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SPEAKERS

Michelle, Gigi, Jimmy Carper, Glenn Holt

J Jimmy Carper 00:04

Oh yes, we are family. Hello Houston and Hello, College Station. You're listening to after hours queer radio with attitude. This is the July 3 edition. We're right on the doorstep of July 4. As a matter of fact, we are at July 4, right now we want to get real technical about it. But to me, you know, it's not the next day until you go to sleep.

G Glenn Holt 00:31

Well, something like that.

J Jimmy Carper 00:33

I see. Yes. Glenn Holt is here. And as he promised in a wonderfully abbreviated outfit, and it looks like he is laid out by the pool today. As you know, it's Glenn is blonde. And you know what, that fair skin does just a little bit of sun.

G Glenn Holt 00:51

It turns kind of a rosy red.

J Jimmy Carper 00:55

It certainly does.

G Glenn Holt 00:56

And the blonde just gets blonde. And that goes for all over

AND THE BLOWN JUST GONE BLOWN. AND THAT GOES FOR ALL OVER.



01:00

Well, we also. We also have Gigi and J tonight today. It's the first Saturday of the month. Time for bisexuals Oh, yeah. And Happy Fourth of July.



Gigi 01:16

Oh, and there are some other big things coming.



Jimmy Carper 01:22

Oh, my God. Is he talking about October? Or is he talking about like after the show?



01:33

I know Glenn wanted to stop by and talk a little bit about Q patrol and the skimpy outfit he's got on.



Gigi 01:42

Let's start in the reverse order.



Glenn Holt 01:45

This skimpy outfit was by a special work request. Yes.



Jimmy Carper 01:49

Mine. It's been a terribly long time since anybody



Glenn Holt 01:54

showed up naked. Yes. Yes. That, that



Jimmy Carper 01:57

I think that was the what we were talking about. Except for me. Of course. Yeah.

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Glenn Holt 02:03

Well, yeah, I just wanted to point out I mean, the of course, the reason for appearing naked on the radio,

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Jimmy Carper 02:10

is I hope you're all enjoying.

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Gigi 02:13

We are and here

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Glenn Holt 02:15

is to point out that the new Q patrol T shirts are on sale. Now these are the kinds of T shirts they're not the uniform T shirts that we wear out on patrol. Okay, these are the kinds of T shirts that anyone can buy and wear proudly.

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Jimmy Carper 02:32

Oh, that's neat. That's a because we have the thing about the the logo of of to patrol and that's to wear only on patrol or as as a official funny sanction. Yeah, yeah. Yeah. And that's good. Because when you see that shirt, you see that logo, you know that Cuba troll people are there to protect you.

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Glenn Holt 02:56

And we now have a another highly visible, highly recognizable logo. Anyone can wear, okay. And it's the old. It's a variation on who I am. Wouldn't want to steal the Red Cross from the Red Cross people. So it's a slight variation on that. And the theme of this

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Jimmy Carper 03:15

rainbow cross.

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Glenn Holt 03:18

I wish and how expensive that would be to print. Yes, I did. Yeah, the theme of the t shirt is a be a lifesaver. Join que patrol. Oh, cool. Or support to patrol. Whatever. Yeah, so they both I'll bet. So the T shirts are on sale. Lobo is not getting a penny from this, whoever they are, they're in the store for your convenience.

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Jimmy Carper 03:40

That's a great place because they're always willing to do stuff like that for the community, you know, all starting in May, they've got pride committee stuff, and they don't get any money for that, you know, and they have to handle it and keep track of it and all of that kind of stuff. And I think that's really cool that they do that. Yeah, I think so. And now they're doing it for Q patrol also. Right, right. Nico, Nico.

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Glenn Holt 04:05

So the T shirts are there and they look good. They're black with red lettering. And they were there

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Jimmy Carper 04:10

how slenderizing yes

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Glenn Holt 04:15

they look good because they're Hanes beefy T is T shirts. Okay, and only now you know whenever you see a price I was gonna play only in front of it. Okay. Yeah, only \$15 Right. Okay. And also in the bars and some of the other various business establishments. We have a matching poster put up now. In fact, I was out with my friend from out of town. All right,

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Jimmy Carper 04:41

and what a hunt he is. Last night Yikes.

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Glenn Holt 04:48

makes you nervous. We I took him on a bar tour around and put up cute patrol posters. These are the matching posters for the T shirts. Ah, okay. So it's basically the same thing. It's got the same symbol on it. And it has tariff strips.

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Jimmy Carper 05:06

With it with the five

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Glenn Holt 05:07

was the fast reveal.

G Gigi 05:11

Are they strategically placed tariff strips?

J Jimmy Carper 05:15

Well, numbers right yes, yes.

G Glenn Holt 05:19

They are mounted over the crotch of the poster.

J Jimmy Carper 05:23

So you can

G Glenn Holt 05:25

you can you can separate a slip with the cube patrol phone number on it in case you can't remember it. And of course the magic number is 713528 safe.

J Jimmy Carper 05:39

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G Glenn Holt 05:42

And what do you what sort of special qualifications do you have to have to join cube patrol?
None.

J Jimmy Carper 05:49

What American citizenship? No, not even that. Breathing. How

G Glenn Holt 05:55

about temperature? Somewhere above 70 degrees? Yeah, yeah, just above ambient. In Orange Juice case. Cube patrol is is part of the citizens on patrol progress. It is that HPD operates. So we're legit.

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Jimmy Carper 06:22

This is official stuff, folks. And anyone in Houston should be proud to support cube patrol because as I

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Glenn Holt 06:31

understand queue patrol mobile just swung past the window and waved at us.

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Jimmy Carper 06:35

Oh, when I miss that. Usually, you know cuz sometimes thing moodiness or something? Which is kind of nice. Flashing? Flash me daddy. There's Chris. He'll be back here later. No, no. What's what's really what should make people proud? Especially this is a weekend to feel proud. The Fourth of July is that Cuba troll is Isaiah understand is one of the oldest citizens on patrol outfits in the nation. Oh, yes. One of the only ones or if the the only ones that's incorporated. That's

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Glenn Holt 07:15

right. study was done by a graduate student sometime, you know, as a project a long time ago. And actually, I have a copy of her study on citizens watch patrol units, you know, what are they? What are they composed of? Why do people do them? How long do they last? That sort of thing? Well, it turns out that the average citizens on patrol unit in any city in this country is composed of people from a very close knit community just within a few blocks. And they only last a typical time about 18 months. Now why is that? Well, just because they're their draw base is so small. People get burned out and that's it.

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Jimmy Carper 07:55

Or no one, no one else from outside the neighborhood has any reason to join. Well, that's right.

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Glenn Holt 08:01

That's right. Or they solve whatever the immediate problem is, and everybody loses interest. Okay. Cube patrol, on the other hand has been in operation continuously since 1991. In fact, you'll remember that it was July 4 of 1991. Paul Broussard was killed. Yes,

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Jimmy Carper 08:16

this is as well as the anniversary of our country. It's an also another anniversary that that we must think about,

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Glenn Holt 08:27

here's a very sad anniversary of the beginning. Yeah, unfortunately long string beginning with Paul Broussard. And

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Jimmy Carper 08:36

actually, it didn't exactly begin with Paul Broussard. But he he got good press, okay. And because there's many others before him, that but they're they're slayers either got off or got never got caught or something like that. With Paul, they they captured the the guys and and the the big irony of it is that they came from such a, you know, a nice neighborhood. And so I think that all of that together kind of captured the news of the day and then became big. Yeah. But but it's a good thing it did, because it gives us a starting point almost to say hey, you know, these things have happened. Yeah, enough is enough. And that's exactly how Jupiter was born, wasn't it?

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Glenn Holt 09:29

That's right. It was just a couple of months after that, that an affinity group or actually a core group of people from queer nation formed an affinity group, and that was the original cube patrol. And then about a year and a half after that, we we decided to pursue incorporation and and eventually 501 C three status. Oh, and we have that and have had for a long time now.

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Jimmy Carper 09:55

It's very nice. So that means that you know that you can, you can do donate money and take it off your income tax. Right. That's

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Glenn Holt 10:02

right. That's right. And the other nice thing about it is we have been around long enough that, for example, when we walk in the parade, most everybody recognizes that's yeah, that's nice. Yes. And the police recognized people, that's a big, big deal, too was that is a very big positive was not only because we're recognized not because they know who we are, but they've had good experiences with us.

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Jimmy Carper 10:25

And that's that's the big point. And you to patrol isn't a vigilante group, where you just go out and point and tell is That's right. And we're gonna tell on Yeah, initially,

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Glenn Holt 10:37

I think some police officers kind of resented that we were out there because they thought that maybe we being out there made them look bad. Like they weren't doing their job

maybe we being out there made them look bad. Like they weren't doing their job,

J Jimmy Carper 10:46

you know, that was on the heels of the guardian angels being in the Montrose Yeah, which was a vigilante group, in effect, right, and did not have good relations with the police. So that may have taken a while for cube patrol to gain good relations. And I think they have

G Glenn Holt 11:03

that's very true. And once the once HPD realized that, that we weren't there to do anything that they should be doing or sort of rubbed their face. And and, and once they had a few positive experiences with us, like, one time, in fact, I think it was Fourth of July, maybe five years ago, there was a big crowd of people walking around, of course, we had patrol out there. And some unfortunate woman happened to fall down in front of Yes, yes, yes, epileptic fit. And, of course, there was a foot patrol just happened to come along at the right time. And so they formed a circle. And we had some people involved who knew first aid. And so everybody just sort of did what they were supposed to do. And an HPD lady officer, I happen to be driving along and saw the commotion. And so she walked up the hill that we had everything taken care of. And in a moment that I'll never forget, she reached over into a microphone and said, Oh, cute, patrol was here. Look at the situation under control. I'm back on duty.

J Jimmy Carper 12:16

That's right. But mostly it's patrolling the bar neighborhoods, and making sure people can get to the bars and get to their cars and, and not have any problems.

G Glenn Holt 12:28

Right, and just being a visible deterrent. I don't know how many times I've had people come up to me and say, you know, something was just about to happen. I don't know what it was. But there was somebody approaching me, or I, you know, I heard footsteps behind me or whatever. And just then a cute Patrol Unit happened to drive past or somebody walked past. And they went away. What's really

J Jimmy Carper 12:50

neat is, I'm just realizing that everybody in this room has been involved involved in Q patrol, J and Gigi, and gosh,

G Gigi 13:01

dang it for

J Jimmy Carper 13:03

fun. That's the thing. It's fun.

G Glenn Holt 13:07

You really can make it fun, because a lot of times you know, we're out there patrolling. And of course, you don't miss anything by being out on patrol. See more? Boy,

G Gigi 13:20

some of the wonderful there are some windows to like, and

G Glenn Holt 13:25

and the outfits. But anyway. And then of course, if there's anything that untoward that does happen, you know, we try to spot trouble before it happened. Ah, yeah, that's right. And then just make sure that then boys knows that we as watching and,

J Jimmy Carper 13:42

and they can go back to wherever they came from. And

G Glenn Holt 13:45

they do too, because even on the street communities, it is known that them cars have something.

J Jimmy Carper 13:52

Yep. And if nothing else, there's those pink nasty grams.

G Glenn Holt 13:56

That's right. To get one of them. Oh, now

J Jimmy Carper 13:59

that's where you

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Glenn Holt 14:01

that was a really interesting little idea that we came up with and you know, the police write tickets. That's bad enough. But imagine you you've taken dad's car. And you've given them the story that you're going to the library with Suzy and you come down instead into the Montrose and cause some kind of problem or commotion Yeah, with your buddies and wanting to you know, that's right. I mean, has to be very serious before we'll actually send out one of these pink cards, but we can take the license plate number we can run the registration, we can find out who owns the car. We send them this little pink postcard in the mail

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Jimmy Carper 14:39

postcard so everybody gets

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Glenn Holt 14:42

to the owner of the vehicle that says your vehicle was seen, you know, at this time this place doing this and it says there's a warning on there about hate crimes and prosecution and it says that you know, we will not hesitate if necessary to take further steps. But on the other hand, you know if you have a genuine interest in the gay and lesbian lifestyle. We welcome you to contact the switchboard.

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Jimmy Carper 15:07

I bet you never have to send a pink nasty gram to the same address twice.

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Glenn Holt 15:15

Imagine being the unfortunate offspring of a father who might happen to receive one of those in the mail. Wow.

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Gigi 15:26

Why angle Graham?

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Glenn Holt 15:30

What do you do in the bar district? That's right. That's right one of them. Don't shame me, boy.

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Jimmy Carper 15:40

Well, you know, not only that, but just joy riding around and dad's car. You know, his insurance company probably wouldn't like that too much, either.

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Glenn Holt 15:46

That's true. That's very true. Yeah. So all of this, you know, we try to do as safely as possible all of our units are in radio secure, I might add secure radio contact with each other. We have secure channels. Yes. And, and very dependable radio coming

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Jimmy Carper 16:00

our way we happen. Yeah. And we are, yeah, all of our radio communication, just

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Glenn Holt 16:04

in case just just like the police would, just so that we have that tape record. And, of course, we all have cell phones, as everybody carries on these days. No big deal. It used to be when we first started. Jimmy doesn't have a cell phone. No, I don't have a cell phone because Jimmy predates Marconi, but

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Jimmy Carper 16:24

I don't want people to be able to get to.

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Glenn Holt 16:30

But yeah, I mean, it used to be, you know, a big deal when we started Q patrol that the Q patrol mobile unit had a cell phone. Yes. That we could call 911.

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Jimmy Carper 16:38

That was a big deal. Now everybody brings their it's a fight to call it.

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Glenn Holt 16:47

So it Yeah, it can be fun. And of course, the crazy things we talked about. And I know when I go out on patrol with you, oh, just have a good time, the two of us we ought to bring a tape recorder along and turn it to man after each other. Yeah, yeah, we have a good time. So and then, of course, I've also known times when we've had participants, originating from the lambda center, for example, ended up having a meeting out on patrol while we're walking along. Oh, yeah. It's just impromptu sort of, there you go. Yeah. So when it's and that doesn't interfere with keeping an eye out for no, it does nothing. And it doesn't interfere with being a visible deterrent.

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Jimmy Carper 17:27

That and that's the whole idea being the visible deterrent.

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Glenn Holt 17:30

And also, as Michelle would point out, being a visible reminder to our community to be safe.

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Jimmy Carper 17:36

We have had, well, you have had it done taking part of the things away from you, but but we've had teenagers Yes. involved. We've had grandmothers involved including yourself

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Gigi 17:54

this is going

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Jimmy Carper 17:57

he owes me big time. owes me big time.

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Glenn Holt 18:06

Yeah, well, Friday at the restaurant too.

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Jimmy Carper 18:09

Yeah, whoa. I know. But I mean, with age does not matter. furmity does not matter. We've had JJ in the wheelchair was a part of to patrol. And if you if you don't want to walk, you can ride because we have cars. You know, we have a motor, motorized patrol and a foot

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Glenn Holt 18:36

patrol. Yeah. In fact, we're the only citizens on patrol unit that has foot patrols.

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Gigi 18:40

Wow. And sometimes skate and bike patrols.

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Glenn Holt 18:43

That's right. When we have enough interest. We have done this before. We've we've gotten people together on bicycles like we did during the parade for Yes, we had Rick and Barbara on bicycles and cold and we've done that before. And we've we've had skate patrols before.

J Jimmy Carper 18:59

Oh, that's fun. Yeah, yeah. So you can really get around quickly that way.

G Glenn Holt 19:04

And not only are we recruiting individuals, of course, you know, being a gay organization, we have to recruit you know how that goes.

J Jimmy Carper 19:14

Not only have so many damn toaster

G Glenn Holt 19:17

not only is cube patrol, inviting the participation of every individual in the community. We also have a partnering program where we work with the other service organizations in the community. And we would like to invite whatever organization it is an organization like Colt 45 Or a political organization or religious organization

J Jimmy Carper 19:44

Yeah, there you go. Whatever it is night you know join que patrol for the evening and spread your word out there to That's

G Glenn Holt 19:53

right. And if you got your collars wearing, yeah, certainly not averse to you know if you if you have a bi-net Houston t shirt wearing that come out as an organization

J Jimmy Carper 20:03

or but Jgu must wear something more than just

G Glenn Holt 20:11

well, you know, I've still been trying to get that nude patrol put

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Gigi 20:14

together. Yeah, there

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Jimmy Carper 20:18

wouldn't last very long rolling called in and said, Glenn, don't be bashful. Take it all off. Okay.

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Glenn Holt 20:24

Well, if he really wants to see all of it, I suppose.

J

Jimmy Carper 20:27

Yeah, yeah. Don't just show it and show it. You know, just hold it up to the microphone. Okay. Oh, wait. Oh, GG how to get up to take a look. Excited there. Whoa.

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Gigi 20:52

I got tangled in wires.

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Glenn Holt 20:55

I know how that can be. Yeah, that's right. That's right, that somebody just handed me a note reminding me that the gay and lesbian Political Caucus actually is joining us on the 16th to do a Friday patrol with us. And of course, another nice thing about this is, you know, we have our fundraising and recruiting booth that we can put up outside of 710 Pacific street that's got the big cube patrol thing on it's like a tent. And we have the table out there. And we invite people to make donations and to join cube patrol. And an organization like the caucus may join us at the table and put up their colors and and invite people to sign up or participate in whatever programs they have going on as well. Yeah,

J

Jimmy Carper 21:30

well, you are certainly getting the calls this evening. Glen, that's about the third one.

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Glenn Holt 21:37

It's your picture tonight. You got here too late. Okay. Does that does that mean that the film got cold? Or?

J Jimmy Carper 21:50

He used it all up? I think our official photographer you saw he was evidently in a fun place before midnight.

G Glenn Holt 22:00

It must have been speaking of fun places. I'm planning on going to that. The Big Bang party? Yes. It's only only about 15 billion years late. But you know,

J Jimmy Carper 22:10

hey, whatever. Jason is going to be there. And he's going to do a call in later on in the show. Oh, and the two o'clock hour? Yes. Yes. And, you know, let us know what's going on there. Well, you know,

G Glenn Holt 22:21

being being in your well relatively in your age bracket. I doubt that I'll actually last

J Jimmy Carper 22:29

you look like he could last a long time.

G Glenn Holt 22:34

And actually have done recently but lucky them.

J Jimmy Carper 22:41

What if we want to do something with Q patrol.

G Glenn Holt 22:44

Just call up the number it's 713528 safe or pull one of the little pull tab thingies off of one of the posters which one of which just happens to be located conveniently over the necessary station at the mining company. All right, run right there in plain sight. And just get it wet. Just call up the number and say that you want to participate in whatever way that you can and if you have

G Gigi 23:11

to come out of the tea room

G Glenn Holt 23:15

and actually even while you're still in the tea room you can call up and you can say that you will send us money you can wire us money from the tea room while you're making it oh my

G Gigi 23:31

going down?

J Jimmy Carper 23:32

We certainly are well go ahead and thank you for stopping by all of that skin it's been a long time.

G Glenn Holt 23:41

You didn't even mention the fur that goes with it.

J Jimmy Carper 23:43

Yes that's right there is blonde and fur and skin I mean I don't I can't tell from here

G Glenn Holt 23:59

I'm not gonna have to come over there all the way over there is that bear hug across the street you know my firm and stuff and yes.

J Jimmy Carper 24:09

I think we better go to a song and we'll be right back. You're listening to after hours on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station

G Gigi 24:20

where radio with attitude. That's right

J Jimmy Carper 24:34

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yes, I have all my sisters with me. Sure do. Happy July 4. This is KPFK Houston Ke O's College Station on Jimmy Carper and this is after hours queer radio with attitude and GG and J are here. We've got book reviews.

 Gigi 24:55

We have some mac reviews, some

 Jimmy Carper 24:57

book reviews Jay has been reading Oh And but before

 Gigi 25:00

we go to bed reviews I have to tell a little bit you know about celebrate bisexuality day that I started that's coming up September 23. Yes. Well guess what? What? We now have Toronto, Canada doing a thing. Oh, they're gonna put together a bisexual cabaret. Oh, for celebrating bisexuality day. I'm getting flogged

 Jimmy Carper 25:39

we have Jim is joined us in the studio, all sweaty and wet.

 Gigi 25:44

And with a big long thing

 Jimmy Carper 25:48

with two Oh, yes. We're having fun tonight.

 Gigi 25:56

But anyway, we've got this thing is becoming I mean, when I started this, I thought it was a good way to get some people joining by net USA. And wasn't even thinking globally. We now have Australia we've got England we've got Canada, we've got France. This thing is catching on big time everywhere. And people are jumping on and planning events for September 23. It is about the first truly bisexual day. That hadn't been a tagalong gay holiday. Yes.

 Michelle 26:33

First one I know.

G Gigi 26:36

Yeah, I mean, this is a day where we're reclaiming our own baby you got got it, and saying, Hey, we're gonna be here, we're gonna be queer and do our thing.

J Jimmy Carper 26:49

gay man, I'm all for it. And that's part of our diversity part of our rainbow,

M Michelle 26:54

for bisexuals. And also for people who are bi friendly to me.

G Gigi 27:00

It's also a dive for whether you celebrate with a local group or silo. It's to for people to celebrate. And, and if you're doing it silo, it's just recognizing that there's millions of people around the world celebrating with you, whether alone or in groups that is so cool. It's just to recognize and if nothing else, come out to the closet to yourself for one day and say, Hey, I'm proud of who I am.

J Jimmy Carper 27:30

And that's that that's step one. Let's just look in that mirror and say I am happy with what I see. Whatever it is, yeah. Hi, Melody. And I've got an ex coworker who's listening in right now. Oh, okay. That's cool. Yeah. And that's

G Gigi 27:49

my second little announcement before we get to j is we're getting really geared up for this conference coming up in October.

J Jimmy Carper 27:59

Yeah, that's gonna be cool. That's like a first

G Gigi 28:03

it has taken off. I mean, we've got Carol Queens definitely coming now. Good. We've got Wayne Brown. We've got Fritz clan definitely coming. Okay. And people just talked to Debbie in Dallas, who's the other regional coordinator. I'm sorry. But she's handling the call for papers. We now

have more workshops and we have slots for workshop. You're kidding. Hey, that's cool. That we're still

J Jimmy Carper 28:45

you're getting organized. I mean, we are getting organized. It's not just Yeah.

G Gigi 28:52

So it's gonna be a hot big man. I mean, we've got people coming from all over the country. This is going to be the biggest thing that hit this region. Whoo.

M Michelle 29:03

I can talk my sister into like she and I are gonna do a drag show. She's the one who wanted to go and drag to the Pride Parade. Oh, can we dress out so we went to drag queen some serious and she would do a drag show with me for the for

J Jimmy Carper 29:18

that's funny. And

G Gigi 29:19

we're gonna do one other I'm gonna let one little leather cat out of the bag but only partly okay, there's gonna be a hot by babes fantasy show.

M Michelle 29:32

Seven we are swamped with call.

J Jimmy Carper 29:35

It's gonna be fun and educational,

G Gigi 29:39

safe sex workshops. And I have seen some of these workshops in the past. The safe sex worker puts a condom on a banana with her lips only. Wow. And we'll teach it to all the people doing the work.

J Jimmy Carper 29:56

You know, I've tried I still can't do that. If

G Gigi 30:01

you haven't gotten it from the right

J Jimmy Carper 30:05

and I've tried so many to bananas Oh, yeah. Oh yeah,

G Gigi 30:13

I can help you with this. I can do it. But anyway, moving on. Yeah.

J Jimmy Carper 30:21

So what have you been reading lately? We're gonna we're gonna get serious. We're gonna do a little this and then I've got a serious spot that we're going to do. News that I don't know whenever whenever. And the second half of the show is Jason and Chris and I, I'm going to be chastised by my friend JD because it's now 42 After the hour and I have yet to tell the audience what they heard at the very beginning of the program. Because I started out since it's the Fourth of July weekend, you know, it's it's, let's it's proud to be an American. It's proud to be a queer. And I started out with Leah's Akari doing her glory glory. Isn't that great? followed up with the original. I am what I am. From my casual fall with George J. Hearn, doing it that same we just

G Gigi 31:21

saw that the other night the original

M Michelle 31:25

good movie, okay,

J Jimmy Carper 31:26

so what have you been reading?

M Michelle 31:28

Oh, I've been reading a lot. Well, actually, this is just a small part of what I've been reading. But anyway, um, first is called through a brace and mirror by Delia Sherman. And this is from circuit press, which we've talked about, oh, we have Yes. Yeah, they do erotic. So what is erotic science fiction and fantasy short stories, right? If it's not a short story, it's not erotic. And it's not science fiction fit. You know, it has to be all

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Jimmy Carper 31:53

three seems kind of narrow.

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Michelle 31:56

And I'm really surprised that they do so much. I mean, there's obviously a big market for it. Lots of books. But now they started this thing's called the ultraviolet press. And it's just basically gay, lesbian science fiction and fantasy. And so brazen bear is their third one.

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Jimmy Carper 32:12

Oh, Laurie rice will be very interested in that she's the partner of Sarah dipalma. Who will be here next week.

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Michelle 32:19

The the three that have so far are things invisible to see which is gay and lesbian tales with magic realism, which I have and it's really great. It's your it's magic realism. Some of its good some of its ego. What is that all about? But anyway, it's quite good. All gay lesbian. Is the drag queen of elfland. Short Stories by Lauren Schimmel. No, I have that. Oh, you do? Yes, I do. Oh, I guess I do. I'd love to get it. I saw it at crossroads, I think one time and I didn't know who he was at the time. And of course, the title was intrigued me was that about now that I've read some of his stuff, I say, oh, I want to get that book. And I can't find it anywhere. Remind me I'll loan it to you. Oh, good. I'd love to. And then, of course through a brazen mirror by Delia Sherman, which actually was printed in 1989. And so this is a reprint, nice cover and everything. And it's a you know, it's science fiction and fantasy. And of course, my thing was sci fi and fantasy is I don't like to read stuff. If it doesn't somehow change reality. You know, I mean, what's the purpose in writing science fiction and fantasy? If you're not going to change? If you're not going to take advantage of the opportunities and change reality in some way, Ursula Gwyn, you know, gee, what would happen if people had no gender or something, or, and Sherman's book doesn't do that at all. And I will give her credit. It's a great book about, you know, medieval England, and very well researched almost too much. You know, you start off the very beginning, a guy falls down the steps, and he says, Damn these poxy steps, Nick said, as you wipe to the syllabub from his codpiece, you go okay, that was a bit much.

J

Jimmy Carper 34:00

I don't know that that go on?

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Michelle 34:02

Well, you know, that that was bad. Okay, that was not a good way to start the book, but it does get better. And it is very readable. And she definitely does her research. But, I mean, it's just, it's medieval England, why didn't you just write, you know, a piece of fiction. There was a little bit in there, where there's a sorceress and she had some demons and stuff, but, you know, really, she didn't change anything. So as far as I'm concerned, I was like, you know, what was the point of this? Okay, um, but for all that it was a good book. It's based on a fragment of a ballad that she found where basically all I said was something about a woman whose husband and infant son had been murdered dresses as a man and goes to the king's court to seek revenge or something like that. So this is this fragment is ballad. Everything else has been lost. So Sherman took this and wrote for sure to short story and then expanded it to it to an entire novel. Wow. And yeah, so I thought, Oh, well, that sounds kind of interesting. You know, and it's probably Well, I wouldn't have picked it up off the shelf. But um, you know, sounded interesting to me. But the problem is she just doesn't. She just doesn't, I don't know, let us get into the characters or anything. I mean, she had this great character and Eleanor, and she starts off and she's like the wild and willful girl, she doesn't like sewing or spinning. She wants to go out in the forest, like the boys and stuff and, and that she's, she's the woman whose husband and son get killed and goes stresses up like a man and also, but she didn't really do anything with it. I mean, we're like, we're told that she was a wild and willful child. We don't see her doing anything wild and willful. We're told, you know, so I just kind of found myself not really caring. There's no action is when it sounds like kind of Yeah, or if it is, it's like just this this, like, separated or something I don't know. And I kind of have a tendency to associate reading books.