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Jimmy Carper 00:22

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Hello, Houston and welcome to after hours queer radio with attitude. Her every Saturday night at midnight, right here on KPFT Houston, and ke O 's College Station. Hi, I'm Jimmy Carper. And it is Mardi Gras time and here tonight. Hey, Kirk Kirk's here. Hello, querque vert.



Kirk Keevert 02:21

I'm feeling I'm feeling superior. Michelle is throwing Michelle's throwing be like she has



Jimmy Carper 02:28

she learned this evening how to do from from the crew of Olympus Mardi Gras ball.



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Once you get I didn't realize there were instructions involved. Well,



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you know, there's the right way and the wrong way. Oh, I did not know that. Yes. Because you have to, you know, separate them first. Or else they get all tangled up and you know, you want to throw them separately.



Kirk Keevert 02:51

I'm quite taken aback that this requires explanation to someone. I thought I thought it was pretty standard. I thought I thought that was just something that you knew was me. Oh, sorry about that. That was very unpleasant. Naju. Yes, I know. Do to them.



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Okay, there you go,



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folks. Okay, the thing that's important about throwing B, you have to be able to tell the difference between your right hand and your left hand. And since I have a problem with that.



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I do have a problem with that, too. I think everyone who was left handed has a problem with that. Yes. Anyway, we have people here who have been to the crew have a lip this Mardi Gras ball. Jim, Yeah, hello. Michelle, Chris just walked in the crew of Olympus Mardi Gras ball this year it was hell or heaven, or hell and heaven. That that was the theme. And so whatever your religious bent, they were sure to



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assuming you have one. Yes. Assuming you had



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one. They were they they were sure to offend you.



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I got groped a couple of times. And oh, good for you. I had two offers. Somebody offered to pour hot wax on my body. And some woman said my hair would look great draped across her breasts. So it was cool, man.



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So why are you here? What Why are you here?



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Yeah, no.



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Quick quickie. Approval of this Mardi Gras ball is a series of tableaux. Now that's a Tableau is like someone comes out



Kirk Keevert 04:42

like a Red Chief. Tableau. Yeah. Big Chief Tableau know what you're talking about. Know that brown brown line people you look at what you're talking about.



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I'm just hablo is a person represents an idea in costume And it's usually very large and with lots of feathers and you know, 1015 foot tall. Lots of sequins, lots of glitter and now lights. Yeah.



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Now more than 12 foot because some of them were actually scraping the chandelier I



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noticed. Yes, yes, it can be uncomfortable. And people come in dress and sit in a semicircle around the stage and they parade into this semicircle and throw beads and everybody acts like a fool trying to get them.



Kirk Keevert 05:36



Kirk Keevert 05:30

I mean, you obviously seem very excited about this event. You're obviously I mean, obviously you were there your your decked out like, like some



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I was on the front row. I got lots of beads.



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Yeah, that's a black tie a fan. 700 people show up. Yes. And it's a lot of money to charity.



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Different groups and the four different groups. So



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this year is Pw PWA. Have a charity? Yes. Stevens house? Yes. And Cubitron Cubitron.



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And usually they raise Oh, I don't know. 20 to \$25,000. Yeah, no, cool. Yes. Yeah. It's a big, big thing. This is a big thing. And a whole lot of fun.



Kirk Keevert 06:19

So yeah, never you never tell me about these things. It's by invitation only. Oh, you never invite me to these things?



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Well, I can tell you how to how to get involved in these things. Oh, yes, I went, but I went to work. Oh, I was doing ball selling. I was selling beads. And it's just amazing. There was there was a near the end. I wanted to get rid of all the rest of the merchandise. Yes. Um, so this woman came up and she said, Oh, I need to buy a bunch of beads. And I said, because I am selling way in the back row. I'm not like Jimmy Carper. Exactly. And I haven't been able to catch any beads. So she picked out a bunch of beads. And I said, well, there are \$15 But we're doing volume discounts. So you can have them for 12 Oh, nice of you. So she went. Then I sent her over to get tickets because I wasn't allowed to touch money. I've taken a vow of poverty, no well. And so she went and got her tickets and she brought it back. And she handed me \$20 worth of tickets. And I said Well, no, I said 12 And she says, Well this is for charity. And I think that is so great. That is what these events are about. You bet



Jimmy Carper 07:39

you bet they are. See the beats that they were selling were fabulous rainbow



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Oh, I didn't get any rainbow we sold



Jimmy Carper 07:49

apparently those are the ones you were selling. Yeah, nobody threw any rainbow beads.



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Oh, I didn't know that. No, see, I didn't get to see too much. Ah, I did get to go up and see the king in the queen. He



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gets there's a king and a queen and outgoing king and a queen at the beginning and an incoming king and the queen at the end and they will reign throughout the next year at all various functions that the groove Olympus hold like Fado, which is a kind of a carnival with Cajun food that that's held in late summer and other events throughout the year.



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They raise an awful lot of money for you but



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they do



Kirk Keevert 08:30

I'm not being very talkative here I'm just staring at you in fascination I because I know nothing about all this. This is all this is all just very



Jimmy Carper 08:38

well, you know, I hang out in jeans most of the year then, you know one time a year I get

dressed no one, you know in just one. What do you mean? Yeah, there's



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the dickens thing.



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I was gonna say. Well, that's a costume this this is



Kirk Keevert 08:51

honey. That's not a costume.



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This is a tux.



Kirk Keevert 08:53

I think that's a costume. Well, it look it up. It's a tux with some seat your sparkling sweetie. You gotta costume I I



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thought he was with the with the court when he showed up with all that silver brain.



Jimmy Carper 09:05

Yeah, well, yeah. And instead of a kanban I just wear the silver sequin vest.



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And on you it looks good.



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Thank you. Thank you.



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Thank you looks fabulous.



Kirk Keevert 09:16

I mean on anyone under the age of 75 I can't imagine looking good, but on you. It looks good.



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How sweet of you.



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Love, love exuding from every



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pore. And that's why you're a co host only once a



Kirk Keevert 09:31

month, twice. Twice a month and he still forgets me on gay and lesbian voice.



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Chris, Chris is here.



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Chris is here



Jimmy Carper 09:43

to talk about your experiences. Yes, yes.





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I was sleeping booze all night. But I didn't get to skip given the one part and they it was very different. And I mean, it's to hear Jesus Christ Superstar performed the way they did it. That was it was it was something that would just make you all inspired and make you want to go


out. And


 Jimmy Carper 10:12
there was some amazing music tonight. Oh, yes, I


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Oh, I thought it was a soundtrack. I think it'd be right around here that that joy to the boy or boy to the joy boy to the world. That's what it was. There you go. I'm sorry. I had a few that I missed up that messed up with the thing. So. But no, I mean, it was just great music and everyone just seemed to really be out in enjoying themselves there to get one guy who gave me some beats whoever he is. Because, because I kept remembering him. But I just need to I need to get in touch with Michelle, if I had to get on that thing next year, and maybe see a little bit more of it. But that was Do you ever get a ticket to that? Don't turn it down?


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Did you get a chance to see any of the tableaux?

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The big headpiece, isn't it? Yeah. Just the arch. I guess it was Gabriel, who was up there doing the commentary? Yes. That and just during the the Jesus Christ Superstar. Oh, okay.

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Okay, what's going on water? Yes, that was that was very clever. But

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being at the end, at the other end of the hall, I did see the top halves of a lot of

 Jimmy Carper 11:23
it was well, I mean, the top halves are the ones with all the feathers and the beads and the lights and the glitter.

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What else am I went back into the guy with a rainbow with over the cruise ship at the red at the verv end with some verv attractive photoarabhs in there.

...and there were very handsome photographs in there.



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Leaving me hanging here.



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Anybody else want to jump in? I'm stuck.



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Oh, yeah, he was all dressed up as far as the captain and white captain's uniform. And he had this big huge thing that he was wearing on his back. And it had some boys on the wall or something like that. And it was it was just fantastic. They were all very handsome. This Yes.



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And on the other side was Noah's Ark. All my animals on the air and then they started playing song, the song let's talk dirty to the animals. Noah's Ark was going down through the through the crowd. Do



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you know who sang that song? Or Gilda Radner? Yes, yes, I have that on a CD, unfortunately, not with me or I would play it. So



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I just wanted to mention one thing. I mean, one of the organizations, as we mentioned that is getting donations from this is patrol. Yes. I mean, we all know about the the need have the physical need of people with AIDS, and HIV. And we think we understand some of the spiritual needs. But what pet patrol does is it provides help to the PW A's, whose family really are their pets. I mean, these are, these are part of their family. It's the spiritual support. And you can get people all kinds of physical support, and it's needed, absolutely needed. But it's the emotional and spiritual support that you get from your friends and your family. And for them, their pets are family. That's right. The only problem with pet patrol these days, they really need help. Not so much money, but they really need help. They need people that time, the scenes, volunteers, and a lot of people who come out for pet patrol come out, you know, to walk dogs and to take care of the animals and stuff. And that's very important. But they really need people behind the scenes working for them for fundraisers, and to raise the consciousness of the community for their needs to do the administrative stuff as a volunteer. That's the kind of people that they really need right now.



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You bet. A lot of organizations need that. But Daniel pet patrol does.



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In particular, they do because most of the people that volunteer are volunteering, because they want to work with the animals and with the PW A's not because they want to do administrative functions, and they have a lot of behind the scenes functions that have to be done. And so anyone out there who would like to do this kind of thing and help out in the community in a real needed area. Pet patrol would be very, very happy to have you.



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Cool. Wow. I mean, Michelle, I mean, what organization don't you root for? Me you're involved with so many Well,



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I'm not actually involved with Pepe Trouble, but I've had because of this station, I've had people call up and talk to me about pet patrol. And mostly about the financial side. There's a lot of cutbacks and stuff like that. Yes. But I've also had an opportunity to talk to the people, particularly tonight and over the last few weeks, and this is what they what they need most desperately people behind the scenes. Who will do the administrative type stuff.



Jimmy Carper 15:29

Okay. Coming up in the second half JG What do you have?



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Oh, my aunt, you're on okay. I'm gonna you're on I'm gonna be interviewing Carol Queen Live from San Francisco the real Carol queen. Yes. Oh writer of exhibitionism for the shy and



Jimmy Carper 15:51

contributes for me. Yeah, contributing writer for black sheets.



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She's just about every article. I mean, every black sheet, but yeah, I think so. And she's done a lot of work. Down through down there press. She's done essays. She writes porn. You name it. She's



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lesbian gay. Bisexual. Haha, yes. Especially the bisexual.



Gigi 16:23

She also edited a book called Switch hitters. Ooh. Which is about lesbians who write gay male erotica, and gay man who write lesbian erotica. Go figure.



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I want to I want to hear about this and how it works.



Kirk Keevert 16:39

I'm just Well, I'm just I'm just talking to her about it. I just find it fascinating that there there are enough of both categories. That it warrants writing a book about it. You know, we'll talk I'm, I'm quite frankly taken aback. You've been told



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I Well, let me see your damn back.



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Again. I am a guest.



Kirk Keevert 17:03

I'm quite befuddled. Looking at my schlong



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you would be surprised how many gay porn stories you read that are written by lesbians.



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Oh, I see. I see how but

 Kirk Keevert 17:18

you know what I think it is. You know, let me share. Can I share with you? I know you are going to get into something. I don't care. I'm going to talk everybody has been talking. Okay, so there you go. I was at a party one time and and I may have discussed this on the show before but there you go. What's going to happen again? That that it was in Denver? Yes. And a friend of mine invited me to this party. lesbian friend of mine. Great beads. Thank you. And I didn't really realize that I was gonna be like the only man there for like three hours. Oh, so it was me and me and a bunch of lesbians. How

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does it How did it feel?

 Kirk Keevert 17:53

It felt softer and moister than I had into? Oh, you're not talking about that. You're talking? Okay. Yes.

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Because usually it's the other way around. Yeah. The one lesbian with all the game.

 Kirk Keevert 18:03

Oh, no. I thought you meant usually it's no, no, no, no. Okay. So anyway. Yeah, it was it was very different. And we got into this conversation, and I found out that there are a lot of lesbians that watch gay male porn. Really? Yes. Oh, yeah. All of them already did all of them. And I was like, why? And they were like, I don't know. But I could ask you they were like, I gotta ask you a question. First. Two questions. Why do you wear socks? And, and why do you hold your Why do you hold your own but when you're in somebody nobody ever does. It's just for the camera. And I thought it was very funny. Yes. And I thought it was very very funny and but I think the reason that they partly the ones they're partly gave me was that it's the whole punishing men thing. Oh, you know, and that's not to say that all lesbians hate men. But oh, give it to a man her Yeah, exactly. Okay, exactly.

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Of course. That's what the recipient is also saying Give it to me make it hurt. And they never can seem to do it. Anyway. Anyway,

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we're gonna go try with no anything.



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Then after that we're bringing on the ABA.



Kirk Keevert 19:22

The American Academy of bass anglers,



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no ABA.



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Aba, yeah.



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Holy Jesus app is here, folks. Get out of town. Yes, yes.



Kirk Keevert 19:34

If I change my mind, I'm the next in line.



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It's it's the ABA the AIDS Alliance of the Bay Area. David Martinez is here to talk the Bay Area bay area



Kirk Keevert 19:46

as it as in as in San Francisco. No,



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not the our bay area. Oh, our bay. Okay. You know, we have a big one.





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We have a gulf. Well,



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we have a big bay area.



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Yeah, I've heard you have a big bay area. You walked right into that. You just walked right into



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you so much so me and my that's the royal way my the royal we have a yeah we have a big pair our big bay area is gonna go to a piece of music



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the Bay Area's



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by Mary Mary go che This is she's gonna go shave Luciana lady URI go che Mary go che go che go TJ say go che y'all



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go shave



Kirk Keevert 20:32

Oh I see. I thought it said Go shave and quite frankly I thought it was I thought it was a little okay



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for word of you Mayor let me slap you



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we shave that big bay area. Our mayor big bay area. That's how

go snave that big bay area. Cuz you're big bay area. That's key.



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Okay for the Mardi Gras ball. We've got married go che who is a transplant from Louisiana? She lives in Boston where she runs the Dixie kitchen. It's a restaurant and she just put out as a new CD



Kirk Keevert 21:02

the Dixie kitchen is a restaurant



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it is indeed what are the odds



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play music



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real hard Okay, start to think I know and after that we'll pick bring an app and then okay yeah gotcha ways of the world that's on her album, Dixie kitchen and all the music is like that is really good I've gotten people have in Boston think they come for this there's 10 songs and there's five of them that I really like you know and I don't hate the other five but I mean you know five that are that I play on the radio



Kirk Keevert 21:44

Thank you. Just in case you sitting out there listening I don't want you to think that I think your music is bad. Oh she's not she's like pansy division thought so. Okay, the division hated me for a whole album



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anyway. You're listening to after hours queer radio with attitude heard every Saturday night at midnight right here on KPFT Houston, and ke o s College Station in Stockholm for pansy to view got it. Our number is of course 713 Because we're you know, like




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 Jimmy Carper 22:18
526-573-8526 KP FTC. AP is here.

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Mamma Mia. Mamma Mia. Yeah. Like you know, guys, I don't mean let's say


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for it was the visitor


 Kirk Keevert 22:39
I don't mean I don't I don't mean to be harsh guys. But the last few years have been hard

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to see talking about.

 Kirk Keevert 22:51
Oh, honey, the last few decades have been hard.

 Jimmy Carper 22:54
Anyway, this has happened aapa the AIDS Alliance at the Bay Area. I've David Martinez here.

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Hello there. How are you? I'm

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great. Great. Great. And you have a guest with you.

 David Martinez 23:05

Yes. I have Scott from the Houston area bears who helped us about a month and a half ago with fundraiser quilt Whoa. Yes was able to raise money for our agency over \$1,000 So think 1100 To be exact



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think stuff like that. Oh, that's so much thankful to the Houston area bearish for participating in that and given us the proceeds.



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It is interesting to note that by the way the Houston area bears is the largest gay organization in Houston at this point. Right now we have over 150 members wow oh and we are also the fastest growing group.



Jimmy Carper 23:45

I am impressed now what do you have to do to be a bear a member of the bears



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well look like me what are like men who look like you can look like me are like men of course I realized we're on radio so I you know I am large with lots of firm Yeah, that's a very hairy I'm a very hairy all over. And well I don't know all over basically. Well, you might before the nights over with you have come to the right show. Like I said I did radio in a small rural East Texas town. I used to do it in the nude. We do that here. occasion. No the the time Glen hold drops by the Houston area bears. Yes, the bear moves. Okay, the bear movement in the United States basically is our gay men who do not hold to the traditional or the stereotypical gay attitudes of skinny hairless fashion plates. Yes. And we are men who like to be men who and who are masculine, and who are also gay who likes to be with other men who are masculine and there's a lot of conflict over what is a bear. What is it a bear? It's a it's a state of mind or is Have a look. And the thing is



Jimmy Carper 25:02

not necessarily a really big guy.



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No. The the the thing about being a bear is if you are a bear, you know it and it what it is isn't really important. You know, we have all shapes, sizes, colors. And we attitudes,



Jimmy Carper 25:23

because there's an attitude about hair. hirsute male.



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Yes. And one of the things is that so many gay men feel like they have to get rid of it. And I feel like God put it there for a reason. So let's not piss her off and take it off.



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You got it. You got it. Sorry about my penis pretty much. There's a lot of



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us who Well, I feel the same way about my foreskin, but I didn't have a choice.



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Oh, god, he's got hair and a foreskin. No, I know.



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You weren't paying attention, I guess. Pay



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attention. Keep with the program.



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Does that look like a foreskin to you?



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Oh, no. All right. Okay. We are here to talk about



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the AIDS Alliance in the Bay Area. Yes, about about six months ago. One of our associate members are Michael darlin from Sarasota, Florida, otherwise known as tattoo bear. For various reasons. He is an illustrated man is that more metal in his body than



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he said, My efficient tag, he sets off metal



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detectors all over the place. Anyway, he made a beautiful spring quilt for the bears and donated that to our club. And he is a He is recognized as a master quilt maker there in Florida and on the East Coast. And he donated it to our group and we were we voted to raffle it off. And we also voted as a group to make the AIDS Alliance of the Bay Area beneficiary for the raffle. And



David Martinez 27:03

it was totally tickled pink when proceeds came to our way because the bearish wanted to finally donate some money to a small agency that has not been recognized. I mean, a lot of people in Houston sports don't sue base foundation. He's doing all that which is wonderful, great charities as well. But the bears were also looking for now these other organizations that are not well known, but need assistance as far as money and fundraisers and all that. And so I mentioned my agency and gave them a little history about it. And so when it came time for deciding vote, it was almost it was total totally unanimous. So it was really, really good. And I was tickled pink, thank the bears. And also when it came time for the actual drawing was very, very thankful.



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That is wonderful.





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We and of course David is also not only is he a work for the AIDS Lions of the Bay Area, but he's also a member of the Houston area bears. And I thought it was about time. We have a lot of members who are members of the cult 45 she have a lot of members who are in the court. As a matter of fact, the Empress 13 of the Royal Imperial Sovereign Court at the single star is also a member of the Houston area bears. I need a man I need a man Oh, she is one of our members.




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 Jimmy Carper 28:23
We have been on this show. Publicizing everything the court does on a weekly basis. It's a wonderful organization test and I'd like to do the same thing with the bears.


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Well, now we know where to let you we will put you on our mailing list.

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Absolutely. I mean we will talk

 Jimmy Carper 28:42
what's right 419 Lovett Boulevard. Lovett L O V E TT love TT TT second seven.

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That's another group. Jimmy. Oh, sorry.

 Jimmy Carper 28:54
Let's hear what the the AIDS Alliance at the Bay Area does. I think that's going to be really important.

 David Martinez 29:02
At line to the Bay Area is a one of the agencies. One of the other agencies is also aids coalition of coastal Texas down in Galveston were the only two sister agencies that serve three counties. Galison Rosario Matagorda County. We get most of our clients assistant with either financial to Social Security, if they need food stamps, if they need medical, we get to the UTMB hospital University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. There was Raleigh clinic of Dr. David Parr and his associates their wonderful group. We're able to our agency is able to help them pay for their prescription medicines. We have a food pantry which they come twice twice a month. We're able to assist them with planning as far as funeral planning and their wills, durable power medical attorney if they want to be cremated, we arranged with that too. We work with several of our lawyers, some of them on our board. are to give him to help him set up these wheels or their legal legal legal matters. And for those that need transportation if they do not have it to get to UTMB, we arrange transportation we have a contract with Connect transportation that runs out of Texas City and goes to two of the counties Galveston and met resorted county

 Jimmy Carper 30:27
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that's probably very important because your agency's very far reaching. It's not it's not like Houston where there's probably bus service from the we serve

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David Martinez 30:37

various rural areas, little small cities, I would call me, Rosario Bay City plushes Freeport all in that area, which there are no clinics or like the big cities. We get we go to them and then get them the services that we need to the services that they need. We make sure that they get them if they can't come to us, we will go to them.



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Okay. It sounds like since you're in a more you're talking about a rural area you have that maybe the double whammy of people not wanting to know that yeah, what their community know that they have right?

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Kirk Keevert 31:17

Yeah, I will colony is not the is not the the midnight of garden at Midnight in the Garden. Right Thinking would be

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David Martinez 31:25

and we're on It must be tough to handle. Oh, yes. And now it's even gonna be a challenge. Now we're on the move now that we are going to relocate in Alvin, Texas, the home of Nolan Ryan, setting up for March 2 in downtown Alvin



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moving into new facilities on the corner. Tell them the story that you told me earlier.



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Which I'm trying to remember now which although the women Oh, I had some ladies that come in. Yeah, Alvin



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ladies parody league or something

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David Martinez 32:01

lowered coming in some new towns coming in. Oh, what are you doing here and we tell them what our agency is. And it's like, their face changes. We like middle aged ladies 40s 50s 60s. And finding out that an agency for people with HIV is coming to this town. It's like,

 Jimmy Carper 32:22


oh, well, they've had exactly they've these people have their heads in the sand, or other places. HIV doesn't touch us. That's evil city of Houston.

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Like David said, David told me earlier, these these woman drawers chopped up and oh, well, we don't have that. Alvin. There's no way and it's like, well, we wouldn't be here. If you'd wake up and smell the coffee lover. And it's just,

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and maybe you go away, maybe you're doing that it's going to open some eyes and

 David Martinez 32:54

education as well. When we're ready for our big open house, we're gonna be inviting the Chamber of Commerce, letting the ovens Community College No. In fact, I have some interns from Aven Community College are getting their education through us. And they're going around teaching some of the college kids and hopefully, will be widespread and the message will get across that we are going to be there and you know, to come to our agency for any questions or information or education on HIV or AIDS.

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We want everybody to know, how many actual clients do you have right now,

 David Martinez 33:29

right now in our clients, we have over 250 and 250. We actually see about 50 of them right now on a daily basis.

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Wow, daily.





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There are there are two people who do this, plus some, some volunteers. But there are two people employed by ABA



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to staff, myself and my boss Lewis, who's a senior case manager, President Obama.



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And



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that's an incredible case. And certainly,



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it made its Helen and social life. It's a real bitch when you're when you're dating a man who for with whom 135 People are completely dependent.



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Yes. And you ever know at any time when an emergency is going to come out



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on paper called 20.



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Last year, I had a labor of I have to tell this story last year, every week. David and I have been friends for a year and a half now and every week we would you know, we tried to get together and it's like, no, I've got to take somebody to UTMB he's you know, he's bleeding from the eyes. He's you know, I've got to go arrange a funeral and it's like Damn these people How inconsiderate of them five people in three weeks they're dying. You don't pay any consideration for anyone else.



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Tape your eyes up I want to date



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and you know, I don't mean to sound callous, but after a while I was like cheese. Yeah, really? No. Do you have a life? Obviously not.



David Martinez 35:05

That's the point. And he that's why I'm here tonight, even though spread my message a little more. Also want to know that we have a great support system support group that meets on Tuesday nights. Seven 830 run by one for the lady named Chrissy and we have several volunteers that go there plus clients themselves. For families. What's the support group for us for people who are HIV positive or have AIDS or eaten come in? Who has questions about it? They don't have to be actual client of ours, it is open to the public. And if anybody wants more information on us right now, they can reach us at the area code 281-488-4492. We're located at 17511 El Camino rial, and that suite 107 in Houston up till February 27. And then that's when we move our new location by March 2 will be in Alvin.



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You might want to mention that you currently are they're located in Clear Lake City or Webster Axwell.



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Lake Webster.



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How's that working out?



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Well, it's we're hard to find we're not the easiest place.



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They're hidden behind a church which I think is really interesting.



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It's very dark in our little area.



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But you're but you're you've got you got that church there too.



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We have a Unitarian Church.



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Okay, Unitarians in Webster Hardy, hiding them providing cover



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so now you're coming out of the closet.



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David Martinez 36:40

So we're finally coming out. Finally, we're renting space location for about three years now. But we're finally going to have our own bid our own building. So this was we're really excited about that. And



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you said it's on a corner. It's on a corner. I knew you'd be working in a corner.



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David Martinez 36:58

The address will be 218 West coons street c o n B S. And that is in the heart of downtown Alvin, Texas. Not too far from the album Community College. Isn't



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that named after a chipmunk? Who's? No Alvin. Oh, Alvin. Yes.



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Jimmy Carper 37:16

Something. Oh, no. Now why, Alvin? I mean, is it more centrally located or what is the deal? Well, the deal

D David Martinez 37:22

was is that when we were getting our funding, one of the deals is that we have to be located in the area that we are funded in and Ryan White titled to rural funding, and so that we're saving Dallas and restoring Matagorda County. The sister agency, ACC team Galston handles the island plus along the coasts ways along Texas City, landmark, Santa Fe, all in data, there was nothing on the other side of 45 freeway, and that's over there Freeport Rosario have in parallel. So we want to make sure there was an agency to make sure that covers that area as well, right, we'll be close by to reach out to our clients better. Some of our clients have already sent from those areas that they would love to come to support group. But being that we were in Clear Lake at the time, they didn't want to, they just either couldn't get transportation or didn't want to drive that far. So by being closer to Alvin, we're hoping now they can be able to find transportation or get rides to their further support.

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Also, I've noticed David, David will tell me that he's going almost all the way down to Corpus Christi to pick up to pick up people who need to get to Galveston, not necessarily clients of ABA, but providing transportation because there I believe there's not an HIV clinic in Corpus,

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well, really,

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we're not going back quite far. But

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the people who are, there is nothing for the people within the in the coastal area. So if they need transportation to UTMB.

D David Martinez 38:56

And all they have to do as far as you know, as far as qualifications per client, all they have to just if they call and need assistance, basically what we need is that they're that they are HIV positive that if they've been tested to bring a proof that they were tested, bring course identification, and then we can get to set them up with services, whatever they need. We're what from from there.

J Jimmy Carper 39:18

That's very important. You I mean, you have to know this,

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David Martinez 39:21

yes, we do have to know that. Okay. This way we can offer the quickest and fastest service for them. If it's medical, or dental, that we do a lot of referrals either to bearing down or UTMB just to get the ball rolling, because I'm sure that for a long time, what if they knew they were HIV or they just found out they were HIV? That's a lot of high stress that they're going through, they're thinking that yes, they're still going to die that you know, the circumstances were and we let them know, you know, you're not gonna die. It's not the end of the world, especially when now that the combination of drugs has been happening right and has come a long way.

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Jimmy Carper 39:58

And I was wanting to ask you Talking about you did funeral services and things like that. And I'm wondering if you have a whole lot less of that going on

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David Martinez 40:07

these days we do now. When I think now it has been about only five loss five clients within the last two years. Wow, that's a big improvement compared to when we first started. Oh, baby.

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And most of those were last spring.

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That is good news. That is good news. It's

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David Martinez 40:28


wonderful to know that our clients, some of them have, even on the combination drugs, decided to go back to work. And they had a few jobs that supported them, and realizing that they wanted to be back in society and contribute, that we had a lot of companies that do work with them and are doing just fantastic with them.

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That's very important to promote. Because Pete that way people can see the light at the end of the tunnel, especially when they're contributing money or contributing their time. Yeah, yeah. Because it's, it's real difficult. And there's lots of burnout when, when you put in your money

and your time, and everybody dies. Really tough. It's really hard. And that's what we we've been going through the last 15 years.

 David Martinez 41:16

Oh, yeah. 15 years. I've been at this since 1984, September of 1984. My boss Lou, who's been added since 1981. Still goes to the task force in Austin every year. He's from all the original members that started in Austin. He's the only one left from the very beginning. And he's still dedicated as an ex Baptist minister, who now and a jack of all trades we liked

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someone who was really seen

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as he listening. And now I know he's so good, because he's that nasty old man. I respect him. But he's a nasty old man,

 David Martinez 41:58

only when he has to be tough. He hates to see our clients get screwed and go through all the paperwork. And he has gone a long ways to open up channels for them so that they can get services as quick as possible. That's

 Jimmy Carper 42:09

what it takes. Sometimes, you know, it's somebody who's just a real bitch.

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And he, he reminds me of a very old Pitbull. Good for him. He let me put it this way. If I wanted, if I needed somebody in my corner, I would want blue wigs whether I like it or not as irrelevant.

 Jimmy Carper 42:32

That sounds good. Well, I'm glad on the move. Now give me that address again and the phone number and a lot slower.

 David Martinez 42:38

Okay. The address the wonderful album, net takes effect March 2, the address is 218. West

Coombs, ce o MBs. And this isn't Alvin, Texas. And as far as the phone number, I believe you have my card and the new phone number is in the back of that car.



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Oh, I see. Okay, sorry about that. Yes,



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I think it's error code 281. And then you have to take it from



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2393 ai DS, 281-393-2837, ARDS, and zip code for that is 77511.



David Martinez 43:19

And anybody that still calls the old number it will the new number will be mentioned on there. Oh, good. One thing also about our lines that even though we worked hours, nine to five there after hours to talk to myself or lose so that there's always somebody learning there's always somebody it's me or Lou to pick up answer any questions. No question is stupid when it comes to HR. People call us anytime. We're, we're amazed and it's one