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## SPEAKERS

Chris Harrison, Jimmy Carper

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 Chris Harrison 00:08

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 Jimmy Carper 00:50

You have tuned into after hours queer radio with attitude a continuing tradition here on KPFT 90.1 FM. The crew of after hours is ready to bring the news interviews, discussions and music beer to the gay lesbian, bisexual, transgender community and our allies. We are a diverse group here. But we all have one thing in common, we are out of the closet and urge everyone to come out of his or her closet as well. That means recognizing who you are standing up for yourself and your rights. And being proud of who you are. We understand that this might not be possible due to a job or friend of mine. But remember, we are here especially for years. So kick back and relax and get ready for this week's edition after hours.

 Chris Harrison 02:19

Hello, Houston, Galveston and the world. This is the season finale of after hours. This is Saturday, February, April 23. You got to forgive me forgive us all for a little bit of confusion. That's as I said, and got your attention. This is the season finale of after hours. There should be some music in the background little well, yeah, we forgot our funeral directors. Right. We you want to. I'm Chris Harrison. I'm co executive producer.

 Jimmy Carper 02:52

And Jimmy Carper. On the other one,

C Chris Harrison 02:54

I'm smiley medics the seem to be the last puppy. Oh, you're

J Jimmy Carper 02:58

not lost baby ha.

C Chris Harrison 03:02

However, as to the season finale part,

J Jimmy Carper 03:04

yeah, we

C Chris Harrison 03:05

started a new season. Don't forget,

J Jimmy Carper 03:06

it's amazing the information that you can get five minutes before the show starts.

C Chris Harrison 03:12

Let me give you all the background on it. Here if you've been paying any attention to KPFT for like the past five years, you know, we've gone through a lot of struggles and things on the both national and the local level. And couple months ago, there was a story that you know, KPFT is not in the greatest financial shape. If we're a commercial radio station, you know, we would go to our advertisers and say, Hey, we need a little extra money. Doing non commercial. We have to go to you the listeners. And unfortunately, there's a shortfall. And unlike the government, we can't just float checks. We can't fudge the numbers we now know not as confused anybody. It's just shut up.

J Jimmy Carper 03:57

Okay.

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Chris Harrison 04:00

Your mic is off. I know. There's no reason to take it personal. I'm doing the volunteer on the whole month to try to help this out. No reason to have to cut my mind. Okay. Okay, the fact is this, the station has a shortfall. You've seen the thing in the Chronicle? Probably. Because it's because we're not commercial. The product has to change. And the way they do that is shifting programming. So starting at, we're not sure what time if it's going to be next week, or the week after that. After hours is going to be moving to the Friday night 1am to 4pm 4am. Basically, we're going to be taking over the esoteric adventures slot.

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Jimmy Carper 04:49

That's the way it looks so far. What we do know and that is tentative. Yes. What we do know is that we will not be on Saturdays at midnight anymore. We're

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Chris Harrison 05:01

so if you tune in next week, at this time, we may or may not be here. Yeah, probably won't. We may or may not be here. The only thing we can say for sure right now is, if you tune in next Friday at 1am You're gonna hear Jimmy Carter

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Jimmy Carper 05:21

either with this show or with esoteric

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Chris Harrison 05:25

with the final of the season finale of esoteric adventures, I don't know where they'll be, hopefully moving to two to four. What is normally during our show. So, that's where it stands and what's gonna be happening we're gonna be on 23 hours earlier. For international listeners, we're gonna be on 6am and Greenwich time one hour shorter and an hour shorter. Yeah, midnight to 1am to 4am right now. So there's that part we want to let you know we're gonna repeat it a couple of times during the show that right now next week, we're not sure if we're going to be here or where we're going to be where we're going to be if you're going to hear us all like I said, if you tune in tomorrow, next week at midnight, you may still hear them mixing So solar groups in front of during that time that's that's

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Jimmy Carper 06:16

the word that did that Andre got DJ sound got yesterday or today that he would be doing the Yeah, so until two o'clock next next week.

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Chris Harrison 06:30

So like I said, we'll be mouths and let everyone people know what's what's going to happen as

soon as we know what's going to happen. And so let's get into our calendar event stuff and smiley your bad. Thank you. I'm sorry. That's okay. I know I'm one comment, Chris. take it so personal, it's a good everything will work out. I have in front of me kindred spirits celebrations beneficiaries announced event is just around the corner. That's going to be May the 14th Are we going to this

J Jimmy Carper 06:58

Kindred spirits was a bar that was in Houston for many, many years, primarily a lesbian bar. But the owner of at Marian Coleman welcomed everyone in it was a bar very different from any other kind of dance bar is that they played a variety of music. There would be dance music, there would be country in western there'd be Waltz's. There'll be pockets, you know, just a big mix of music to please everyone. And it was very successful for many years. And then as things happen, it went away. However, the spirit of kindred spirits is still alive and doing well and they do a wonderful fundraiser get together once a year that that's what I know about it.

C Chris Harrison 07:51

Well, here's a quote from in fact, Marianne right here. We couldn't do this without the goodwill of Joe Cummings and a staff at Key West who will attend bar for the evening or without good friends at a Christmas song fests. A small group of volunteers who organize events every year. In fact, they even make a request if you want to volunteer and help out with kindred spirits. You can contact Hillary post or amber grant at 713-880-5422. The event is Saturday May the 14th 8pm to 1am at the Edwin Hornberger center 2151 West Holcomb Boulevard. They are the Houston Buyers Club lesbian Health Initiative which I have something from them on sir and the Montrose clinic Montrose counseling which we'll talk about at the roundtable. Tickets for the event are in advance or available at the House of Commons. 901 West Alabama, are we allowed to give the price of the tickets, charitable events so it's 20 it's \$20 in advance and 25 out the door Robbie, Robbie and no to the edit. Okay. She's you want to interview Marian Coleman?

J Jimmy Carper 08:56

Who I like but I know she doesn't stay up this window she

C Chris Harrison 08:59

is right here. No two editors Marian Coleman is available for interviews at the contact number of

J Jimmy Carper 09:05

okay well why don't you contact her and see what we can do. Maybe we'll do a little taped spiel and try to get that on the air and

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Chris Harrison 09:13

the last little item here is the lesbian Health Initiative will host its summer rainbow health fair. suffers. services offered free that day include blood pressure checks, cholesterol, Christian testing, and mammograms. My cholesterol is fine, thank you. I love you. Are you finished questionings and counseling will also be offered beginning at 8:20am to around three that afternoon for scheduling for mammograms will be 713-603-0023 Leave a clear voicemail and then for a Pap test scheduling you can call 713-830-3075 This is all free. Call early to reserve a spot for June 4.

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Jimmy Carper 09:59

Okay, Hey, I've got some stuff that's coming up. I don't exactly have a court report because I don't I lost my schedule.

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Chris Harrison 10:09

One court event here

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Jimmy Carper 10:11

that things aren't. There was a an event that I see a wage that has been canceled for next Friday night. But I can tell you that come one come all cheer on DD DeMarco, as she enters the MS. Texas, classic at energy on Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, April the 24th at 10pm. That's right folks, that's this evening. It will be starting at 1030 properly so that we can get in and get out for those of those of you who have to work on Monday, and DD would certainly appreciate all the support you can give her today and there's coming up. We want to remind you next Saturday, April the 30th the fire and ice ball happening at South Beach with DJ Manny Lehmann. You can get tickets at South Beach and Jr's Lazarus house will be having their third annual Fiesta on May 7 2005. From two to 7pm. For those of you who may not be aware of Lazarus house, they are a not for profit organization to help individuals who may be dealing with wasting and loss of muscle mass and they do great work. Tickets are \$20 presale and 25 at the door. This donation covers an open beer and Margarita bar and all the Mexican food you want to enjoy courtesy of Barry Hill's and other kind folks. And so that is that is really cool. You can get in touch with Mark Cohen at AIDS Foundation Houston or emailed him at Cohen am at a F Houston dot O R G then Saturday May the 14th set EJ days, the third annual stage scenes silver screens and drama queens revenge 8pm sharp that is an IC o h venture presented by Ic o h and Apollo Emperor the second Keith Vivio 50% of the money raised goes to the ICRA drain three net proceeds to camp AFH camp hope and 15% of that goes to the Lexy bone Fund and the other 50% IS GOING TO THE COLT 40 fives. One more thing that I've got before Chris. I know Chris has got a few things he wants to let you in on. David. So you're called to inform us that the date has been set to raise funds to assist with the expenses for our wonderful friend tune him out who died recently we announced that I believe last week. The date is Sunday, Sunday, Sunday May the eighth that's not next Sunday. It's a Sunday after right Mother's Day. There you go 2pm At the BRB, there will be finger food and lots of entertainment and fun as tuner would want it. That's all the information that we have at that time. So please mark your

calendars and get ready to perform if you're an entertainer or to tip generously if you're in the audience and buy me drinks and yes and that came to me from Don Gill so if it came from Don Gill you know what's right. There you go. What do you got Chris?

 Chris Harrison 13:39

Della Sol Productions presents the comfort zone hosted by Southern Comfort. That's on Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, Sunday May 22 Second at the BRB 7:30pm benefiting Southern Comfort COMM The Southern Comfort comfort zone fund through a Ruscus Wow say

 Jimmy Carper 13:57

that fest three times

 Chris Harrison 13:59

on a ranch for I thank you as well. For information about a riskiest or the comfort zone fund go to www.er SICS es dot o RG tables are \$75 for this event, that's

 Jimmy Carper 14:16

that's a big event though.

 Chris Harrison 14:19

Lone Star 17 A memorial day weekend event. Think of it as a bar run in the woods. There'll be electrical hookups for trailers. Run pin can remember thermal mug meals for more information. It's his clothing optional. There is an area there's also a play space. You want to go to the website www dot Texas conference of clubs.com people like that scholarship dinner Dollars for Scholars. Friday, May 6 Wow. Coming up fast Yeah, so the location will be at the Junior League of Houston 1811 Briar oaks Lane format will be the similar,

 Jimmy Carper 15:07

but the hatch segment is going to be talking a little bit about that as well as the hatch prom coming up.

 Chris Harrison 15:14

Man, I think everything else is pretty well far off. One of the things I just put on here, the day before tuna melts memorial service, there'll be a memorial service therefore, Vernon white, yes. Which will be on May 7, at all saints Catholic Church, starting from 10 to noon, and there'll be a memorial service Celebration of Life party at the BRB following the service.

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Jimmy Carper 15:37

That's nice. That's nice. Burnham was a nice man said very nice. So let's see. One more thing I want if I didn't have more, now I'm done. Okay. We got a couple of letters this week. And I got to read through them. You know, when when I they kind of slipped by me when I'm at a town I don't always get to read them. But I got one from Rocky. And it was it was a hot letter. And what I want to say to him personally, is yes to everything he asked about. Yes. Send them to me. Yes, yes, yes. Yes. Yes. And

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Chris Harrison 16:22

you haven't learned by now Jimmy hardly says no.

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Jimmy Carper 16:26

Sometimes I have to but I don't think I can say no to Rocky No sir read. Rocky is interested in being a pen pal. To anyone outside or inside. And you know, we can facilitate that inside pen pal thing. You know, you send it to us and we'll forward it unopened, you know, or however you want to do you would have to you would have to I would have to open it. Remove the letter put in another envelope because of the DC number. Well, you know, you know, I promised that I'll do it without reading whoever you want to and they get wing from that. We're

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Chris Harrison 17:04

gonna sit here and have mailbag.

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Jimmy Carper 17:05

Yeah, okay. Hey, I've said it before I'm willing to do it. You know, I think the ruling that they've put up there really sucks. And anyway, X time to bring the hatch kids on, isn't it? Hey, let's go.

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Chris Harrison 17:19

Yeah, so separate a little bit music. And

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Jimmy Carper 17:22

oh, and this is the cheese factor. And let me tell you, I found something when I was in San Diego. And I'm playing it because this is a duet. And one of the members of the duet is part of the GLBT community. It's on the DeFranco and Jackie Chan of all people singing a duet called unforgettable and it certainly is.

 Chris Harrison 17:56

That was unforgettable Annie DeFranco cars bad enough that CD we played one song Oh my oh my oh my he was on continuous

 Jimmy Carper 18:08

who? Ouch. Okay.

 Chris Harrison 18:12

The rah rah from Ohio. Yeah,

 Jimmy Carper 18:15

yeah, that that was really the cheese factor there. But hey,

 Chris Harrison 18:20

you paid a buck 99 For that CD.

 Jimmy Carper 18:22

I did. I did. I think it was worth it to hear on the DeFranco and Jackie Chan together. At least once. Yeah.

 Chris Harrison 18:31

It is time now for the hatch segment. Yes. And your mics are up. Hello, hello. Hello. Hello. How do It's all yours? All righty. Thank you.

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Hi, I'm Deb Murphy use services worker for hatch for Montrose Counseling Center. And as always, after hours once a month is graciously giving us an hour of your time to talk about youth issues. One thing I have to say and want to say is hatch participation in this program is funded in part by a grant from United Way kids way. with us this evening are Colleen one of the CO presidents of the US steering committee.

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Hi. And I'm David. And I'm Bobby.

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And we're here this evening to talk about what guys?

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Well, a couple of the issues that we chose to talk about were first of all body issues and self image among adolescents in the GLBT community. And we also wanted to talk about consumerism and how they're interrelated.

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The topics. Yeah,

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I think first we wanted to talk about a couple of current things that have been going on. Dave, take it away. Current

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couple legal things going on in Washington State. Bill 1515 is a pro gay civil rights meeting considered in their house and Senate right now. And a certain company based in Redmond up there has been supportive of our community for the past 10 years. And unfortunately after We're having a conversation with a preacher of a mega church up there, they decided to pull all support for our community out from under us as quietly as they could. And they're actually going against Bill 1515, which is probably going to kill it. They were supportive up until last week, when they had this conversation, but the, they're probably going to kill the bill, trying to get rid of our rights there. So unfortunate. Just thought I'd have to mention that. If you happen to know this company, then they are they do have public relations offices, which you can call and register your disgust with their policy change here. And they're actually quite open to taking calls and suggestions from us. I called them myself, and they thanks for the call. And thank you for the feedback. They really want to know, how we feel how the most most of the public feels about these issues. So they can do what they feel is best for their business. And

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it's great that you spoke up. Yeah, I think it really if more people did that. This would not be as much of an issue.



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Yeah, it really wasn't a big deal. When I called I called the representative, he picked up the phone. And I told him that I knew about them. I knew about the company trying to pull support or pulling support for this bill. And it upset me. And he thanked me and said he loved his supervisors No. And they had been getting lots of calls about it. So the more calls the better.



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Okay, I guess we'll move on to our first topic, which, like I said, was self images among adolescents. And for adolescents, you know, the way that you view yourself is always a really big issue, because you're trying to go through all these different phases and find out who you are as a person. So the way you look can really affect how you feel about yourself and your self esteem your confidence when you're a teenager. And especially when you're a gay teenager, I think that this is definitely a relevant issue. Because I feel like gay teenagers possibly face more stress. As far as body issues go, I read somewhere that straight women are the most likely to get eating disorders, and after them is gay men. Actually, lesbians are the least likely to get eating disorders, interestingly. So I always thought that that was very interesting. I know. Did y'all have some comments on that? Or why you think that occurs? I mean, honestly, well,



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it seems that our community, I'm not sure if it's just local to the GLBT community, but we do place a lot of emphasis on physical looks, doesn't mean you'll, I'll be sitting in a cafe, and I'll be overhearing conversations of other people and sometimes myself, or I'll be looking at a guy and saying, Well, he's really attractive. But if you change this, then he'd be even better. Or would that guy's not attractive at all? I don't want to talk to him.



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Okay. My question is, do you think that that's more of a cultural thing or a gender thing? Because I, you know, I don't want to sound like a man hater. But it's not a coincidence that the top two groups are the ones that date men. So, I mean, how do y'all feel about that? I don't want to make anyone angry by saying that, but I do feel like, you know, it is proven that men place more emphasis on physical attractiveness on appearance. And I think that that's probably why lesbians are the least likely to get the eating disorders, because



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you said that was groups that date men, so female, straight females. Yeah. That's



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why That's why I said, because the gay men and the straight females are the ones most likely to get the eating disorders. And so I was just wondering, what are your opinions on that? What do you think? Is the cause of that? Is it or among gay men? Why do you think eating disorders

are such a problem? Your personal opinion, there is no wrong answer.



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Well, can I jump in here? Sure. Always. Eating disorders are based in part on self esteem. And if you're dating someone where it looks matter, and you don't think you look right, now that can really hammer on your self esteem.



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Yeah, it really depends on where you get your self esteem from. I mean, if you're getting your self esteem from, well, I'm going to make myself happy by having a guy to date. As opposed to I have good self esteem. And I like myself because I'm a great person, or because I'm a person. I mean, you have to have that inner happiness from yourself before you can be happy in your relationship probably.



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Also, do you think that's it? Or do you think that peer pressure plays a role because honestly, I know that this is a weird use of the term peer pressure. But I really do feel like in the gay community that exists, it's kind of like who has the better haircut kind of thing. I mean,



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oh, yeah, peer pressure is out there. But I mean, I know what I find attractive and other guys and if I will Look in the mirror and I see, and I don't see those qualities in myself, then I'm gonna say, Well, I'm not attractive, it's all a matter of opinion. So I'm gonna try to make myself look like my perfect guy.



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That's true. Any thoughts?



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But on the on going back to the self esteem issue, it's I don't know, if there's something I had to realize. It's something I've realized after a while, that just trying to find someone to date trying to find a guy isn't the cure, I need to make myself happy. It's trying to find, I have to be happy by myself before I can be happy in your relationship truly happy in your relationship.



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I agree. And I think most people don't realize that and they tried to get into a relationship to

make themselves happy and then just gets progressively worse.



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This is really hard to see that because you get to the dating age and like, oh, yeah, I can date and you're so focused on dating and trying to find someone to date that you're least my judgment was clouded by that.



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Right, I think a lot of people try to use that as a measure of self worth, or self worth. And that is definitely, Bobby, you look like you have something to say?



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Well, I think love it also has to do with kind of, especially in the LGBT community, a lot of people don't have only supportive parents or things they don't like have a lot of they always fear of rejection from the parents, peers, and lots of to look for that acceptance in by, you know, having a boyfriend or somebody and a lot of times they concentrate their looks and things they feel it's the only way to be like,



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God's true. Well, during adolescence, you know that peers are the most important influence in our lives. It's no longer your parents or family. So I think that that definitely makes sense that you would look for that acceptance in your peers. And in our case, you know, finding someone to date to accept you, but then if it doesn't work out, that can damage your self esteem even more.



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Yeah. Because you base your self worth on dating this person, if it doesn't work out, then I must be a horrible person,



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right? And then you think, Well, what did I do wrong? And really, that's not the case most of



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the time, and that's what leads to the self destructive behaviors of, you know, eating disorders, drug abuse, etc.



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self mutilation.



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Yes. No, no, no, no, no self harm. Okay.



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Self harm. Yeah, because that can be emotional self harm to exactly as well as physical.



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What we're talking about here self harm is things like cutting yourself or hurting yourself or



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restraining.



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Or springing. Okay. So, what I'm talking about, like, I'm crazy, okay. self mutilation is a whole other thing where people remove body parts in different



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and now what we were referring to? Yes, I like my body parts. Hopefully most people do, too.



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Moving on. Okay. Okay, when you were talking about the acceptance, do you think that possibly the low self esteem comes from possibly a fear of rejection? Is that why? A lot of you know, because we were talking earlier about the possible fear of rejection, because some people feel rejected by their family or their church or their school, once they come out of the closet. And so if they already have low self esteem, then it just sort of puts them in a risky spot where it can make it harder for them to get out of a bad situation, like if they start becoming anorexic, and they feel like they don't have anyone to turn to for help. So, I mean, what would be your advice to someone who is in such a situation?



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I think a lot of times the need to not look for it, in the club atmosphere and things so they go out there and it I don't know, like he kind of keeps putting it on themselves to try to they see everybody else doing the same thing, trying to be pretty, they see them running around being measured on that alone, and they never developed any kind of self esteem off of any other abilities or talents. There's, you know, where's that they have? You know, I really think they need to, you know, find out what they're good at, to get involved in their community, any other group activities and starts like each other for what you're actually worth.



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Yeah, take pride in your work and your school and yourself and don't base your self worth on your physical appearance, because that's going to change with time anyways, no kidding.



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Like shameless plug, good hat. All right. What about dealing with peer pressure as far as that goes, because I really do think that peer pressure has a lot to do with it. That's really hard. Because Because ushers, if you look at someone who has just come out of the closet, they're complete newbie. And then suddenly, suddenly, a year later, you know, they went from like the \$5 haircuts to go into the mall and spending 50 bucks on a haircut. I see it happen all the time. People who were band geeks in high school and they were really quiet and shy. I see him a year later, their models, actors, dancers, etc. And they have multiple Well pair of jeans. I know that this exists. So what are your thoughts on that?



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I guess what we said earlier trying to it, I mean, there's nothing wrong with trying to make yourself look good. But that's your sole purpose in life is to be the hardest person around, then that's probably not the safest way to go to be happy. I mean, find happiness and ideas in yourself. And,



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and I also think a lot of times, I guess people kind of view that as how they need to be accepted and community they see the stereotype, they see that on the TV as this is what a gay person is supposed to look like how they're supposed to act in order to be considered normal in that sense of the word. And they try to model themselves out of that sometimes to levels that are beyond what the normal personality would take it to.



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And I think you're right about that. I think when someone comes out, they sort of get caught up in I guess, if you want to use the word culture, to describe



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the mafia overcompensating because you've been in a closet so long, and they're finally out and free and like, Yay, I can certainly be gay. And



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yeah, I see that happen a lot people who are very insecure and quiet, and then they suddenly become rainbow children. Not that that's a bad thing. But they usually settled down after a couple of years, but that first year, out of the closet,



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mostly siding to I mean, it's very exciting time, when you first come down, it really is scary to so you want that acceptance, you need that security.



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I think that's when most people undergo the most change as far as their personality goes, because I feel like some people, especially if they come out of the closet later in life, then, you know, the sort of personal internal struggle that they have, when most people are about 1314 finally happens to them. Because I didn't come out until I was 17. And so I felt like I you know, when I look at how I was when I was 16, and I was when I was 17, I was completely different person, just not one band for the year. So I really do know that it makes a big difference as far as that goes.



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Yeah, same with me. I mean, I came out when I was 18. And it was a gradual, drastic change.



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And gradual drastic, yes. One of those chord changes he was it was suddenly gradual,



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naturally sudden, yes.



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Well, let me ask you guys a question. What effect do media images like seeing the people on queers folk are saying the people on the L word have to do with this? What part do you think

that plays?



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It's good that you brought that up, because that brings us into our next topic, which is consumerism was part of it. And also just sort of our I actually, when I say our I mean, GLBT public image. before.



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Before I do that, I want to bring up a point that I think our society overall is a hyper elite, hyper, hyper sexually stimulated society. I mean, you see, for the street community, there's hot chicks and bathing suits in his little clothing as they legally can get away with everywhere. For our community, there's as well, handshakes and guises will not have closed as they can. And they're, of course, they're perfectly physically built and really attracted. And this is an airbrushed



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and very, very airbrush.



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I love Photoshop. But these



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interject I think glamour magazines are the worst thing that ever happened to women. Okay, continue.



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But, but I mean, we're, we get this sexual idea, random, but down our throat by media, and the media is everywhere. And we get this idea in our heads, this is what it means to be gay. And this is what it means to be attractive. And I think these ideas, which are everywhere, are really given us our image of this is what you have to look like to be physically beautiful. And I think that's not good.



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And not just us to, you know, to heterosexual. Yes. But I think it has a bigger impact on us because we tried to identify with those characters. And then, you know, when you watch a TV show, like Will and Grace and you see somebody like Jack, and it's like, I know people that

actually Jack and I understand that. Some people are like that, but then you see that and you're like, Oh, well, I'm not like that. And

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well, that's me. There's all kinds of models out there for everything. I mean, there's every kinds of personalities and every kinds of

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role. I'll give you Brian from queer spoke instead. It's like, take your pick.

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Yeah, there's plenty of gay TV shows to base yourself off of

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them. But unfortunately, there's only a select few types of images they tend to portray overall. It's tend to be the beautiful, you know, decent looking person. They're

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all beautiful people and they're all highly fashionable. Yes.

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Exactly. Beautiful.

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Thank you, Dave. All right, as far as the consumerism goes, one of the things we wanted to bring up was a, they have a bunch of ads out that are targeted directly at us. And I wanted to know what y'all thought about that. So like, what is your personal reaction to that? Because I know when I see them, I'm glad that they're acknowledging that we exist. But at the same time, and it offends me whenever I see anything that, you know, I know someone is spending money to try to get me to spend money on them.

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Are you talking about like the billboards like advertising like gay dating sites? And the has a nitcher?



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Oh, no, no, no, no, I'm talking about different products of products like yes, like when you read, you know, the advocate, or



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most of the cigarettes is a big one for our community. Yes, were targeted by cigarettes, which is kind of ironic, because it's killing us. And some of that money goes to fund Republican Republican campaigns, which are trying to put us down politically, so we're killing ourselves and killing our bullet or civil rights. It's a double edged sword there.



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Comment, Bobby. You see, Mike, you want to comment?



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I don't know. I always find it humorous. When you look at like two magazines side by side advertising the same product and you get like a cell phone that shows the ability to capture photos and the normal magazine, it's got like a family picture or, like God is girlfriend and you look at the gay magazine, and it's some random guy walking down the street with this gleam in his eye. And it's just, I kind of find it humorous and sparkling tooth. You know, it's like, they just like, oh, we'll mark it to the GLBT community by editing with photographs or taking a picture of their cell phone and keep remarketing. I think it's humorous, but at the same time, I do kind of feel it's, it's odd to me that they purposely target you to get the money from you, but they ignore you.



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Personally, I feel like it's like some sort of cheap ploy to just give me an empty my wallet. And I don't know, I understand. I think it's good, because in a way they are supporting us. And yet, it still bothers me. Oh, they are



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supporting us, because they're supporting our publications and allow them to keep printing things advertising. Yes.



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Maybe I'm just anti advertising

maybe I'm just anti-advertising.



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I mean, I like advertising, but, but it can be detrimental to society, if it's advertised the wrong way, or gives the wrong idea to people.



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And a lot of times you look at towards the back of the magazines, all the advertising starts tending towards how to remove all body hair from you how to get rid of all your wrinkles, how to grow your hair back, it becomes a lot of self image things. And it's like, once you've read through this magazine, and see how beautiful everybody else is, oh, let's try to see how you can make yourself just like this. And a lot of those things are surgeries that put you under certain, you know, and



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how to remove varicose veins and all that yes, yeah,



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things that really aren't necessarily safe for you. It's unnecessary surgery. But we're encouraged to do this. Because we think that that's what you know, what we need to look like,



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that is a point. If you if you look through any gay publication and look at the types of ads that are there, I think it really says something about our community. And I'm not sure if I like what it says sometimes.



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Yeah, I agree. But going back to the body image issue, as we were talking about before, how the media shapes what we think is physically beautiful. And we place our self worth self worth and self esteem, and our ability to look like that also also replaced our self worth, self worth and self esteem on our ability to find someone to date that looks like that. And that's not always realistic. I mean, how how many people actually ended up dating a supermodel, you know. And it's true, when when you have such a high physical standard of beauty for the people you date, you're going to be it's going to be very hard to find someone to date. And if you're basing your part of your self worth on, well, I don't have someone to date, then it's kind of, I don't know, it's a bad combination.



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Getting hurt, or what really bothers me is how, over the decades, you can see how people are encouraged to become thinner and thinner and thinner. And lately it's gotten really scary. Even down to the little things, you know, they Well, I don't know if I can mention this, but the Little Lady Liberty thing on the movies for Paramount. You know what I'm talking about their logo? Yes. Yeah, apparently she used to be a size 12. And now she's a size eight. She has a size and that's not a coincidence. Yes, she has a size. So it gives me was when like the large represents what's happened to our society. It's like it's funny to go to



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store the large size there won't you know fit over what you would consider a small anywhere else.



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Yes. And then they have things like size double zero. And the fact that I know people who can fit into that scares me. Like I can put my hands around your waist. So go ahead. All right. Do we have any more that we wanted to say about consumerism, any comments, overall thoughts? You're looking at me like no, okay.



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We're looking at you to say something. Well, feel the pressure. Peer pressure. Yes.



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At this time, I wanted to mention hatch prom, which all are invited, it's going to be our 12th annual alternative prom for Hatch, this is always a really big event for us, everyone under 21 can get in free. And you can bring whoever you want. And it's always a very good time. So if you're over 21, then you can pay to get in, but we still encourage you to come. It's a very fun time. It is. And, and it's also it's a really big fundraiser for Hatch. It's our biggest fundraiser of the year. So we would really appreciate your support, if you could come and support us.



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Yeah, this is really cool. It's a problem for everybody who couldn't have a prom or go to a prom, or feel comfortable with taking their significant other type person there. Definitely. And it's real fun time



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for people like me who went to prom in high school with a girl and just want to try to get the second time the other way around. Do it do it right the second time. Yeah, that wasn't wrong.

The first time was a good friend. Oh, yeah.



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You could still go with a girl if you wanted. Exactly.



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As Colleen said, this is our biggest fundraiser. And if you're interested in being a sponsor at any of several levels, please give me a call at 713-529-3590.



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Very nice, very nice.



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Okay, I want to talk just a little bit more about the prom. Again, this is Hatch's biggest fundraiser. And we really encourage everyone to attend. It's free for youth under 21. It's \$25. or more if you wish at the door for adults. But I want to thank some of the sponsors we already have going on already. Tuxedo Jianxin Galleria Juan are offering a special on tuxedo rentals to anyone, youth or adult who are attending the prom. I want to thank Houston tennis club who's underwriting our DJ seashell who's helping us out with volunteers and a number of local restaurants are donating food. And we are very thankful and very appreciative to all of them. I can't encourage you enough to come to the prom. If you're an older person as I am. Do it right. Forget, forget High School, grab your Sweetie, come to the prom, you'll have a blast, I promise.



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And this is going to be my second prom and I'm really looking forward to it and David Bobby have not actually been to prom yet. So I think that



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yeah, this lecture will be my first prom. Gay prom. And actually, I didn't go to my high school one. Now still, cause it did and didn't have a girl to take from like Bobby.



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I'll be here all summer. So I'll definitely be going. All right.



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Great. I think we're how much how much is it? If you're over 21? It's 25 at the door or more if you'd like to make a donation



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or Yes, cool. For a person or for a couple. That's per person. Okay? Yes.



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But it's going to good cause very Exactly.



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And you know, my high school tried to charge \$100 per person for our prom, so yeah, exactly. That's why I did not go call this



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cheap date. Now let me say again, it's free for you.



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Yeah, and it's gonna be a really beautiful evening and we're gonna have food and music and probably drag queens. So you should go



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check things are fun.



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Right, I think we want to take a short break now.



Chris Harrison 43:22

Yeah, we'll while we step out for a moment, take a break. Let everyone know that you're listening to the season finale of after hours queer radio with attitude. This is possibly potentially our last Saturday night. We'll be switching over to Friday's one to 4am when we don't know sometime maybe the next week the week after that will be on Friday. So this is the season finale of after hours. You're listening to on Pacifica station listener sponsored commercial free

Pacifica radio for the Gulf Coast KPFT 90.1 FM Houston 89.5 Galveston and always on the worldwide web at KPFT dot o RG Jimmy picked out a song because you're talking about body issue and this one goes along with that theme it's Mark Weigel, love your body like it is we'll be right back. All right, that's Mark waggle and we're gonna kick here for a moment. Oh Kayla's kick this put in this year. Go a little bit more classy there we need to hit another bit of music to figure out where we're at 123 new band that's out hit a little bit popularity the Scissor Sisters Comfortably Numb All right, we're back. Here. We haven't told you bout a lot of the music we played here. Just let you know we started off with a triple set of Show we started off the show with some Peter Allen. Jimmy play that because there was a biography special on him. This past week on a&e, Peter Allen singing just a gigolo and everything old is new again. And then from the Broadway show the boy from Oz I still call Australia home. Then ended Franco and Jackie Chan was unforgettable. Mark Weigel, love your body like it is and that was sisters, Scissor Sisters, with comfortably Nam. This is after hours, we're ready with attitude, our season finale. And it's the hatch segment. And it's back to y'all.



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Thank you for having us. Yes. Oh, no problem.



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Okay, before, we had just been talking about the alternative prom that hat holds every year, or 12 annual one is coming up this June, it's June 3, and anyone under 21 is free to get in, we're gonna have food and music, of course, and probably a drag show. And it's always a lot of fun. Anyone over 21 can get in for \$25 or more, if you'd like to make a donation, it's our biggest fundraiser of the year. So we really encourage people to participate. But speaking of June events,



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and if you want to sponsor and cancel 10, Hollis 7135 to 93590



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Yes. Okay. Speaking of junior events, pride is coming up. And this is something that we always spend a lot of time preparing for. And one of the things that we wanted to discuss earlier, we were talking about the sort of public image of the GLBT community, and how we're viewed by the general public. And by that I mean heterosexuals. So, one of the issues that we want to bring up was the dress code that was implemented for the gay pride parade. And for those of you who don't know about it, you're no longer allowed to go topless. And you can't wear anything skin tight. So no more walking around in the phone, at Pride Parade, it's not allowed. You have to wear shorts that are not completely formed, fitting and have some sort of shirt on. So a lot of people sort of fought against this, because they thought that it was trying to conform in some way or change the way that they'd been acting for other people. But a lot of people think it's a good idea also, because it's trying to improve our image and the way that we are

presented to the heterosexuals, because every year, you know, there's usually some behavior, a pride parade that a lot of people don't approve of, but this is just that's a part of pride, you know, that it always happens. And



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unfortunately, that's the only thing that record for the 10. second clip the show on the news, exactly,



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because pride is always the biggest event that most people see. And so I think that that's why this is an important issue. But I wanted to see how y'all felt about that. And, you know, whether you feel that it's really a good thing for us, or whether you think that it's just restrictive? Well, it's,



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I think it's a good thing, because there is like public laws that say you have to dress like this. And if anything, they're helping enforce those laws, which people are breaking every time there's a parade. And too, when we present a public image like that, basically, it kind of presents our whole community in a bad light. Because this is what people think of when they think of gay people. I mean, when back in high school, most of the jokes were, he's a one man gay pride parade or something. And the reason people think of that movie, maybe, but I think the frame rate sticks out and straight people's mind, because there's lots of people acting really crazy dressed really weird. And it's not necessarily a bad thing, but it's a really kind of culture shock to them. And, well, they can minimize the jokes that way.



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But if we think about it, the original purpose of pride was culture shock. We were trying to get people to notice us and we did



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well we've already accomplished that.



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Have we actually Well, I mean, at the same time, though, you have to kind of consider that a lot of people who have nine to five jobs and don't have I don't think that necessarily flamboyant they're very much i



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It's not like the the gay parents group or the gay teachers group that are walking around and thongs. Exact so



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here's an interesting thing that I went to the to the fried Houston website. On the front page, the home page, there are three pictures out of 320 about 20 Something pictures, three of these pictures have topless men in them. Now, against the policy, well dangerous to them. I have topless pictures of a couple of guys and then one of them has is in a body paint outfit. According, and apparently that's not allowed anymore. Well, they



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could get away with body painting nexmon Mystique was all but naked and she had a



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I don't know the exact policy for man I knew



c Chris Harrison 50:13

Oh, that's the wall. Okay,



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Chris, if you there on the website, the rules are accessible from there, why don't we click on and see exactly what we're talking about in terms of the dress, because I don't



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want to misrepresent it. But I know for a fact that you're not supposed to wear anything too revealing.



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But also kind of think that this is the one time of the year that for people who don't normally dress this way, this is kind of their like, be fun, be goofy, they go a little over the top, because it's a fun thing that they do. And I think this time period, I think



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that's why a lot of people were upset by it, because they're like, Well, I'm gonna wear my thong whether they want me to or not exactly, I mean,



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unfortunately, the media captures that and turns around and says, This is what they're proud about. They're proud about, you know, being but you're appearing promiscuous and appearing all these negative stereotypes. And we that's why we have to be careful because we sometimes in that light, are promoting that negative stereotype when they see the parade but the same time we should have to sacrifice the things that we're trying to enjoy and celebrating



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Well, which do you think is better? Do you think it's better that we enforce this dress code and try to change our public image or improve it in order to think that it's really making a difference? Or that it's coming at a price



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through? Well, I mean, ordinarily, I would be very adamantly against this kind of a thing. I think people ought to be able to see your parade unless you're going out there completely nude, you know, something's obviously against his decency. You know, it's this is the time you go over the top and be crazy. Now also, you have to kind of consider in the political climate and right now, it may actually be wise to put on a more conservative light. And, I mean, it's kind of hard to kind of go back and forth on in my head here, but I can see where it's to that advantage. We don't want people to grab that, that in a time when they're saying look at all the bad things about gay people. Look how they're bad parents are bad this or bad that they're gonna pull those images and say, you know, look, this is how you look how look what they represent, look what they're proud about. And that's the



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logical fallacy, though. I mean, you can't say that someone's a bad parent because they dress a certain way. Well,



Chris Harrison 52:19

yeah, unfortunately, not home and watching programs like Maury Povich, or home delivery shows where they bring out the mothers who are dressed. And the daughter is going oh my god, my mom dresses like oh, okay, here's, here's, here's the official Pride Parade. Rules. Okay, section four dressing behaviors, like there's nine parts of dress and behavior and about four of them have to address part one. The pride committee encourages all participants to appear in appropriate attire and engage in conduct that celebrates true GLBT pride. The goal of the Pride Parade is to promote not only pride but also unity and appreciation of diversity, dress or

conduct displayed by any entry individual participant, contrary to this ideal, or as intentionally demeaning to any other group will not be tolerated. There's a okay. Both realistic and comedic male and female impersonators are welcome in the Pride Parade, providing that such presentations adhere to all rules governing dress and behavior. In accordance with the city of Houston public nudity ordinance, parade participants must not exposed genitalia, buttocks or female breasts in accordance with the state of Texas obscenity law, sexual paraphernalia real or simulated sex acts. And genital or phallic representations are prohibited from the Pride Parade.



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No plastic Mardi Gras creams.



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So with a two handkerchief Centrelink cloth work for females,



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you know, probably not probably not I think that would fall into the inappropriate.



Chris Harrison 53:54

I would say what they probably could get away with but I'm waiting to get a grip as during live from, from Deb. Wherever



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that faces no.



Chris Harrison 54:03

But no. I mean, that's, there's telling you what the actual rules are of I mean, that's what the laws are.



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Yeah, those don't seem quite as radical as we kind of thought they might have been. Yeah, that's pretty standard. I



Chris Harrison 54:13

mean, if they were saying male, male nudity, unfortunately, that's part of the double standard we have in our society, is that, you know, men can go down the street topless. Women can't, I can go down the street topless. And you know, females can't and I'll admit they're my body shape. There's one that most people would ask to be covered over. Behind led clothing, but that's their opinion. But that's, I mean, that's part of where these kinds of standards are. And unfortunately, a lot of this is all subjective.



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That goes back to our physical beauty, the stuff we're talking about earlier. Yeah.



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Well, that's true when they say appropriate and what applies to you know, true GLBT pride. What exactly would you think that that is? How do you in



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You're very vague. That's extremely vague. And a lot of people can interpret that as, okay being my more flamboyant self, where the tighter clothing or the rainbows and even a lot of that it really is fun like it can be I know that I enjoy doing that, you know, I mean, we go out there as groups, usually the college groups, and you look at the majority of the groups, all in some form of uniform issue, they all have made T shirts together, and it's all very appropriate. And it's fun, and everybody gets out there and has a blast. It's just those couple of groups that tend to be in the usually they're the bar groups that are doing it, but they are in closing aren't quite what they were looking for. And unfortunately, those are more the stereotypical ones that they pick out at as



Chris Harrison 55:45

well between that and the traditional 1970s. gay man from San Francisco where they always pull out the one guy with a pencil thin mustache, tight white t shirt, black suspenders, denim jeans that are kind of faded and ripped and torn in certain places and black leather boots,



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see, but some of those people are still around and like to show that off.



Chris Harrison 56:08

Yeah, let's see, if I always like turning into like the 700 club after the Pride Parade and going, Oh, let's see what parade footage they chose this year. And you know, you usually will see that person, constantly them and then they'll have some drag queen who didn't shave that day. And, you know, big hairy guy who decided to put on his Sunday frock, to walk the primary.



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The point is, the people who are the most over the top are the ones that they choose every single time. But over the time, you know, of course, of course, we want to be represented by the people who are dressed appropriately. And you know, in the T shirts that they went to the trouble to make, but you know, that's usually not what you see, when they pick up the news.



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Or when they pick up for the news they want that what's gonna be the most sensational what's gonna get to the most ratings, no one wants to see some respectable person walking down the street, because you can see that anywhere. You want to see Oh, my God, look at those people like what they're doing to our society.



Chris Harrison 57:03

Pat's not going to show the numerous churches that go through our pride parade and other pride parades. He's not going to show that sort of thing. It's whatever is going to grab someone's attention. And unfortunately, that's the part that that gets people and hold on to and say, These are the evil people who are doing this stuff to our country.



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I would like to bribe somebody in their production staff to show the footage of the float.



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Yeah. And there's lots of respectable businesses.



Chris Harrison 57:34

Oh, yeah. Pat you can go to produce and dot o RG there's a picture of the cops walking in the parade on the front page wants you to scroll past the second half of the the topless men pics don't stop there, Pat.



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Yeah, but I mean, I mean, the the people that take out the radicals in our in the parade to present them as our entire group are radicals themselves and are talking to radicals. So I mean, that's what they're looking for. Well, what



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do you mean by that?



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They're like, the radical religious people that say this. These are the evil gay people. And this is how they all are, are trying to paint us in the worst image we can so they can get more power for themselves. That's that's the game they're trying to play. They're playing the fear game. They they have no money, they have no one else to blame.



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Did you have any comments or response?



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Because I was with churches. I mean, from what I understand. Back in the 60s and 70s, there were still churches that were very racist, and sort towards certain races that said, Well, you're fine, you can exist, but we don't want your kind here. Now that society generally does not accept racism in any form. The churches are now going to well, you're gay, that's fine. But we don't want you to hear



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well. But you know, that's always true that there's some sort of minority that makes people feel uncomfortable in certain places. So



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Well, I'm just saying that the scapegoat is changing. And no, I agree. I agree. And and just then back in the 70s, for the race issue, they pulled out all the worst qualities they could to justify their position. What



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this reminds me of is that recently, we had the shower of souls exhibit come to the University of Houston, where Bobby and I go, and it was really interesting. They had this one cartoon. It had four squares, and it showed each time you know, first the Bible was being used to say that slavery was okay. And then it was being used, I believe, what was the next one is discrimination, women's subordination, and then for racism, and now for homophobia. So people are going to interpret the Bible to you know, just promote whatever society's feeling at that moment and right now,



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because the interesting thing about the Bible, I mean, it is a very nice book and you consent, I mean, but a lot of it is left to interpretation. So what is commonly done with most people is they look at the Bible and they try interpret it, interpret it with modern day information, modern day references which can't do because the Bible is several 1000 years old, yes. So you have to kind of get back into the mindset and understand their culture in which it was written originally to understand what they're saying.



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And not only that, they need to understand that it's been translated and the Bible usually contradicts itself many times over



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some loss in translation stuff is.



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And even if you do have your own individual interpretation of it, a lot of times what the pastor is actually preaching in your churches, or what you pay more attention to anyhow,



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that's true. And a lot of people not not everybody, but not everybody reads the Bible, and they just take their pastors word for it blindly. Unfortunately, we're just sheep following the pastor. And we should take our own initiative if we are a true Christian and read the Bible, and try and live to it as we understand it ourselves. And for one thing, understand about the Bible is that Jesus was the most important role model. And he never persecuted anyone, I challenge you to find that in the Bible. He forgave everybody. And I mean, even the worst parts of society, he took them in and ministered to them and tried to help them.



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Well, that's where the whole you know, love the sinner Hate the sin comes from which I find very



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tragic. This is me off. I'm sorry.



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That was more offensive than just straight up prejudice.



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Exactly. Because it's like, oh, you're gonna love me, but you're just going to hate everything that I'm about?



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Yeah, just don't show me the parts that I don't like about you. And then exactly, I forgive you



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for the way you



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are. But you know what the people who say that are the same ones that will pick out what they want to believe from the Bible, and turn a blind eye to everything else that they don't want to believe in. Exactly. So you know, everyone who thinks, Well, I can eat shellfish and wear polyester, but I still think that homosexuality is wrong.



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Well, interesting thing about using the Bible to back up your position. at work one day, I don't know what we're discussing. So we're put we're having a discussion on the death penalty. And one versus what you do is what we do at work. That's my job. No, one person said, I'm for the death penalty, because the Bible says it's a good thing. I say I'm against the death penalty, because I respect human life. A third person said, they're there against the death penalty, because the Bible says it's a bad thing. You see the contradiction with the first two, first and third person they're both offer some sort of support, or yeah, they both offer support for their position, but the person who is against the death penalty happened to be able to quote the Bible, almost word for word anywhere you picked and he pretty much won that conversation for the Bible issue.



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Okay, well, that's but that has a lot to do with just their own personal knowledge of what they're able to, quote, rhyme. So Right. Okay. Pride Parade.



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Religion, sidetrack. It's fun sometimes. So yeah, I don't know, I think I still think that the the new rules are the rules and how they are is just fine.



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I think they really aren't that different from the way they were last year. How are they less? You know, that's



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it was the same last year when I say new, I mean, within the last five years. So it's not like it's a brand new thing. And it wasn't sudden at all, but for people, I can understand the reasons for doing it. And I think that it might have some sort of difference. But I don't know if overall, it's really going to make that much of a difference.



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We can we can just block all the media from coming in. Yeah, we can have we can have game media revealing people there and send out our own, but then we're still not getting any exposure. Now we have we have gay TV stations, they're recording what we want. And we send that out.



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I don't think that's very viable.



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I think so either. But



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you're gonna have armed guards everywhere.



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No. I disagree. Yes. So I guess the point was, Do you think it's worth it? The changing the policy like because honestly, like I said, I really don't think it's going to make that much of a difference. And it's sort of it makes me sad that we would have to do that in the first place. And

I feel like, even if we try to clean up our act, so to speak, they're still going to find the people who are the most over the top.



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Well, you just have a new over the top person to get to, there's always gonna be someone they consider over the top,



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but it's like how much do we have to clean up our act before they even notice? You know what I'm saying?



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Well, I will say an earlier pride parades. Some of the over the top stuff was really egregious, thinking Chris was an 80 or 80 or 81 when gay atheists had the convertible full of blow up dolls and were banned from the parade.



Chris Harrison 1:05:00

I hate to say this to you. That's for my time.



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Oh, rats. Okay, I'm getting older and older and older. The people I work with are perpetually 18. We won't



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talk about the fact that we weren't even born that



Chris Harrison 1:05:15

make you feel some of the kids in hatch are probably been out of the closet longer than I have been. This is true. This is true. I mean, I came out about nine. I came out to my family nine years ago this October. Okay. So,



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what my point is, though, that the rules of pride committee are continually evolving, and often in response to really egregious bad behavior.

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Chris Harrison 1:05:37

The worst I've ever heard was, was feared was stonewalled. 20. I think were stonewalled. 25 some people decided on the float to reenact Stonewall and part of that included taking baseball bats and sledgehammers to police. HPD was not amused. With that,

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did he drag queens shady steps and when the high heel?

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Chris Harrison 1:06:02

Who knows? I mean, it's one of those things

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that was after a few drinks with which is also illegal. Money? Well,

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public intoxication is illegal in general.

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Chris Harrison 1:06:13

Yeah, but New Orleans is different. No. I mean, I can tell you tell you for a fact you know, she's

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angry in the lounge anyway.

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Chris Harrison 1:06:25

Now that the public intoxication part is trickling in for us because there was one large float a couple of years ago that there people were drinking they weren't allowed to go out and some tough times were ahead because of it, officially and all that so, you know, that's there's a lot of rules to it. But you know, it's not all just to put the best foot forward. Some of it is safety issues. You know,

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I agree with those definitely. The

 Chris Harrison 1:06:48

one thing I always get is the the hecklers. You know, the times when I've been in it. Usually they're not out there yet. But I always warn everyone don't acknowledge the hecklers like three people with signs. Yeah. Juicy signs. It's a fun time when I I still remember the time was with Deb one with the one pride float for the community center. And she looked she started. Were on the back of his flatbed truck. She lit up a cigarette and I just looked at her go, Deb. I think I asked for the non smoking section of the law.