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original one, of course was for protection from the elements, the second for ornamentation or adornment, or self expression, the third, to cover our sexuality, and to hide our desires. And we seem today to be focused on hiding the sexuality, hiding the desires.



Gigi 00:22

But I think the thing I've learned too, is that, you know, when we were close, all of a sudden, we become artificial. And all of a sudden, we're not, our bodies were where we were. And we start this identity process that kind of screws us up and we lose touch with the sacredness that we have within. You know,



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my father couple a couple of days ago, he and I were having a real heart to heart conversation. He said something really meaningful to me, and I'll pass that on. He said to me, you know, it really doesn't matter what the suit you're wearing on the outside is what's most important is who's there on the inside. I don't know why, but it struck me really deeply. And it's, it's very appropriate for pagan celebrations. To celebrate who we are in the inside



Gigi 01:18

fact that the conference was the first time I've ever done a pagan ret ritual with clothing on.



Bobby 01:29

I think it's interesting, strange. I think it's interesting how, you know, in society now, what if, if, if some model, you know, gets naked in, you know, play girl, Playboy, etc. What it's, it's, it's

considered pornography, Michelangelo was and you know, and DaVinci. And all these people were painting nudes, and this is art. And you know, it's like, Hello. Yeah.

 Gigi 02:01

Once again, nudity. It once again, gets to this concept that our bodies are not sacred. They're sex objects. Oh, I know, we're Yeah.

 Jimmy Carper 02:11

What did they get back to? How do we celebrate a solstice? Okay.

 Gigi 02:20

There's many, because we know what they did. Yeah. There's many different pagan rituals that one can perform. In fact, many have been barred from by Christians. The Christmas tree instance, is a very pagan symbol.

 Jimmy Carper 02:37

Have we talked about what Solstice means?

 Gigi 02:40

Solstice is, yeah, we talked about the it's the shortest.

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In fact, a literal translation of the word Solstice means sun standing still.

 Gigi 02:51

Yes. And basically, why? The

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Well, the, how can I describe this astronomical terms,

 Gigi 02:59

Let me put it this way, the Earth travels on an axis. And that's what gives us our seasons

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right? The date, the length of the day changes based on the season. And we have the shortest day of the year, on the winter solstice, the longest day of the year on the summer solstice.



Jimmy Carper 03:16

Okay. But what I've heard of when, when you say Solstice, Sun standing still is that it seems as though the day or two days before the solstice and the day after or two days after the solstice, it seems



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like the sun will rise in the same place, same place, same time, sort of like throwing a ball into the air. And the solstice is that point where the ball just reaches the top before it starts to fall back down again. And it just kind of hovers is certain it seems to hang there for a second? Yes. And that's what the sun appears to do.



Gigi 03:49

And that's magic.



Jimmy Carper 03:52

So how do we celebrate this? And are we so what are we celebrating? When we



Gigi 03:58

basically it's a celebration of the it's, there's many different cultures. But I guess to kind of summarize, the shortest day is kind of a symbol of the death of the Son and then the rebirth. It's the cycle of life. And to celebrate basically. There's many different practices but as in the poem, the shortest day, many cultures, spent the longest night with fires lit, the Yule Log burning in your log and on the shortlist,



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you'll mean it's



Gigi 04:40

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reaching out to the sun and saying, you know, we're going to bring light to this night to call you back again. To see this process of rebirth, it's a celebration of rebirth.



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Right? In fact, one of the traditions is to take ashes from last year as you log in. save them to use in the following years. You will fire. Yeah.



Bobby 05:04

I mean, you hear that you hear the word you'll, during this time of the year in traditional Christian settings like that TV show The the you'll love that. Oh, come on.



Jimmy Carper 05:17

I'm sitting here thinking you're talking about burning the Yule Log as a rebirth. Yeah. And I'm thinking, okay, and the Christian equivalent of this is birth, the



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birth of Christ is very interesting how many pagan ideas have been either borrowed or absorbed by the Judeo Christian religions?



Gigi 05:42

But um, there are many different



Jimmy Carper 05:46

I'm sorry, I interrupt. But I want to put in a caveat here because I don't want to piss off Christians.



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Oh, no, I was actually raised Lutheran and some of those beliefs and some of those structures still hold meaning for



Bobby 06:04

me. Oh, yeah, I was raised Catholic, to me too.



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But I'm finding that that the Lutheran tradition I was raised in didn't address the part that I felt was missing. And that was nature. There's a definite spiritual side to nature when I've been out walking in the woods, looking at the stars, whatever.



Jimmy Carper 06:23

And so this does not mean that we cannot celebrate a pagan Solstice and a Christian Christmas at the same time. Right,



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right. We certainly can. They're, in fact, not mutually exclusive. I know several pagans who do in fact, celebrate both holidays. Just I mean, it's great. You get the most the best of both worlds. You get two holidays in one.



Jimmy Carper 06:49

Stop. I'm really gonna shut up now.



Gigi 06:54

I was gonna say there, there are many different forms of paganism. I mean, you've got Druidism you've got Wiccan you've got goodness, the list goes on and on. American Indian shaman shamanism, you've got oriental branches of paganism. So, you know, when you ask, what ritual do you perform it, it basically depends on what feels right for you. And then there's a lot of people that are like me, Silo Pagon. And we kind of you know, when I read the poem that said, you know, let this touch your spirit, let this touch your heart and see what it invokes. For silo, pagans, a lot of the rituals we perform or vote through archetypal memories.



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Sadly, a lot of the records of these traditions have been lost, actually destroyed through the ages, from some of those wonderful religious wars that we've had. Yeah, any war that's given in the name of a loving God, I'm not so sure about that. I just don't think that that really holds true.



Gigi 08:08

But basically, to celebrate the solstice is just to have a reverence for the cycles of life, for the cycles of nature, and feel, do what feels right for you. I know that I incorporate a lot of different from a lot of different cultures, I've studied a lot of different cultures. And I've also made a big study of ancient civilizations in my undergraduate work, years and years ago. And it's amazing

how many parallels there are from culture to culture, even though they're divided, you know, by massive amounts of time and, and space. You know, it's like in South America, people were doing the same sorts of things that were happening in Africa, that were happening all over the world and different cultures, with different interpretations and different but there's always in the center of all this was the Sun the main the cycles, just this whole earth base feeling of this is, we are part of this world. That's right. We're connected to we were in and the world is a living being. It's not just something that's it

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Bobby 09:33

is this earth that keeps us all alive with its plants and its animals that we take part of, you know,

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Gigi 09:40

in and so you know, the moon has its cycles, the Earth has its cycles, the seasons. Even human life has its cycles. And, you know, we go through our ups and downs every day. I mean, every few we We explore, you know, hit our high points, and then we go down and, and recognizing that, you know, the cycles were not separated from that and say, are very much a part of us. And it's a rhythm.



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You mentioned GG, that there are a lot of similarities that you've noticed, I've noticed a lot of similarities between religions to, I haven't taken religious studies, but I've experienced a variety of religions. And I've exposed myself to some that I haven't experienced and tried to learn about them. There are so many commonalities, but it's just using different terms to express these things that different people find spiritual. And from everything that I've found, well, I mean, our beliefs are really much the same. In terms of spirituality. It's just that we choose different religions and different constructs for which we use to understand those spiritual beliefs. And we

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Gigi 10:58

have different Heritage's and different customs.



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And I think it's great that we can choose a religion that makes sense to us personally. Yeah, it's I mean, we've got all these choices for what makes sense to us. And

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Gigi 11:13

the beauty SE is the diversity and being able to go from because like, yeah, I've studied a lot of

different religions, and finding a little bit here from this one, a little bit there from that one, and incorporating some things that I know work for me. And that's going to be a little bit, the white hat practice is going to be a little bit different than for what works for you.



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That's right. I know that in the past to my own spirituality. I've incorporated elements of different religions, because spirituality and religion are very different things. Religion is, by definition, the practice of ritual, to assist in the attainment of connection with spirituality. Spirituality can occur entirely without religion.



Gigi 12:00

Yes, it does with me.



Jimmy Carper 12:04

It's in the 20th century, I think that art for this for this country longer than that, that religion will, government has divested itself from religion, so that for the first time in the history of mankind, were able to change our religion, that that where you live, does have a state religion that you must belong to. And I think we're probably the good old US of A maybe the first in that concept of freedom from religion. Also freedom of religion.



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Yes. Has anyone that anyone that starts to take that for granted, go to Saudi Arabia, and you'll see what Jimmy means? Yeah.



Gigi 12:58

Yeah,



Bobby 12:59

I mean, granted, we even so we, as pagans, we have seen, we've, we've had a hard road getting to that point, because we, because there are so many people who want to who even in a society where religion is where we have freedom of religion, we are still we still have people who want to control Sure, which is the religion that gets to say that, you know, gets to run things, so to speak, where you know, who has the biggest voice? And you know, who Yeah, and it's like, if the



Jimmy Carper 13:45

answer is none, yeah,



Gigi 13:47

everyone has everybody should have that voice. You know,



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I hear a lot of things like our way to worship God is the only way. Our God our religion is the only one everybody's got to be there as his right and Yeah, well, you know, what, if you do a little logical induction here, you can tell I studied math in college. But think about okay, let's, let's just take the simple case of two different religions saying, I'm right and everything else is wrong. If religion a says that religion B is wrong, and religion B says religion a is wrong, which one's right? The answer is neither. They're both wrong.



Gigi 14:29

And they're both right.



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Well, add a third religion, religion C. and, by extension, you have to realize that if a says b and c are both wrong, an attorney says that a and c are both wrong and C says A and B are both wrong, then none of the three can be right.



Gigi 14:52

And I'm introducing a paradox.



Jimmy Carper 14:56

So where are we now again?



Gigi 15:02

On this paradoxical pathway, okay? Which religion is right, man? And



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I think the real answer to the question is what's right for what's right for you? Absolutely. What do you believe every religion has value for somebody



Gigi 15:21

like to kind of wrap things up because I think we are getting a little over our time here. Yeah.



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And happened before.



Gigi 15:30

This is a point in my day for every app celebrate the full moon with the pagan ritual. And during that celebration, noise read this poem, song and the main boy. The campfire within the forest flames away the hazy darkness. Night Magic envelops. A boy stands erect. A woman steps from the trees. The wind brings cool movement. I yearn to see me in my sewing to the silver remain mining. I call the primal song. Awaken main boy. Lady of silver magic, dancing with moonlight through the mess to me near the flame. The secret entrance opens. Bodies shimmer the clouds depart, revealing fire licks and swirls. I opened myself. The rhythm begins a kiss. The main shines her blessing. My silver a shaft of light, merges with semi darkness, re thrusts the silver shafts entwined by this warm fluid of silver mainline. We see beyond the whispering stars. When I reach you're both here within discover.



Jimmy Carper 17:00

I know why you like that.



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I like the part about boys standing erect



Bobby 17:11

gives it a whole new spin. Like this one.



Gigi 17:15

Yeah.



Bobby 17:16

Something like that. Yeah.



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You see me showing pictures of himself standing erect.



Gigi 17:26

Teachers get it standing. Wow.



Jimmy Carper 17:28

I've heard that. Yes. Gigi, thank you. Thank you. Thank you,



Gigi 17:37

everyone. Welcome you. Oh,



Jimmy Carper 17:40

yes. Oh, you're listening to after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station on Jimmy Carper Bobby's here, Gigi and Scott Adams in here. And they're probably going to be leaving.



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And Jimmy, thanks for having us on the show. You bet won't be around



Gigi 18:00

for a short while.



Jimmy Carper 18:03

If anybody wants to call at 713-526-5738 and SGG personnel question they may do so.



Gigi 18:12


And you can even call standing Yes.





Jimmy Carper 18:17


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Going out I've gotten a song by Mark Islam from his CD the recent past and I was emailing Mark about Christmas music and he said you know I've got one on there that that might work. And I played it and I thought you know it would work and it works for all kinds of different religions and viewpoints and spiritualities and so this is your outgoing music JG Mark Islam peace on earth. What is it worth testing last name? Oh, yeah, time for the news and views with after hours news interviews with big Roy and nobody.


 **Roy McCarthy** 19:45
Well, you're a good body.

 **Jimmy Carper** 19:48
No, Chris said last week that he might not be here this week. And he it turned out to be true. It turned out to

 **Roy McCarthy** 19:55
be true. Yes, it did. Yes, it did. And I would like to say that I am so glad to be got to hear my bed music again, folks for long as I couldn't hear the music in here, and I can hear the music again. Well, first of all, I want to welcome everyone to this week's edition of after hours, news and views and that, and we do have some views.


 **Jimmy Carper** 20:14
Well, thank where


 **Roy McCarthy** 20:17
originally this week we're going to have how that's right. The president of the gay and lesbian Political Caucus she she's not here, folks. So, as always big Roy had a backup plan and we're ready to go.


 **Jimmy Carper** 20:32
Well, that's amazing, because you just told me that, that he's dating an ex Hatcher


 **Roy McCarthy** 20:43
Yeah, Craig Craig, who has

 **Jimmy Carper** 20:45

 Jimmy Carper 20:45
been on this show many many times and so I'm surprised Craig didn't remind him. Oh, well. Oh, well. Oh, well,

 Roy McCarthy 20:52
I guess all fair in love and war.


 Jimmy Carper 20:54
Okay. Before we go any further I want to mention that we have goodies in the lobby. We have gingerbread men and we have

 Bobby 21:05
you I saw something I don't know what he calls.

 Jimmy Carper 21:09
I started with munching on something with chocolate chips.

 Bobby 21:11
Chocolate chip cookies that size of I hate

 Roy McCarthy 21:15
to kind of like brownie and brownies. Cookie

 Bobby 21:21
Dough brownies. Good but they're delicious. And that's wonderful. And where's that from? That is courtesy of caffeine vino, or vinyasa depending on whatever anyhow, Buda the proprietor makes these everything in there, he makes himself and it's right next door to Phoenix comics on Montrose. I've forgotten the address but

 Jimmy Carper 21:45
24 or something? Yeah,



B**Bobby 21:47**

it's right next door to Phoenix comics on Manchester across from Cafe no check there. Yeah, it's and you've and he makes the absolute best hot chocolate in town. Okay,

R**Roy McCarthy 21:59**

and you know, nothing but those little local places like this. They do. Have you never been to a little local places like

J**Jimmy Carper 22:07**

like vino materia,

R**Roy McCarthy 22:12**

you're really missing out because these are not mass produced. Right? Right. These here are right there on the planet and they are fantastic. I've had when they're little flecks sweetbreads back there on that went to die boards.

B**Bobby 22:24**

It's like a manhole cover made from a bakery.

J**Jimmy Carper 22:30**

Okay, let me see where we go any further. Commercial Free

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and listeners 90.1 KPFT, the sound of Texas A Pacifica network station KPFT Houston que yo s College Station and you're listening

J**Jimmy Carper 22:45**

to after hours queer radio with attitude. We are in the after hours news and views segment big Roy is here. I'm here. Bobby's gonna probably cut bits.

R**Roy McCarthy 23:00**

Take a bit. I've asked Bobby to qubits on the on this first news item. No, okay, fine. Because, you know, he's got to definitely a very important aspect and because he had attended one of these events, he's got to have an eyewitness report. Okay. And so anyway

these events, he's got we have an eyewitness report. Okay. And so anyways,

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Bobby 23:18
reporting again.

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Roy McCarthy 23:21

Mayor Lee Brown has declared a state of emergency. And he did this on World AIDS Day this past Wednesday, by announcing a nearly five year \$3 million effort to battle a growing AIDS epidemic in the city's black community according to the Houston voice your bad and according to him a state of emergency has existed in the Houston's black community over AIDS. And according to a two week anyways, Lachlan spot here is a state of emergency and Houston's black community over aids. Two weeks after the Ryan White Planning Council, the area's leading Foundation Source for AIDS care, criticize Brown for not speaking out on the issue. And news statistics show 61% of new HIV infections in the Houston in the Houston area this year among African Americans. Brown also pledged to use the mayor's office as a bully pulpit speaking out on HIV prevention during his public appearances and speeches, and to convene a summit next month of business, political and clergy leaders in the black community to enlist their help in stemming HIV infections. City officials hope to apply some of the lessons learned in the gay community about education and prevention. Over a 16 year period, new HIV infections among gay men have dropped from 88% to 31% of all new infections, in part because of strategically targeted funding and prevention efforts. And at this point in the news A story here, I want to point out that there is a group here in Houston. That and this is my view, folks, this is the views point of the news and views that has just riled me. No one's gonna say, and that is this group that it's just bear backing club Oh, that and they have really robbed me because there is not a single person that I know of that I personally know of. who is HIV positive? Who would wish this

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Jimmy Carper 25:31
on anyone? Oh, I'm here to tell you

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Roy McCarthy 25:34

and tell you to. And these bareback in clubs. And pardon me, but these idiots and that's just how I feel about them who wants to expose themselves to get this gift? This is a gift that is not worth receiving. No, no,

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Bobby 25:50
this gives a whole new meaning to the phrase the gift that keeps on giving. Yeah.

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Roy McCarthy 25:55

And then and then you have those who really anger me, those who are positive and who are infected, who knowingly and willingly infect a person right? I cannot tell you how much disdain I have for them. By viewers out or event A World AIDS and AIDS Day event.

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Bobby 26:16

Yeah, I, on Wednesday, this past week, I went to a poetry reading the book stop at Alabama, the Alabama book stop, okay, a big one. And then it was all the poetry was about was about AIDS. Everything from you know, one person did three poems about people she's lost. Several of the poems were about were very autobiographical. They about, you know, they were talking about people they had lost. I did. I didn't do any poetry at this myself. I did some later. And which was also one was very autobiographical, because I, I am, I've been living with HIV for four and a half years now. And it's just, you know, what, I'm what one of the people there said was that, you know, as much as we'd like to believe that thing. Yeah, we know that the medicines are helping and all of this, you know, there's still people out there who aren't surviving.

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Jimmy Carper 27:36

That's right. You know, it's helping, it's not a sure thing,

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Bobby 27:39

it's not curing now that people still need to pay attention to this, people need to understand that, you know, there's still a crisis out there. And, you know, we can get lulled into a false sense of hope with the pills. And, and there are people going out there and this along with this, who are becoming positive by playing unsafely, and they believe that there'll be just fine because, oh, we have all these meds out there. Yeah. So there'll be just fine.

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Jimmy Carper 28:13

Oh, it was right.

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Roy McCarthy 28:15

Your body may not be your person's body chemistry may not be able to, to handle the demands. And you know, not only that, but then not everybody is in the financial group to be able to afford it. Not just on Medicaid or Medicare, you don't get it.

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Bobby 28:34


I make \$635 a month, my meds come to, for over \$500 If I wasn't on Medicaid, I would be up a creek. You know, and I know people who take 10 times as many pills as I'm taking. Yeah, that's me.


 Jimmy Carper 28:55
You know,


 Roy McCarthy 28:56
I've known people from upper level management executive positions in banks and other corporations who wound up poverty stricken on the on the meds. Okay.

 Jimmy Carper 29:08
And one thing I want to say is, I guess I've been around two very long, because I remember the first World AIDS Day. And the first World AIDS Day was in observance of of AIDS, called a day without art. Right. I guess that has changed over

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the years to some extent,

 Jimmy Carper 29:37
I guess I still hear some people talking about a day without art and they kind of it just kind of, I don't know, I got a notice an email from hand that overhand that that about how the community center was celebrating World AIDS Day by having a photo exhibit Right. And to me, it's like, isn't this a world a day without art? I don't I didn't get it. But hey, just the cork eight. Just been been around too long.

 Bobby 30:09
I don't know, I think what you know, the idea of and the whole thing of a day without art, when you consider how many people in the artistic communities in from dance to, you know, opera to art to dramas,

 Jimmy Carper 30:31
that was the point tolerated. Yes. You know, if you didn't have these artists who most of whom are gang, you would not have this car. Yeah, that was the whole point. Anyway, anyhow. Notice public hearings on the Westheimer street festival, West fest, there will be a public hearing to decide whether or not a permit will be granted for the spring West fest. The hearing will be on Wednesday, December 8, this Wednesday, 6pm City Hall Annex at 901 Bagby that's across the

street from City Hall. Please be there to voice your opinion about street festival. If you wish to speak and I hope you do, please be there at 530 to sign up. If you have questions contact in nice Parker's office at 713-247-2014 for additional information.

R Roy McCarthy 31:39

Now talking about a nice Parker isn't she the one that's has or is going to light the Christmas tree? About Mary's probably. Rumor has it folks.

J Jimmy Carper 31:51

And when is that going to occur?

R Roy McCarthy 31:53

You know, I was looking all over for that information. I couldn't find it. I couldn't either. And I know it happens folks.

J Jimmy Carper 32:00

Yes it does is there's a big event and there's

B Bobby 32:03

two and is it written on the mirror on the window at Mary's?

J Jimmy Carper 32:07

It should be should be? Yeah. You know,

R Roy McCarthy 32:09

I don't know like the girl died. Well, you know,

J Jimmy Carper 32:11

tradition change. I remember when you lit the truth. They lit the tree and the tree it stayed up until it fell down. Yes. They don't do that anymore. But hey,

B Bobby 32:25

you know, when the tree is when the tree changes color to a lovely shade of autumn Brown. Yes, it's time for the

J Jimmy Carper 32:35
anyway, all right,

R Roy McCarthy 32:37
folks. The Houston Gay Pride committee has adopted a slogan and they've now announced it this past week or whatever it is. Take Pride. Take Joy take action. And this will be the slogan for the Houston Lesbian Gay Pride 2000 Let's say take pride, take joy and take action. Okay. The product committee okay also announced that it would extend the search for graphic artists who will create the pride 2000 logo on December 7. And I'd like to toot our own horn here for a moment here folks because our very own Jack Wolinsky who is heard on lesbian gay voices every Monday from 8798 to 10. Eight to 10 right here on KPFT is also the executive director of the product committee. Jack works very hard, and he worked very hard on lesbian gay boys.

B Bobby 33:32
Anyways, last year's parade was just beautiful. Yeah, I loved

J Jimmy Carper 33:36
that. It gets better every year, every year it gets not only better and bigger.

B Bobby 33:40
And like is there an end to this?

R Roy McCarthy 33:47
Magnificent. Anyways, the theme selected by the pride committee of Houston general membership for next year's pride celebration is also the international pride 2000 thing. And that was picked at the annual inter pride conference last month. Then 2000 will be the first year since 1996 That Houston has used the international theme for its own pride facilities. Slogans pick from the past few years have been related to the aspects of Houston's unique nighttime Pride Parade, in which our own Jimmy Carver was the very first Grand Marshal. So I was

J Jimmy Carper 34:21
and I'm proud of that And

and I'm proud of that, and

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Roy McCarthy 34:25

we need to use the international slogan to show our solidarity with other pride committees around the world and to show how big and worldwide our movement is. Pride board member Brian Kiefer said during discussions about various slogan ideas into pride region three coordinator Tina Travis said adopting the international theme for 2000 wouldn't be appropriate since the pride committee is planning to host a regional enterprise conference in February. So with pride with the slogan in place, the pride committee was to have selected an artists to design 80,000 logo at their last general meeting. And due to a lack of artists portfolios, though the pride committee of Houston general membership voted to defer the selection to the pride committee celebration celebration committee so that the call for artists could be extended until the committee's next meeting on Tuesday.

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Jimmy Carper 35:20

Yeah. Okay, I'm going to give you one here. Well, let's see, I'm gonna give you two in a row. Put one in there community resale shop. Over on Richmond at Jack Street, that's, it's in the 400 block, I believe I can ever remember the exact Sam will have to tell me about it. Sam runs the place. Actually, Sam and a board, run it. And what's wonderful about the community resale shop is that folks with a VHS can go in and get a certain amount of goodies.

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Bobby 36:03

The detail, it's, it's currently you can get \$25 worth of clothing. For free. Yes. If you're, if you're Yeah, if you're a PWA. And from what I understand in January, as of January that it's going to go up the amount. The price, you know, the amount of which you can get how much you can get. I think it's

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Jimmy Carper 36:32

always been negotiable anyway. Yes, but yeah, to some extent Yeah. But this is a good place I mean, folks out there

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Bobby 36:41

is that every form on there your

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Jimmy Carper 36:44

closet some this is the place to take stuff. I mean, because it's it's a place to shop to worship. Yeah. All the time. They Oh, thank god. Yeah, I was there this week. Right at the time when a big somebody donated all of their their entire record collection. Oh, my gosh, oh, yeah. I'm

B Bobby 37:06
a volunteer. I

J Jimmy Carper 37:06
went first. I got to go through it first. And I got I got an old Rob McEwen. Have Oh, yes. I was really happy. Yes, yes.

R Roy McCarthy 37:21
You don't have to be aids positive. You don't have to have HIV folks. I I'm HIV negative and I go shopping there and excellent bargain church, excellent bargains.

J Jimmy Carper 37:31
And so also, this is a little early. We'll be talking about it in upcoming weeks too, because this is not happening. And until January, January 9, is a Turnabout is fair play. This is for let us entertain you. It's going to be happening at E Jays. It's a fundraiser raiser that the Council of city Houston Council of clubs put on it's a turnabout show, which means you know, people that are not normally dressed in drag will be and that can be pretty scary.

R Roy McCarthy 38:08
As long as it's not me that's

J Jimmy Carper 38:11
it's been a popular and successful show that most members of the Houston Council of clubs tried to attend this year, there's going to be a new event. It's going to be called drag in a bag. Oh no. Now this means that someone donates \$100 to Louis which is our let us entertain your weekend. We will put anyone and drag and give them 30 minutes to hit the stage and performance. That's gonna be scary.

R Roy McCarthy 38:40
I wonder 500 bucks laying around Gary. Gary's scary. Yeah, me. I wonder if I have 100 bucks laying around? I know. Okay, let me tell you, okay. There's a new transgendered group. Yes. And it's called. It's called Cats. That community awareness for transgendered support was recently formed because it was such a lack of support in the Brazilian Galveston County. And

they act as a support group for the individual through meetings on the first Friday of every month. And they help people with referral services, clothing, education, transportation to meetings, and all kinds of stuff.

B

Bobby 39:23

I just got a phone call.

J

Jimmy Carper 39:25

Oh, that's nice.

B

Bobby 39:28

lady who is intrigued by the idea that I own that I live on \$635 a month. Yeah, it's not easy. After this month, I think I'll have maybe \$100 left after I paid everything. Ouch. or less. Okay. Anyhow, where are you

R

Roy McCarthy 39:47

anyways? Sorry. To reach this cat, this new transgendered support group. You can call them at area code 40992717058 and their address is PO Box six to Galveston, Texas 77553. They do have an email and that is T G H elp@yahoo.com.

J

Jimmy Carper 40:13

Okay, yeah. And this sudden Sunday so December 5. PFLAG has their Houston monthly. People like Houston has their monthly meeting holiday party. No. Let's start all over. I have not read this for folks. PFLAG Houston, monthly meeting holiday party. pm to 4:30pm at Christ Church Cathedral at 1115. Texas Avenue. San has siento and in downtown Houston. At this meeting small groups made it to than the party of music begin at three, please bring a snack item to share. Plus, we will be collecting non perishable food items for the inmate. I'll make a house Food Bank. Canned foods, especially meat, tuna, soups and beans are the most needed. Toiletries like Kleenex, toothpaste, and toothbrushes are also needed. The small groups are the heart of our monthly meetings. These groups provide everyone an opportunity to discuss issues, concerns and celebrations with others in a safe confidential environment. There are also some special groups for Spouse support HIV concerns and safe schools. So that's it PFLAG folks get involved.

R

Roy McCarthy 41:37

And there's a new queer book club called the queer book club

J Jimmy Carper 41:41
well, and

R Roy McCarthy 41:44
and Bruce raise your hand at the synthesis says the new book club has been started in Houston, and they invite others that might be interested to join them. Now they decided not to try to meet into summer because of the holidays. So their next meeting will be Saturday, January 8 at Lobos at 1pm. And folks, this is not Oprah Winfrey's book club. And Oprah Winfrey is not the only person who could have become There you go. They have chosen to book an arrows flight by Mark merliss. This book is available in both heart and paperback and check with Global Crossroads to see if they have it or they can order it for you. It can also be ordered from amazon.com. And Jimmy, what do you think we can get a hold of one of these folks when they quit book club to come in and give us a book reviews and stuff of that nature?

J Jimmy Carper 42:32
Oh, Bruce will come anytime. Great because he also is the guy. He's that really big guy who was here a couple of weeks ago talking about the G cam Gulf Coast. archives and museum.

R Roy McCarthy 42:48
Right, right. Right. I remember that. Yes. And so folks, like I said, here's that new book club. You can reach them at