represented Good.



J Jimmy Carper 16:29

Good, good, good net. bet a lot of nonprofits would like to know your secret, because it's really hard getting different races together. It's



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not I will say we can always do better, we'd like to do better. Yeah, I think part of it is that we have a commitment to making sure we're inclusive of all the community. And we're trying to reflect that we're looking at different populations and what different health needs are. And so we have to be up on that as well. Absolutely. And I think that's something we're very proud of it and it's sort of strange. We are an all volunteer group, we have no paid staff members, there's a real commitment to keeping it that way.



J Jimmy Carper 17:04

That's right. And you don't really have a location so you don't have rent or overhead or



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not. So far, no bearing bearing has been very good to us. They are sort of our home base, or second cent, you know, bearing Methodist, Yankee, Maryland,



J Jimmy Carper 17:17

you know, bearing is just putting out feelers to every one in the community, you know, gay or straight, and they just opened their doors for anyone. And he grew up in needs and needs are. And we



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found that the other churches have been very open to our message. We've also been going to a couple of colleges. We've done a lot of outreach this year to different types of groups. And we're going to continue to do that. That's what it takes to keep the volunteers coming. Well, I think we're gonna be back on Jack's show later this year. Good. If y'all can come up with a TV access show for us. We'll be there. So that's that's what we'd like. KPFT, of course, is our favorite.

J Jimmy Carper 17:51

Thank you. Yes. Thank you. Yeah, we've been around a while. Yeah, you

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too, huh? Yeah. 1971 is that correct?

J Jimmy Carper 17:58

1970. The station started. Yeah, I've been here since 87. Wow. No.

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8888. That's the time I came to Houston. Wow. It's been a while. Yeah,

J Jimmy Carper 18:09

it's 16. Year. Well, really? Okay. That's a while? Indeed it is. Yeah.

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But we don't try to talk about age around here. No, I can understand. We tried to avoid the issue as much as we possibly can. The old

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man around here. Well, you're here. We're talking all about intergenerational. We have to do what we can. That's right. That's right. That's right. You know, we can dye our hair just so many times.

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Dry your hair. What's the I

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know? Never heard of it, right? No,



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no, I have worked for 43 years to put this gray there. Why would I want to cover it up?



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Do you tell me?



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My mother is happy to see it there. You know. Oh,



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thanks. You're actually showing your age, huh? Yes,



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absolutely. Oh, very cool. Probably for the first time in my life. Yeah.



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And I guess one thing that we're kind of proud of this year, and then and this speaks to issues with the ages that we've done a lot of work on our website to make it more accessible and more energetic and linking up with other groups again, to try to appeal to younger, younger folks. Sure. And so



J Jimmy Carper 19:08

sure, that's what we're all about. Yeah. Outreach is so important. Yeah. And



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we are now working with a couple of other groups to do some community work in that area. The Montreux center, Community Center or counseling center is putting together an effort of a number of different groups, including assisters to try to bring more volunteers into these groups across the city. So it's sisters, LH, ah, number of different groups. So we're moving in that direction. You'll be seeing us in the papers like wanted volunteers, you won't be able to leave the Montrose Boulevard area without assigning that to you. Very, very true.



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And what are the limitations on space a was geologically Where's too far for sisters to go?

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That's a great question for that we have really focused on the 610 boundaries, like everything within 610 Okay, that's where most of our clients come from. Anything inside the loop right now? Honestly, we just told you we're from parallel. We have people who come from Lake Jackson from from Tomball, from all over the city to work with clients. And I can foresee a time that we're going to go outside of the loop. We have so much of our population gay, lesbian, bi transgender living outside of Montrose now that we're going to be probably in the next five years, I would, I would think I'm speculating here start to look at going outside of that. But most of our client base is focused at this point within the within the loop.

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Have you thought about or given some thought to consideration to setting up a, this is going to sound really bad, good for Sister sisters? I went a secondary, our sisters

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actually we've toyed with that idea before with with the city of Galveston, and that was before we got really involved with it. Several years ago. I think they started it. I don't know, if they I don't believe it was a successful venture. Okay, we do have enough people South in West. I think that potentially something from clear, like all the way to, I'd say the Sharpstown area, circle and a Sharpstown is very, very possible. But we've got to get more volunteers to do that the client need is there. I this past week have taken two potential intake calls. We've had them in the past from places like Friendswood. And it's like we can all we can say is we don't have the people we're not going outside the loop. So as we get larger, I think we're going to look at specific sectors of the Houston metropolitan area we can go into first, wherever the populations are, wherever the need is, and where we have our volunteer, or do

J Jimmy Carper 21:37

you have volunteers in Friendswood, then yeah, and actually we do,

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that's, that's the thing, we're gonna be able to try to match those situations up those special needs situations. And it's actually been a very good experience for us as a couple because we've gotten to be able to, to, to make friends out of this organism, you know, people in the organization, get to know our client very well, and actually learn a lot about the aging process. And so I'm dealing with a mom who's the same age as my client. So boy, can I tell you the things I've learned, I've been able to trade ideas. So it's been very helpful from that standpoint, it's a good learning experience.



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Sure, I've gotten a lot of value out of it. Thought about it. What about training for your volunteers? Excellent question. We



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do training. Once somebody comes to us and fills out the paperwork says you want to investigate this further with us. We set you up in a training session with a trainer. And she's going to go through the whole background of the organization and talk to you about what we expect what we require and see what we can do to set you up on a care team as soon as possible. I'm



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so happy to hear that people aren't just being thrown to the wolves with no concept of what they're actually getting into. No.



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And I think that that's that's pretty good situation. We have a very, I have an extremely competent trainer who's doing two to four hours of just initial training on the board. And and I'm hopeful that in the next year, we look at secondary training where you go back and you retrain people with things that have occurred change that occurred. That's one of the reason for the education focus here. That's why we do have education seminars with the second Saturday. So if there is something in the healthcare area, other concerns, we can address it as fast as possible. We don't want to put anybody out there before they're ready to be there. Or if



J Jimmy Carper 23:20

somebody has carpentry skills, oh, they can work on repairs. And



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we have actually had a couple of clients where it was very close to being Habitat for Humanity style that they we have read on their houses helped to read on their houses with the contractors. We have in one case, it was pretty miraculous cleaned out two houses where this woman whose partner had died, cleaned out these houses and made them livable again. And this is all volunteer. I mean, we're not getting movers and contractors we're paying for for doing this. So we have some very talented women and they it's all skill sets, household laundry, yeah, meal preparation, companionship, car fixing medical care. We are not actually in the medical care such circumstance, what we do is we work with health professionals, we have a

group of advisors who are nurses and doctors who do that. And we'd work a lot with a care management team. And that mostly comes out of the mantras counseling center. So we work to get those referrals over that area. We don't even pretend to be in the health field. We're not any more than that way than we would seem to be a government agency. We're not that either. We know our limitations. We're saying we're here to assist you. This is what we can do. This is what we can do. We can get you in touch with the people who are the experts. And that's what we want to do. Sure. Sure. So it's a it's a it's definitely a learning experience. And

J Jimmy Carper 24:40

I'm sure you've expanded it since 1991 When

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they started this. Yeah, it wasn't it Tory Williams, who I think you probably saw the interview in Houston Chronicle with her a few months ago. Wonderful. Very small number of people very small budget and have just at least increased it. I would say six four Oh, yeah. And part of that has been able to get into fundraisers, fundraising in the grants to be able to expand it. What we do is we provide taxi vouchers to these folks. Kroger, gift cards, things to supplement their lifestyle. So it's a lot better for them. So Wow.

J Jimmy Carper 25:16

I mean, you're expanding in all directions looks like it. Wow.

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Yeah. And I just think as we start to have the baby boomers hit at 55. Over, we're going to see such an escalation of client need. Oh, yes. And we need to find some people who are willing to take on the responsibility of taking care of people in their community or assisting people in their community. And learning from that. That's what we're about.

J Jimmy Carper 25:44

Okay, how can we get in touch with you again? Well,

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the best way to get ahold of this, I'm gonna give you a couple options. Phone numbers, easy 7135 to 146 28. We have a mailing address for folks who want to write us and we do read your mail. It's a P.O. box 541095, Houston, 77254. And we do have a website, www.assist.org. And there you can get us at contact@assist.org. And so we're trying to stay in touch with folks as much as we can. And



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as the right references, ladies and gentlemen, keep those cards and letters come out.



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Absolutely. And thank you for your time tonight. We appreciate the chance to come in.



Jimmy Carper 26:32

I've been wanting you want for a long time. We'll be back next week.



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Thank you, Jimmy. We do appreciate welcome.



Jimmy Carper 26:37

And thanks for staying up and now you have a long drive home.



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I think so if I can convince her to stay in a hotel in the city, we will work that. Well.



Jimmy Carper 26:45

You might want to stop by big Roy. I mean, he makes coffee and metal. Oh yeah. Excellent.



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Fresh wants coffee. We might need that. Okay.



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It's a fresh pot. fresh pot. Right. Well, thanks



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again. Thank you. Sure. Now,

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Jimmy Carper 26:58

let me put a couple of things in your ear and a little bit of music and then Gigi is going to be here. I

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woke me up this morning on I heard a joyful sound from the throats of poppy Irishmen 100,000 strong children while they hibernate. Mining right? Yes, KPFT listeners. It's time again for America's fourth largest St. Patrick's Day parade. This year's parade will honor the late patpat and founder of Irish air show which first debuted on 90.1 March 17 1982. This year's grand marshals, J dueling and Pete little, the host of Irish airs. Welcome all the Pacifica family to join us Saturday, March 13. Downtown the Minute Maid Stadium at 11am sharp it's the day for all Houstonians to show their Irish then after the parade check out the downtown entertainment district on Main and Travis streets for food beverage and fun. Remember Saturday March 13 11am. See you there Ray

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Jimmy Carper 28:23

I am really dizzy tonight, folks. The boy fat whole song on searching around here trying to figure out what I put in the CD player because I don't see an empty case. And that's because it's in the paper will paper thing this? That song was from the by the people CD that Scott Friedman put out. And that was him doing the price you paid. Gigi and J are here. Hello. Hello.

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Gigi 28:55

Do Dan. Welcome back,

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Jimmy Carper 28:57

dear.

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Gigi 28:58

Good to be here. What have we got this month? Wow. This month we're gonna be talking about pagan stuff. In fact, we've got a big pagan festival coming up

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Jimmy Carper 29:11

a little bit over a week. Okay, which one is this? This is the

G Gigi 29:15

Earth Spirit Alliance festival. And it's a brand new group just started up. And we've got someone on line one. Oh, he's gonna be our guest. Her name is Katrina, and she's involved with ESA. And we'll be talking with us a little bit about what pagan festivals are and what to expect. I know they've got a lot of music lined up and all kinds of really cool stuff including GJS sacred sex tempo.

J Jimmy Carper 29:53

Winner is no she is on the line right now. Yes, I love

G Gigi 29:58

Hey, how are you done?

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How are you doing?

G Gigi 30:02

Ah, well, can you tell us a little bit about ESA and a little bit about what paganism is?

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Well, as far as just the festival goes, or what,

G Gigi 30:17

just kind of in general and introduction for people that have never really experienced what is paganism? I know there's a lot of myths out there about, you know, we do human sacrifices and that sort of thing.

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I hope that we're still not sitting in the 1500s. No, basically, what we're trying to do is, is get a bunch of people together who are really into the earth and spirituality and metaphysics, there's going to be all types of different belief systems that we'll be attending, we're not, we're not really specified, such as, per se Wicca, there's there's tantric and there's, you know, there is Wiccans out there. There's other types of different because pagan is kind of a broad spectrum

of the word. American because it's going to be real, real or earth oriented. There's going to be drummers, there should be 10, musical acts, all of which are pagan musicians, or headlining bands are going to be dream tribe, Canvas and cinfed tribe. And they're a great band.

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Gigi 31:39

They are really awesome.

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They're really, really great band rock. Okay, yeah, they rock.

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Gigi 31:46

You've got some pagans in the studio tonight.

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Wonderful. Gemini. May, you must have heard of them before.

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Bobby 31:53

My name is Merlin. Hi, Merlin.

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Merlin, Merlin okie dokie. I can do that.

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Bobby 32:02

But yeah, I've heard I've listened at one of the like witches balls. They were spoon fed and dream drive and all that. Love that. Yeah,

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they're real good. I don't know if you've heard Canvas yet or not. But they're definitely up there as my favorite. My personal favorite, though that we'll be doing fertility rituals. And there's going to be drum sessions going on pretty much everywhere. I'm

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Gigi 32:31

sure, then that I've got to jump in and talk a little bit about the drumming. It is so magical. You get around a big bonfire. And people start taking their clothes off and dancing naked and just having a wonderful spiritual time. And you just get into this rhythm and movement and

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drummers is always well, it's a you know, spiritual experience. It really is.

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And this is Jay. Jay. And there's something about drumming that's kind of like a heartbeat, and it touches something very primal in this. And it kind of awakens some of those ancient forces, or at least for me that day.

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Well, no and I agree. I think the the Africans really had it. When they when they started doing the drumming in the ceremonies as well as the Native Americans. They seem to be brought into a higher spiritual enlightenment, through the music and the beat itself. It's almost like being on a being on a drug without without being on drugs at all. Similar to an aphrodisiac or an endorphin rush. It really is quite incredible. And once you let yourself really go and start listening to the music and and watching the fire and the people dancing, and it's an incredible, incredible experience.

G 34:07

Oh, can you tell us a little bit of what to expect when you come to a pagan festival, especially fertility festival?

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Well, um, to be completely honest, I haven't gotten to go to too many festivals, and I'm kind of a noob on the whole festivity with the pagans. But from what I've seen so far, we had I've seen you know, they have vendors that come out and that have incredible little shops for all kinds of earthy things. That instance. There's a really nice man coming out. That makes incredible knives and swords and pretzels and has, we're going to have all of that going on. There's going to be belly dancers, fire dancers, massage therapists are going to be out there and Um, my paranormal group I own Austin paranormal research. I do basically like what I call it does corporations theorist I go and study the soul once it does corporate from the body, which I'll be out there discussing, you know, these kinds of things as well.

G 35:22

You had mentioned that fire dancers and you know, I've seen some of these performances and

it's more than just dancing with fire I mean, they spend it it's



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incredible the fire dancers and



Gigi 35:37

and, you know, I've seen shows that have just been so spectacular some sometimes I'll treat the whatever they're using for the fluids, with chemicals and they burn different colors and it sounds like fun and the stuff is all going on in total darkness. So you see this fire just moving around and it becomes very ethereal.



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It is really neat. It's the end Buddha for ego is going to be the fire dancers out there. The kids the gypsies will be the belly dancers. And then we have a group of people called the Kaos drummers which is just that's what they do, they just drum. And I've heard that they're really incredible. I haven't heard them personally. But I've heard that they are really good. There's gonna be an n ghost when Native American speaker which I can't wait to hear that I think that's gonna be really neat. We're gonna have an a Wiccan author, who's written some books on Wicca. And we've got Brent Redsky, who's going to do Native American spirituality, which, by the way, being out at Red Rock, and we're right outside of Red Rock. It's got loads and loads of Indian history with Apaches, Cherokees and Tonga Indians. And so it's got real, it's really beaut it's a beautiful place. And they have been completely completely in the wilderness. I mean, you really aren't, you really aren't going to be Mother Nature bound.



Gigi 37:17

And let me stop here for a minute. And I think we kind of skip the intro of when and where and



Bobby 37:29

important, those little details like Oh, definitely.



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I'm sorry, do you want to



Gigi 37:35

go ahead and we're when and where's this event taking place?



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It's gonna be basically within two miles outside of Red Rock. If you get online, it's Earth Spirit alliance.org. And it will give you more information on ticket prices. Who to get in touch with to buy tickets, that you can use Visa, MasterCard and Discover. The festival dates are March 17 through the 21st. What else do we miss anything here?



Gigi 38:12

And where's this gonna be?



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Well, it's right outside of Red Rock, which is right here. In the Bastrop. area. Yeah, actually almost right between Bastrop in San Marcus.



Gigi 38:23

Okay,



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so it's



Gigi 38:26

about two and a half hours from Houston.



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Exactly, exactly in about 45 minutes outside of Austin, depending on which way you're coming from? Well,



Gigi 38:36

we had a caller call in with a question about security for the festival. Is there going to be security



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there will be there will be people and not walking around like gone Exactly. But they will just

there will be people and not walking around like cops exactly. But they will just make sure that nothing new craziness gets, you know, nothing gets out of hand and we're anyone safety, it will become an issue. They're not going to be lingering like bouncers, you know. They'll be having a good time as well, I'm sure. And safety is definitely a priority. In fact,

 Gigi 39:09

there's gonna be a full med staff out there. Yeah, exactly.

 Bobby 39:15

And, you know, you know how people can get worked up during those drumming things and sometimes you never know what somebody's gonna, you know?

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Well, we're we don't expect it. But just in case we, you know, we've got, you know, we want to keep our ducks in a row and make sure that everybody has a good safe time out there.

 Gigi 39:32

Well, the other thing too, is that we are out in nature. And I remember not long ago at another event. Well, actually it was between events. We had a woman get bitten by a snake. Yeah, the copperhead had to be life flighted, you know, out of the area. So we do you know, with all the festivals, I know they are very safety conscious and have fun. are a quick response team for something that's way out in the middle of nowhere

 Bobby 40:04

kind of have to meet your man's nature is a wild place. Imagine that

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property is very, very nature, it has had very little done to take out trees. As a matter of fact, we don't even want to take the tree though we want to relocate some of the trees back onto a different part of the property that we're really trying to keep it as close to being the way that it was the way nature intended it. We don't want to change too much to it. So it's got beautiful pine trees. It's got beautiful red rock. Oh, yeah. It's awesome.

 Gigi 40:42

I went out there with John and when he was right before he had kind of close the deal on the property. And it is really magnificent. I mean, these are red, natural red rock cliffs. Sounds just ~~very beautiful~~

very beautiful.

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What sort of facilities do you have out there? You know, if you're talking about nature and all that I was just

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kind of thinking lately how nature will be showers. That's a good thing to some degree. Electricity. Oh, okay.

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Gigi 41:16

So there's drinking water.

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And there's drinking water. There were I'm not quite sure if the swimming is going to be up and available yet although it is listed. I don't want to promise that but it is listed

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Gigi 41:30

as another trying to work on it. But yeah, we're

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trying to get it all together, but it may not happen. Everything as far as swimming goes anyway. Yeah,

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okay. Okay, so it sounds like it's nature but not entirely,

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you won't be in there is a really cute little grocery type country store that's about a mile away from the property. It does have quite a bit of food so even though we're you know, a lot of the staff members plan on bringing chili hotdogs, hamburgers stuff like that. We can go close to town. Oh, real close by they have beer they have you know, anything you probably need. And if not, we've got it. I can work on of that. You know that open? If you need something, you just walk over to a tent and say can I have them and we'll say no problem. I

 **Bobby** 42:24

just have this visual of all these, you know, Nate, Wiccans and pagans and, you know,

 **J** 42:32

showing up at the grocery store,

 **Bobby** 42:34

oh my and showing up at the Country Store, like a, like a group of Klingons showing up at a restaurant outside of sci fi convention. I've seen it happen. It's an interesting experience.

 **Gigi** 42:50

It's funny you bring that up and another festival that I've gone to they have signs that the gate pagans don't let pagans drive naked.

 **Bobby** 43:01

Oh, you mean there are other ways to drive?

 **J** 43:08

So what is this Earth Spirit Alliance? Group? Is this this is a relatively new group, right? Yes,

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ma'am. And is it is it is it a pagan online, I guess you could say Alliance, a group of people with like minded ideas. And like I said it does. It's just started up and we started to get the website up and everything going so I'm sure especially after the festival, we'll have quite a few more people that are going to be signing up as members. Okay.

 **J** 43:37

And is this like? What you mentioned Asti you're from Austin? Right? You're in Austin right now, aren't you? Yeah, yeah. So this is like it all Texas thing. I mean, anyone from Well

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anyway, anyone can come from anywhere. But I imagined due to the fact that our advertising has been so Texas Bass. Most people from other area local states will probably not get a chance to hear about it by this one. But hopefully word of mouth on the internet and all this by the time that the next ESA festival comes people from other places would will be able to come in join us. Okay,



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sounds good. Sir



Gigi 44:13

phone number where people can call for more information.



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Sure. The there's two numbers. The first number is 512-689-8884 or 512-470-4200. And you can order tickets from 10am to 11pm. Good, pretty good hours cool.



Bobby 44:43

The you know, cuz there's, there's some of us vegans out there who are terribly unmatchable when it comes to computers. So a phone number is always a good thing. This is true.



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You actually have a voice to listen to on the other end of the line. Yeah.



Bobby 44:59

do a live body is always nice. Yeah, in so many situations anyhow.



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You can go to the Earth Spirit alliance.org. And they'll also give you information. And they have the phone numbers as well. Oh, cool. Yeah. So that way if you didn't quite get that one, then you can just look it up online and it'll have everything there.



Bobby 45:20

I just like the name Earth Snirit Alliance. I really, really do like it ethereal sort of thing

just like the name Earth Spirit, umm, I really, really do like it. So like sort of, um, I'm happening. I



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love that. Yeah. Yeah. It sounds like it's a Native American event.



Gigi 45:34

It's, it's very mixed. We will have Native American and there'll be just all different



J 45:43

paths pan pagan. Hmm, yeah. And pagan? Yeah,



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we're definitely not discriminatory. Yeah.



Gigi 45:52

They have missed Gigi out there.



J 45:57

So Miss GG, is there anybody else looks more normal by comparison.



Gigi 46:05

And you know how eclectic I can be.



J 46:09

Would you call it



Bobby 46:13

pan vegan, you know, there's something to be said for that whole pan.



J 46:22



J 40:22

Well, it doesn't have to be just pan you know, any of the other fawns and Saturdays would work as well as



Gigi 46:29

this one too, kind of break now that we're on the subject of pen that kind of introduces me to the next topic. I wanted to kind of bring up what can people expect as far as rituals and some of the things that will be happening out there? Or spiritual level? What kind of rituals and spiritual things will be happening at the festival?



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I'm not quite sure exactly. There's over 18 speakers and workshops. There will be fertility rituals, I know. There will be listening Native Americans, I think it's going to be quite a bit of ritualistic right, and also druid. I've also heard some about some druid.



Gigi 47:22

Okay, let me interrupt for a second, we have to do our station break. You're listening to KPFT 90.1. FM, radio with attitude. That



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would be after hours career radio when they had 90.1 KPFT Houston and 89.5 in Galveston and always on the web at KPFT dot O R G. And that was my little five seconds of fame. So yeah, I'll go right back.



Gigi 47:52

We have to get those station breaks,



Bobby 47:54

it is all legal and everything. Yes. Which is so unusual anyhow.



Gigi 48:02

But sorry to interrupt.



J 48:05

So it sounds like you've got a lot of really great things lined up a lot of spiritual stuff, and a lot of fun party stuff. Not that the two are necessarily mutually exclusive. But sounds like you've got a lot of things going on. We're



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definitely trying to incorporate, you know, all kinds of different stuff. So that anybody who's into you know, everybody likes something different. We're trying to incorporate as much as we can, so that everybody has something that they really enjoy doing. Yeah,



G Gigi 48:33

and one of the things I love about, you know, going to some of the pagan festivals is even though I may not be into certain paths, there's so much that to learn, and to experience and there's just this kind of beauty of learning about different cultures and different, even different approaches to spirituality. It can be really amazing. Some of the things, I know that I've seen some pretty fantastic things. Just everything from you know, reading Tarot cards to doing very deep meditation trances to you name it, it happens, people



B Bobby 49:24

doing Reiki people doing, you know, all kinds of stuff going on.



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Yeah, it should be a lot of fun. Like in lots of notes,



J J 49:34

I can see that would be one of the, you know, advantages of being so diverse. You get to have all these people there and learning all sorts of different things. And, and then, of course, as you said, you know, one of the, I suppose you could say disadvantages or things you just have to think about is making sure there's something for everybody in there. So



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Exactly, exactly. And of course, you know, I'm sure that when, during this festival, there'll be people that will come up with other ideas for us to do for the next fest. Little things they would like. That'd be really neat. Yeah, that'll be good. And



G Gigi 50:04

I also wanted to bring up I've been seeing a lot of emails going back and forth about the events

for families and kids,

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I was just gonna actually speaking of diversity got anything for the

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I'm you know that there is a, there is an area that is going to be for family and children. So that the people who are bringing their children sometimes don't want to intermingle with some of the other types of activities, especially

G Gigi 50:35

the temple.

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In the, the, the dressing optional, will be only in certain areas so that that way, you know, people feel comfortable in whatever setting they want to be in. I'm not real sure. As far as the workshops, all the you know, the families and children can attend any of the workshops.

G Gigi 50:59

Unless otherwise posted, there are some adult only workshops. Okay.

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And so, I don't know, GDD know more about that I'm not real familiar with what he was what John had wanted to do, as far as specific family oriented activities. And of course, the musicians in the fire dancers unit and stuff like that.

G Gigi 51:22

Yeah, I know that they've got a area set up where they're going to have some events and some activities for kids. I think I saw something about some craft projects. They're putting together all kinds of things. I know, in the past, I can't speak to specifically on this particular festival, because I haven't been reading all my emails, word for word, but you know, me, I'm the Dizzy bomb. But I know in the past, we've had, you know, areas for kids, where they were on, when it gets kind of warm out in the afternoon, they get out the water balloons or squirt guns and let

them have at it with each other sounds like fun. And then they've had projects where they, you know, do depending on what type of festival just different activities can range from anything from you know, going on kind of scavenger hunts to you name it,



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oh, and they can hike around, because there's basically nowhere they're not going to be they're going to be there they can go, where they're not going to end up somewhere where that will take them back to where they need to be. You know, it's it's all fenced off. So they can't be wandering out too far.



Gigi 52:53

And I know that the way they're kind of organizing it, or what it sounds like it's kind of a parent, Co Op, sponsored thing, where parents that are bringing kids kind of take turns supervising.



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Yeah, that sounds like a good idea. So



Gigi 53:12

it's something to that effect. Of course, I'm not real up on them the particulars for this festival, but I know how that kind of gaps. Yeah, we'll



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be we'll be figuring out all the fine tuning by the into, all of this, of course, will be covered. To make sure that everybody has a good time and is in, everything's taken care of.



Bobby 53:32

I think it's an interesting thing that we're now at a point where we need something like that we need it because people, you know, people are now raising their kids in traditions, that, you know, in pagan traditions, which, you know, some time back, you know, really wasn't the case, you know, people were coming into the tradition as adults into various traditions as adults now, there are adults who are raising their kids into this into this way into in various traditions.



J 54:09

Yeah, that's, that's really nice. And it's nice that there's a place for the children to go and see other people, you know, also celebrating and following this path as well. So I

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Gigi 54:23

also kind of want to throw in here, I want to kind of give a thought to people that might be curious about the festival maybe not identify as pagan or as any tradition. I know that I saw somewhere that they're planning on doing some kind of pagan one on one type workshops or introductory so you don't have to be pagan to 10.

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Bobby 54:54

Because you know, there are those people who are just kind of curious and want to know Yeah, you know, before they do Take that step

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well, and there's gonna be a lot of people out there that are going to be more than willing to, to tell you all about it. If you're in questions, you know,

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J 55:11

if you sit still long enough, someone will start talking about it.

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Gigi 55:18

I think there's a kind of bonding that occurs when you get out on the land and the eight meals together and the dance around the fire together and, and all of a sudden, you're just part of a big family, extended family, and it's, it's, you know, get out to these things, and it's amazing. I remember, work weekends when we go out and work on the land and getting the site ready. And, and, you know, someone's a little shorter food. So, you know, someone always brings tons and tons of extra and someone short a blanket, and, oh, no problem here.

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Bobby 56:00

And that's what it kind of should be. So we're all

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Gigi 56:02

there for each other. So it's fairly, you know, I want to kind of get back to the earth base religion. You know, this is kind of a under a matriarchal structure versus a patriarchal, it's not powered down. It's power between. And can you talk a little bit more about that, Trina? Sorry.

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A couple of things at once here. No, would you say, Oh,

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Gigi 56:28

the earth by base matriarchal system, where it's kind of power between instead of power over? And how, you know, with paganism, it's a different approach, from what we're used to in our mundane culture,

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where, you know, the difference between the matriarchal society and the patriarchal Well, we have much more female aspects than the belief systems, whereas the, it's not so male dominance, which brings a whole lot more love, and a whole lot more nurturing than some of our other more organ, you know, or not, I shouldn't say more organized with some of our other organized religion, bringing bringing the females much more involved than other types of belief systems. Is that kind of like what you're Yeah, definitely.

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J 57:30

So a more egalitarian, working on kind of the same plane system? Well,

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I think that they respect women, and they're and the values that they bring in to life, much more than, than some do. Of course, this is mine, you know, my own personal feelings about it, which is a good thing, because we seem to lack the femininity that is needed to make an equality or a balance within nature and within the universe. Just gonna say and I think that pagans really try and bring that out, just like the Native Americans as well had that same sort of, of belief system. And it's worth, yeah, and it's too bad that we don't have more on you know, people understanding that a lot of people have such large misconceptions on on paganism and Wiccans and all that they think, you know, a lot of people are still under the belief that we're running around with cauldrons and work on the end of our nose. And have absolutely no idea of the true, you know, faith and belief that we follow. If I follow

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Bobby 58:49

if I had a buck for every person, I had to explain that I am not a Satanist to I would be a rich man.

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Because I run it because it still makes you a Christian. Yeah, it's a wonderful irony. I can't be a Satanist the most I believe in God. I believe in the criminal.

 Gigi 59:10

I'm glad you bring that up because, you know, Satan as a Christian deity, or domain deity or whatever they wanted. Yeah. paganism predates all that.

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No, definitely by at least a couple of 1000 years, if not more, right. Oh, several millennia? Well, I have understood that quite a bit of the old religions. The Christianity had kind of integrated into their own religion. Oh, yes.

 Gigi 59:42

I mean, Easter comes straight from paganism. The Christmas tree is a pagan symbol that barred from bad Christians. And the list goes on and on and on.

 Bobby 1:00:00

I can certainly say as a gay man, that I have always found even when I was younger and growing up in a Roman Catholic family, that the idea of a goddess, you know, giving birth to the universe and whatever, and everything is made so much more sense to me than then a man because men don't give birth except in Arnold Schwarzenegger movies.

 Gigi 1:00:35

You know, and I'm glad you brought up the topic of gay. One of the things I love about the pagan community is that they have open arms for gay, bisexual, transgendered, they're very embracing, even heterosexual and heterosexual. We even have Baba pagans, so

 Bobby 1:01:01

Baba pagans,

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that's diverse, that's cute.

 Gigi 1:01:05

I've even made some of them.

 **Bobby** 1:01:08

You might be a redneck pagan F.

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People only fear what they don't understand. Really what it boils down to.

 **Bobby** 1:01:18

And the thing is that so often, they don't try to understand either. There's so many out there who have no interest in trying to understand which drives me nuts.

 **J** 1:01:31

It's much easier to condemn than to try to see someone else's point of view or fear. So

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then it's it's done. It's a sad reality that we that so many people base their entire lives living in fear. Yeah. I'm kind of one of those people that tries to run smack in the face. Of course, you know, my thing that I do is I go travel into cemeteries by myself in the middle of the night and try and see ghosts. So if that's one fear, I don't know what. Cool. I love it. I love it.

 **Bobby** 1:02:11

But get in touch with us friendly neighborhood ghosts.

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It definitely well, they, they kind of decided to incorporate me into their lives. By the time I was, I don't know. 1011 years old, they started coming around so much I kind of had to, and except that there was definitely something out there that the religions that I was being taught. Didn't, you know, my experience? And my teachings were different, right. And so luckily enough, my family was very open minded. And even though most of them weren't Christian, they never gave me any grief when I started to question the fact that there was definitely some things out there that my religions weren't teaching me, and that things weren't making any sense. And so I guess how I ended up embracing it was by trying to communicate and interact with spirits, because they were the first ones that came and said, Hey, hello, guess what? The hell's going on out there. And it doesn't necessarily mean you're going straight to heaven.

 **Bobby** 1:03:16

I had. I had the darndest time, during the Academy Award, watching the Academy Awards in a friend's house and trying to convince him that his that the ghost that was also living in his new apartment, was not going to hurt him. It's just lit, it's been there, it lives there. And it's not going to do anything to you. I know.



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There is only less than 1% chance that you will ever come across a malevolent entity. And generally, it has nothing to do with actually I know for a fact is nothing to do with where you live, it's centered around a particular person. And somehow you've you've attracted that, that negative energy, but the norm, and it will, it will frighten you. Because you you don't want again, you don't you feel what you don't understand. And these guys for things, they're attached to whatever environment they're in, for whatever reason that become that way. And when someone starts to recognize that they're there, then they really start to show activity, because they're in desperate need of attention. I mean, it's hard for me to imagine to be stuck in a dimension where you really feel like people have invaded your home. You know, they've trespassed they don't listen to you. They act like you're not there, but yet you see them, right and so they are ignored, and very lonely and very angry. And the thing is, is that they're usually more than just excited for you to just talk to them or just know that they're there. And they will be much easier to get along with and inhabit and cohabit in the same space.



Bobby 1:05:14

And interesting stuff. It's interesting to me that Christians, you know, that a great many Christians, I won't blanket statement have this, you know, get all cringed out about the idea of, you know, they, they know that spirit, you know, the body has a spirit, and that spirit goes on after death, but they can't accept the idea that that spirit, you know, might be hanging out still here. And, you know, but you get a group of pagans together and talk about that subject. And they're all like, oh, cool, you know, I understand completely been there. To



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make more, they're more, no more have to look at it with open eyes and see that it makes more sense. The it can happen that people will choose to stick and to stay around. And or, unfortunately, there's some of them that don't even realize that they've passed. And there's nobody there to tell them otherwise. And they miss their their light. And I believe, you know, with these near death experiences, I do believe that you do go through some sort of a dimensional tunnel, a portal, if you will, if you will. And I've actually caught these on these portals on film, which is incredible. Nine times out of 10, you're gonna get them in cemeteries. And they look literally, like a huge tube of white is the tube is white itself, then you can tell that it has. It's almost like a cylinder. And it seems to have almost fabric Enos but it's just energy. And sometimes they're almost completely solid. And it actually looks to me and the only thing that I can come up with that they are is that these are the proverbial tunnels that people see that they go through when they pass. And I imagine it some people are just they shy away from it. It can be that you fear just on earth you see or what you don't understand and run the other direction, or Katrina,

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Gigi 1:07:20

you're, you'll be doing some workshops at the festival, right. And

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I do believe that there is some activity going on in that land. Okay.

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Gigi 1:07:29

I'd like to get it to some music break in a minute. And then when we come back, I'd like to talk a little bit about what people should bring to the festival. I know we're out in the wilderness, talk a little bit about the camping out and the kind of environment that we'll be in for four or five days. What kinds of things to bring, like sunscreen and that sort of thing. So why don't we get to music and then we'll be right back with you, Katrina.

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Jimmy Carper 1:08:01

Okie dokie. Okay, okay, I'm gonna put a little something in your ear and little tune and we'll be right back

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Jimmy Carper 1:09:25

IBM yes scandal and or scandal I don't not sure on that. SCA n d e l l e, and I got the CD in and I thought oh, okay, there's, there's a woman and it turns out not to be a woman. In fact, when I got an email a couple of weeks later, oh, well, how do you what do you know? It's only a three song CD but it's the music is just like that you can email at info@scandale.com S C, A N D E, ll E, or the website is w cubed.scandella.com. Hey, we're back.

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Gigi 1:10:18



Gigi 1:10:10

Yes. And we're talking about ESA, or spirit Alliance, they're having their first pagan festival this spring coming up in March 17 17th. Yes. And, you know, I wanted to talk a little bit about, you know, what people can expect as far as what they need to bring, what the land conditions are, that sort of thing. You still with this Katrina



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still here, okay. There is, there is there is some area that's clear now, as far as you know, like almost like pasture land Hill areas. But I do believe quite a bit of that's going to be put up with the stage. There is an area that's pretty close to that, that's pretty clear down. But a lot of it is a little open clearings in inside the tree. And which I think is really, really neat. Because you really camping, but yet, you're not so far away from everybody or anything that you can pretty much have whatever you want. Definitely, there's not going to be a lot of ability to pull cars in and out of some of these camping areas. We're going to clear out as much as we can. But a lot of these places are kind of you're going to kind of hike out you know 10 or 15 feet or so before you find the place you really like. So there's probably not going to be cars pulling in and being able to stay right next to the campsite the probably had to pull their cars back back towards the parking lot, dump off everything they need their tents



Gigi 1:11:58

do bring tents and insect repellent



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and plenty of water and you know and fluid and any type of food that you want to bring



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and sunscreen.



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It will there is quite a bit of shade. So unless you really want to stand out in the pastured area all day, a lot of it will be shaded. So that's a good thing. Especially with the kids because I don't know if y'all are like me, but I cannot stand a wake up and tendons as bright as the you know, and the heat beating down. These have these little neat cul de sacs they're real small perfect just for 10 Where the sun shining down the front but everything else is shaded. Sounds good. So yeah, perfect for us. But, you know, we went out there and the bugs don't seem to be real bad right now. You've you're not going to have a whole lot of bug problems. Bring them just in case but I didn't get bit by a mosquito while I was there. It doesn't seem like it's going to be real bad in that department which generally is the worst is the mosquitoes I think probably

because we're still kind of coming right into right into springtime, that they haven't had a chance to really build up momentum. Definitely just in case you know, bring some off. Or bug this bug lights are