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Jimmy Carper 00:26

It is time for news and views with big Roy and Chris. Yeah, I think I think your mics

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Roy McCarthy 00:37

live. Let's see. Are we on here? I guess we're on. Anyways, I'd like to welcome everyone to this week's edition of after hours news and views. And we're going to start off the news this week with a report from Chris on the upcoming hate crime forum that will be held at the Houston lesbian and gay community center.

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Chris 00:58

Yes, on Monday, the 24th. Community, Houston, lesbian gay community center Q patrol, Ray Hill, and gay lesbian taskforce is sponsoring a special community forum on hate crimes. This is concurring with the ninth anniversary of the Paul Broussard murder. here in Houston again, a lot of attention. For its viciousness, that was one of the mitigating factors that started queue patrol. We're going to have some experts coming in one as a doctoral candidate, who whose thesis work is on hate crimes and education. And he has interviewed Oh, yeah, which

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Roy McCarthy 01:49

college universities he he is with.

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Its either Texas a&m or University of Texas, I, I forgot off the top of my head, which which school he is affiliated with. But he is he has done work. He's interviewed the attackers in this incident, and he's put it in should be a great wealth of resource. We're also going to have some

members of either the prosecution or the trial. judge in that case, as well as some representatives from HPD Q patrol in the task force. The moderator for this event is going to be Phyllis Frye , well known attorney and activist in the transgender community, who has volunteered to come forward and help keep everybody in line. And it's going to be very interesting topic of discussion of seeing where we're at where we're going. Because basically, when we talk about hate crimes nowadays, all we really ever talk about as legislation is putting are putting gay or lesbian or transgendered or bisexual on the end of a shopping list of special of groups of people. And I think what we're going to be talking about more is education so that we don't need that list of where these troubled areas are and how we can stop them before it occurs. And also groups that are together to try and prevent those from occurring again. And it should be very informative. We're also going to have a rainbow flag display there where people can visually put down a marker saying that there have been a victim of a verbal hate crime, a physical hate crime, or in memory of someone who has been killed in a hate crime. And that's going to be on display at the community center throughout August.

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Roy McCarthy 03:56

You know, I know one one of the problems with having an actual laundry list that names specific groups is you unintentionally, you unintentionally exclude other groups? And so I think for any hate crime legislation to be effective, it has a good cannot be a laundry list yet because a group so in other words, saying attacks, like for instance, a Senate bill or a state legislature bill that would specifically target gay or lesbian people would exclude transgender Yeah, that's one of the problems and that that's one of the main problems that we have been having with the hate crimes legislation. it the way you put it, you know, sexual orientation, gender identification, what I mean, more encompassing and more to what we want.

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Yeah, what I've been trying to do with, with some of the parts in Q patrol, rather than saying gay and lesbian, because we're not just there for the gay, the lesbian, we're there for the bisexual the transgender. We're there for the straight members who come into our community and who know that they can come to our clubs and have a good time. We're we're not talking about, we're talking about, yeah, the hustlers that are out on the street, we're talking about even some of the dope heads that come over from over there. We want to protect anyone who comes in the area because we don't want violence found on anyone. So what we what I've been saying now is that we're there for people for who are attacked for actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity. Because we start putting everyone in these little pigeon holes, and you're gonna offend somebody, you're either going to forget somebody, or then you get into this big battle of Who do you put first? Yeah.

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Roy McCarthy 06:01

Who named is good first, Billy.

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... and that's that's a problem we have in our community is that we're so hung up on

I mean, and that's, that's a problem we have in our community, is that we're so hung up on words. That mean I agree with, we can't come up with a name for ourselves. It's when you look up something. Is it gay and lesbian? Is it lesbian and gay? Where do you put the bisexual is a transgenders included?

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Roy McCarthy 06:19

Are they intersexual

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There's nothing interesting about your sexual holiday. But uh, but

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Roy McCarthy 06:26

there's all these things that just keep popping up. And one of the other problems that we should have learned since the Civil War, okay, when, after Lincoln granted, the slaves, full citizenship and everything else. It took well over 100 years before we could get them to vote, you know, and simply, you know, it's just like, people, I honestly believe the best way to fight hate is through education. Yes, that's,

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that's what we're, that's what we're dealing with. And we're going to be a lot of topics on that, that you're going to hear where the education is from, where these kids came from, and where there still is some of that element of hatred that we see out in the community in the far reaching communities. And I mean, that's one of the one of the great things we have with hatch, we get to hear how some of these kids are still being affected by this sort of discrimination that you're seeing in the youth.

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Roy McCarthy 07:30

Now, going along with education, I want to remind our listeners that coming up on August 1, this station KPFT is going to be airing a radio program called Healing racism. And it's going to be on Tuesday at 9pm. And it will be heard right here on KPFT.

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One more thing on the hate crimes forum. Once again, that's Monday, July 24 7pm. To however long we have a discussion for and it is at this at the Houston lesbian and gay community center at 803. Hawthorne.

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Roy McCarthy 08:04

Roy McCarthy 08:30

Okay, folks, also on Tuesday, August 1, on NBC Dateline, it's going to be presenting the Christine Littleton story, and good Christine Littleton, as you may well remember, well, a judge said that she was never legally married to this guy who she had been married to for a number of years. She had gone through sexual reorientate

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reassignment surgery,

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Roy McCarthy 08:35

you know? And there's she got denied her inheritance and a whole bunch of things, including the medical say and everything and it's going to be aired on August 1 and Miss Littleton attorney Allison mileson, along with that therapist Rennie Randall Ebner and attorney George Brynn. And I do believe Phyllis Frye will be also interviewed on that television program thing again. That'd be on Tuesday, August 1 on NBC News. Dateline show,

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Jimmy Carper 09:09

okay. I wanted to slip in here with a little something since we've got everybody's attention that they're listening to news and views. There was an email that came through from Jennifer Ellsworth Walker, and it Jackie's just looked up real quick. It seems that Julian glass, better known as Felice Felicia flesh Eater is in the hospital. And you want to get on the mic and Okay, okay, I'll do this. I don't know what what Julian has. I don't know what the what the problem is. But as many of you know, my Imperial Princess Royal is in Hermann Hospital with a few minor difficulties. There seems to be some complications. With her liver, but seems to be doing better I just got off the phone with her and her spirits are high and has complete faith in her doctors. She may be able to go to a rehabilitation center in a couple of weeks. Please send all your well wishes and prayers her way she can't talk on the phone very much as she still has labored breathing. Barbara Collins is at her side all the time. She's in the Cullen building room for 36 If you want to send her a card or get well message that's Julian glass. Much better known throughout the community as Felicia flesh eater. Now this is a this is a girl who just whenever there was any any fundraiser she was there, and I just this this was a big surprise. So Julian glass GLA s s, that's, that's the spelling and probably not. Okay. I'm gonna stop tripping over my tongue and give it back to right now.

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Roy McCarthy 11:12

Okay, going right along with the other transgendered stuff. I wanted to bring people's attention to the community awareness for transgendered support, which is down there in the Galveston area. And it's also known as cats. And this is a transgendered peer led resource and Information Group in the Missouri Galveston area. Now, these people are not professional counselors, but they are more than willing to share their experience, strength and hope. And you can contact them at area code set 409-927-1705. And also, the Texas Association for transsexual support, also known as tats, is going to have a meeting on August 12. That's their

feelings meeting. And that's going to be at the transgendered community center at 3pm. And you can contact cats at 713-780-4287. And if I can get Jackie in here, she has something for the Gulf Coast community for the community people. Jackie, would you care to say something about the Gulf Coast?

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Jackie Thorne 12:28

All right, the Gulf Coast transgender community which is a support group for the entire gender community, their monthly meeting in August will be on the 12th. The second Saturday, this is also coincidentally the 20th anniversary of the repeal of the Houston anti cross dressing ordinance. For any of you that do drag if you you probably most of you weren't back in weren't here in the in the 70s. But you were subjected to being arrested if you were out in drag in public. And the vice squad would harass the gay and lesbians under this cross dressing ordinance. Well, the impotence for the repeal or impetus for the repeal was a result of Phyllis Fry the impetus. impotence Yeah, no, no, no, no. But the impetus the the person who was who was responsible for the repealing of the ordinance was Phyllis Frye . She was working for one of the city council members at the time. And basically, every time she left the her house, she and her wife were in fear of her being arrested. She never knew whether she was gonna make it home from work that night. And fortunately, there were some friendly council members who conspired against the anti fur council members, and were able to get the thing repealed and that that's a story in itself. But anyhow, the meeting is going to be held on the 12th of August, it will be a Debus one's a meal at 607 West gray upstairs starting at seven o'clock, and there'll be a barbecue dinner and we're working with a nice Parker's office to provide a proclamation of the anniversary the cost of \$10 a person the the barbecue dinner is fabulous. You will have a great time it'll be a super bunch of people their Tickets can be purchased either in advance, preferably by contacting me Jackie Thorne at 713-780-4282, which is 780 GCTC or by email at Jackie Thorne all one word je CK i e th or any@juneau.com. And the tickets will also be available at the door but we'd really like to sell as many of them as we can at a time so that we can tell them how many barbecue meals to get for You betcha. Thank you. Well, thank you

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Roy McCarthy 14:46

for helping us out on that one. Jackie.

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Are those in the community who want to show off their creative side we have a few writers forums to talk about. The manuscript Authors Guild is a nonprofit organization of writers that gilt meets on the first and third Fridays of each month at 7:30pm at the educational annex building of the Canterbury United Methodist Church 12 143 Bellaire Boulevard. For more information on this group call 281-342-3254. Also at the Houston lesbian gay community center, there is a women's writing group that meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm. For information on the women's writing group, it's 713-524-3818. Also, the Montrose Writers Project is a collective of GLBT writers, which meets Saturday afternoons at the Lesbian Gay community center. For more information on this group call 713-524-3818.

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Roy McCarthy 15:52

Okay, moving right along now, the Log Cabin Republicans will hold their monthly meeting at the Blue Agave restaurant at 1340, West, west grey. And it's going to be a 630 social with a seven o'clock meeting. And dinner is available during the meeting. And the log cabin.

Republicans believe that by educating the party at various levels about the gay community, it will work to dispel the unfounded fears and misconceptions that have a negative impact on party positions.

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Jimmy Carper 16:23

Now, that's why, and I'm glad, but I've got something that I want to get in here real quick because we're running over time, as we always do. Well, as I always do, okay, the Boy Scouts it's theirs. I've seen some articles about people, men returning their boy scouts, pins and stuff, but I've got something here. Listen to this. See if you agree with this. It's from Judy Reeves. It says, you know, I can certainly understand the sentiment behind this kind of action. But it seems to me that once everything is mailed back to the bigots, then the next step is simple. obliterate the whole thing from their records, and you literally never existed. Most of you know that Bruce race was not only an Eagle Scout, but also a leader for a time. I have asked him though he has not yet responded to think about an idea I had and the more I think about it, the more I like it and want to expand on it and I think this is a fabulous idea. I would like for every GLBT Scout to loan or donate if you prefer the items to the Gulf Coast archive and museum for gay lesbian bisexual and transgendered history gkm for for short, badges pins, letters from the President, whatever I would like to see a wall or more covered with gay scouting stuff,

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just the sashes, just just

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Jimmy Carper 17:53

stash even that, you know, I want pictures I want anything we can get. And I especially would love to see all the media we could find to come take pictures and do articles. The bigots know you're out there. They know we're mad. They don't care because we're all a bunch of individuals, but you start to cover walls and rooms with this queer stuff. And you've made a major statement. Besides why should they get it back? That's just playing into their hands. So I think that is a wonderful idea. The Gulf Coast archives would love to do a whole cover the whole room that they they have now occupied with with Boy Scouts, stuff from Jay X day scouts. Yes,

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but all that olive drab and navy the cute little yellow hankies in the stash. Lovely display. Do you have anything else? Yeah. Okay.

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Well, let's see if we can hold off on that. All right, I guess we better plug this Shawn Carter.

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Jimmy Carper 19:00

You guys you if you don't Sure. Yeah, we got a bucket.

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We gotta plug him. Everyone is invited to show with the BRB this

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Jimmy Carper 19:08

Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, Sunday. How

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can we get away without having a Sunday July the 23rd hosted by the Royal and sovereign Imperial core to the single star to celebrate Sean Carter's birthday.

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Jimmy Carper 19:22

He says he's 29 Whatever

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bringing the last year was 29. And party started at 8pm. And the show will be in at nine it will benefit body positive Wellness Center. The BRB is located at

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Jimmy Carper 19:38

2400 Brazza. Yes,

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Roy McCarthy 19:41

right behind spec center.

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Jimmy Carper 19:42

Here you go.



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I'm surprised remember that. Anything else we're gonna bring in real quick? Oh, do we have time to talk about the primetime faggots on PBS? What? I couldn't believe it. They were talking about faggots on PBS during primetime this past week.



J Jimmy Carper 20:00

Very good, but they had something about witches



R Roy McCarthy 20:02

jaggies. And now what did I do now?



C Chris 20:07

Their reality base showed 1900 house where they took a family of six and throw them into Victorian house, England. They're supposedly in Victorian language. fagot is a short one act play that you do at home to entertain family and friends.



J Jimmy Carper 20:25

Oh, I could say, Oh, please don't go there.



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I'm sitting there watching. And I'm going I'm hearing them say faggot. And I'm going and I'm going I know a fag. It's a cigarette. It's above no



J Jimmy Carper 20:39

bag is a cigarette bag in



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English, English. English is a cigarette. And it's also a



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bundle. A bundle of kindling and a liver meatball in natural juices. My grandfather used to eat

faggots all the time.

J Jimmy Carper 20:58

You didn't have a chance? Did you have any?

C Chris 21:04

It's an Eastern European thing, I guess up in the well country of Pennsylvania. But I'm sitting there listening and I'm hearing the word I'm hearing. I'm going actually saying faggot. I turned on captioning and I'm going faggot, and I'm going Oh, my God, PbS is allowing that word to go on the air. What do you know? And before midnight, even it's surprising. So congratulations PBS, you finally did something about faggots during prime time.

J Jimmy Carper 21:29

There you go. Thank you very much.

C Chris 21:31

If you want to send us news information, stories, dirty pictures, you can email us at after hours. kpft@hotmail.com. No, yes. I think he's so desperate to get dirty pictures on the internet, but I don't think he could turn on a computer.

J Jimmy Carper 21:51

He's really relying on me to do it.

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I mean, that email goes to me. Oh, that's right.

J Jimmy Carper 21:57

Oh, well, no, no, no, thanks. Both of you.

R Roy McCarthy 21:59

Chris is my Chris is my computer expert. And it's got an address with Chris with a computer address. I give it to Chris.

J Jimmy Carper 22:07

Okay, see you next week. Next

R Roy McCarthy 22:09

week. Folks, we're out of here.

J Jimmy Carper 22:11

And coming up is Jim Savini. With bears on the Bayou. And there's some folks out there in the lobby that we haven't seen in 12 years. And before then I've got something from Charlie Paseo de Castro cowboy who is now officially living in Houston. I got an email from him that he bought a house and he's getting back to go into the recording studio and start on his next CD, which is wonderful to hear. So from his first CD, I've got one of my favorite songs to play while we're getting set up in the other room is trolley but che do from his CD here come to blues and that is available at Lobo it is called explain it to my heart and you're listening to it on after hours. Queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke o s calm Yeah, totally Paseo from his latest album here come to blues. And He is no stranger to Jim Savini who is in studio right now. It's good to see how you doing right?

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Yeah, I was surprised. I got that email from Charlie that he moved. Us. Yeah. Yeah, it was. It was kind of a shock. I thought he was pretty much set out in San Francisco.

J Jimmy Carper 23:39

Well, he is a Texas boy. I mean, raised in San Antonio. And he just he likes Houston wanted to get back. And he's he's got a record label his own label and he's looking to sign up some folks so he's gonna be hanging out at the BRB and looking up people at T gra I told them the first person he asked to sign up as Nevada. Yes. And she's got to have he's got to have her saying that Patsy Cline song Sweet dreams? Yes. She does it acapella

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I hadn't heard that

J Jimmy Carper 24:14

it's yeah, there's nothing like it. She has the most wonderful voice and she smokes I can't believe it you know it's like find a voice like that I would



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wear you know I just started smoking people say well yeah my doctor says I wasn't getting enough tar



J Jimmy Carper 24:35

you one of those gosh, oh Charlie, PJ Oh, that was explained it to my heart and



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after hours the original after hours. Yes. There's there's there's another one or there's some others in the Houston area that are passing themselves off as after?



J Jimmy Carper 24:55

Yeah, you have to go a long way. A long way. This shows number six It's time slot. Oh, that's better than Yeah. Yeah, there we go. Hey. So what do you got going for us tonight? Well,



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you know, speaking of clubs, you know, you're talking about the different clubs and things. Yeah. And one of the segments I want to do is getting our listeners used to a lot of the different clubs and organizations that are around the Houston area. And I have with us tonight to all of the bears. Yes, bears on the Bayou. I have Lloyd Powell and Robert Kahn of bears and bayou and unfortunately, Steve's Stefanski Stefanski. He couldn't make it here tonight.



J Jimmy Carper 25:35

Well, Lloyd and Robert are no strangers to this radio station. And



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we brought proof of that. Yes. Very old photographs. No. Oh, yes.



J Jimmy Carper 25:46

I can see those later.



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That's pretty good. Yeah

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Jimmy Carper 25:51

Did I meet you here? Probably. So yeah, cuz you were like doing stuff with Buddy when he was done? Oh, yeah. Yeah. When I first came here, in fact, it was May, march 1988. When I just, you know, I heard about the show for the first time listen to what when we came back, came to the station the next week and never went home. You know, and I was I was like answering the phones. I was, I was big Roy. Just answering the phones at that time. And here I am.

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We did that for a while. And we had to just kind of go home and sleep for a while. You lasted much longer?

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Jimmy Carper 26:26

Well, at that time. The show was two to four. Right?

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That's true. Yeah.

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How do you do it? Jimmy?

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Jimmy Carper 26:33

I don't do anything else. No, I sleep late. I sleep late. That's the key.

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How long ago was

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that? Lloyd? God 1314 years ago, something like that. Yeah. Getting there. Yeah. At the time we were with gay fathers of Houston. And I think we were the third group to be interviewed on this on the after hours program. No, I didn't know that. Yeah, yeah. First, it was like gay lesbian Political Caucus. And then maybe the switchboard was second, I believe. Yeah, that's right. Yeah. Oh, gosh, and I can't remember anything.

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Jimmy Carper 27:08

Well, Buddy is ensconced in San Francisco. Loving it. They're looking to start up a new gay show on KPFA out there. Oh, boy. Oh, good.

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It's a small world. And yes, it really is. Well, let's learn a little bit about the bears on the Bayou. We'll kind of learn what they're about. And abroad, Lloyd and Robert in here to ask them some questions. And we'll just kind of flow from there. And first off, tell us about yourself about how you got this started.

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Oh, I was gonna say me, oh, my god, yourself. Well, bears on the Bayou basically was actually, we are a volunteer organization. And the whole idea of about forming bears on the Bayou came about to put together and promote a three day annual event, primarily a bear event, and most people think of bears is just big, hairy man. I tend to think that if you think you're a bear, then you must be aware. So we certainly don't discriminate in that area. But we did that. And we've just kind of grown where we're not a club. There is a local bear club here, the Houston area bears and, and we think it's a great organization. And we're members of that, and we support them in the things that they do. But we produced our annual event the first year, and we've started doing other things too.

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brushing off and we'll get into those casino trips. Yes.

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car washes, ouch.

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Okay, so I'm sorry, I didn't go where you told me to go. Well, that's okay. All right. So if you're not a club, how do you classify yourself?

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We classify ourselves as a volunteer organization. We don't have members. Right now, there are 13 active people that are part of our steering committee, or as we've referred to them as the table, because we always sit around a table when we meet. And that's how we operate. But

basically, we did start it was it was kind of an idea, we had been to a bear event, or as most people would call them a run up in Dallas. And we had been to a couple that year. And on the way home there was just big discussion about Houston could do this, you know if if Dallas can do it, if all these other cities can do it and do it so well, then why can't Houston do this?



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Definitely. You know, we're the fourth largest city in the nation. And definitely, you know, to bear organizations is, I think, as great as you know, leather organizations to Well, we've



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got to bear organizations that can work together though. It's not as if you know, we're separate only and that we do different kinds of things. And you're



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y'all are members of the bears to write these layers. And so, but did you Did y'all see a need then for this, I mean, I'm just kind of curious how this came about?



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Well, I believe that there's there's a need for people to be involved in things, to do things that they feel are constructive. And our evolution has come about. Actually, there's there's been real recent evolution and the fact that we've kind of gone back to square one for our organization. And we've focused in on what we're what we're really all about. We went back and we read our mission statement, and we did everything just so businesslike. But it's really helped us to refocus and rethink some things that we do. We've, we've basically chosen an organization that we want to commit some of our funds to. And we're really excited about that.



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All right. So it's worked out pretty well for yourself. And in your opinion, are you? Are you where you want to be? When you started?



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Oh, no, no, we'll, it'll take a long time to get there. But it's fun getting there. We've got 13 guys that work together very, very well, right now, you know, no matter what your personal differences may be, we can work together and we have a lot of fun doing it. That's good,



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because the differences are always gonna be there. I mean, that's even in a business. Oh, yeah, you get to see that. It's how you pull together for your your different activities, which is important. And you have a lot of fun in it. And I think that's the key, right for everyone to really enjoy what you do. Let's, let's find out how long then have you been involved? Just in the Houston group,



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for with the Houston area bears, well, that's that's kind of where it started. Actually, I'd like to bring up a name of somebody who's no longer with us, and that would be a Nita man. And, you know, bears will talk about drag queens, that's fine. A native man, also known as John Mata, basically, as far as I'm concerned, is one person in the Houston community who promoted the bear community here, and has done so more than anyone since since she's first started by having monthly bear contests, and I personally believe that this really promoted the growth of the Houston area bears club. And through those contests, Robert was a monthly winner one time, and I was a monthly winner of one of those bear contests and then went on and won the year end contest kind of the big mother lode contest and, and went on competed nationally. But that's that that was God before all that happened. What three speaking



J Jimmy Carper 32:51

contests? What? Didn't you win one at the BRB once?



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Now, Jimmy, that is old. That is very old.



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That was a long time ago.



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That that was when we declared it big. But night.



J Jimmy Carper 33:09

Yeah, it was you want a Mr. Buck contest in jail.



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It was cheeks of the weeks of the week. Okay. I saw those pictures while we were looking for. We also have Robert,

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Jimmy Carper 33:23

you're talking about it just came to my mind. I didn't mean to throw you off, but just

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had to throw that in. This is a blast.

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Jimmy Carper 33:32

More ways I was there that night, too. Oh,

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okay. That's how you remember that.

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God, four or five years ago, I didn't even really know what bears were. I certainly didn't know that. I was one. I didn't know that Robert was one. But it was it. We saw a group of guys that we fit in with very, very well. And that's kind of how we just got associated and became part of and realize that that we were there. That's who we were.

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Well, and the bears also they have one of their big annual events in Chicago at the same time is IML. That's run national Mr. Leather.

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That's right International. Mr. Leather and bear pride are the same weekend. Yeah.

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And I've been up there I went to both activities that they have, and it was very fun. You had a great time.

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Not been there for that. But I can understand it would be a terrific weekend. And it would

not been there for that but I can understand it would be a lot like weekend and it would probably be actually for us it would probably be a real problem. Because we'd want to be with the bears and we wouldn't we'd want to be with the leather man. And so we'd probably just have to put on the leather and try to try to run between both you suka



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do both. We always do that'll work out. Well you mentioned earlier the the bear contests I don't believe they have those anymore.



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It was called the grin and bear it contest that was at the venture and the venture and ride and it's it's pretty much just kind of on hiatus right now. Okay. Yeah. We hope that at some point it will come back



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because I remember that that was that was fun. Yeah, it was it was a lot of fun to watch those contests. Yeah. How many did you say was in your group?



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Right now? 13. And then, but we also have people that constantly tell us that, you know, we don't have we can't commit full time, you know, we can't come to meetings all the time. But when you have something special going on, we really want to help out. And a lot of these people really do mean it. And we can call on them and they're great. They're wonderful to



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work with.



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They just realize full time they can't devote all that time. Right. And it does take some time, as you will know, to organize something like that is we have with the leather organizations. It takes a commitment. And with our jobs. And you have you're raising two boys, right? We have two teenage sons. Yes.



Jimmy Carper 35:47

Oh, my God, they're teenagers.



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One of them is about to be 17 and the other 119.



J Jimmy Carper 35:55

Wow. Wow, have? I'm just gonna jump in here. How long have you two been together?



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August 12 will be 15 years. And I still talk more than anybody. Is that great?



J Jimmy Carper 36:11

Yes. And you know, I've seen you around a long time, you know, we run into each other occasionally. And you know, whenever I see the two of you to interact together, I know there's a lot of love there. Yeah.



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We wouldn't have it any other way.



J Jimmy Carper 36:32

Okay, I'm sorry.



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And plus, you all are both involved in bears on the Bayou. Right. And so far, you hadn't killed each other yet. So that's a good sign. Oh, I see some funny looks here. Yeah.



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Well, no, this this is funny, because we actually met while working together, really. And we currently work in the same place of business, not in the same office, not on the same floor. But so we we commute back and forth. Every day together, we can weave through a relationship, we've been to the point where we've spent terrific amounts of time together. And we've also been at the points where we've spent very little time together because of conflicting work schedules. And somehow, I don't know, but somehow we've made it work. Congratulations. Actually. It's communication.



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That's the key. Communications. All right. Then who are your end of in this volunteer organization? You call them chairman or leaders? How do you want to define this?



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We don't You don't define do not define it. We kind of figure it works better that way. I'm, I'm just the big daddy of it all. Okay. But basically big now. I'll take that one, too. But basically, Robert, and Steve's to Penske and myself, pretty much had the leadership. But I guess with old age, and all the other things creeping up, I've really learned to kind of step back and really listen to what other people say. It's been a terrific learning experience for me. Yeah,



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to pace yourself. Definitely. Yeah,



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I've I've actually come to realize that some people have better ideas than I do. Oh, boy.



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I don't I don't believe you said that. And you heard it here, folks on KPFT. After hours, right. All right. Well, you say in this organization, you do a lot of different activities, fundraisers you do a show that you're reconvening, I think next year in No, not a show. No, that's that's our main event. That's your main event. Excuse. Yeah,



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I'm going to talk about this for just a minute. And this will this will be the first time basically this has been put out in public. We have the first year that after we formed. We did a three day event the last weekend or next the last weekend of April. That was in 1999. We felt it was very, very successful. For the first year everybody left, they'd had a great time. This year, we had planned another one, which we ended up canceling. We had a low number of early registrations. And this is this is not a three day bar run. This is a three day event that's held with a host hotel. And we spend most of our time in that hotel. But we're planning our next one for the year 2001 which will take place the last weekend of October. It will be Hallo bear Houston.



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All right. I think it's always nice, Jimmy. It's a goal for everyone to spend three days in a hotel, you know?



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Well, we don't spend all of our time there.



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Done it to sound good.



J Jimmy Carper 39:50

Yes, it does. Yes, it does.



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Take all that ginseng? Yeah, no, I'm teasing.



J Jimmy Carper 39:59

I'm writing all the Stand last weekend in October next year.



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Hello, bear he used to Hallo beer.



J Jimmy Carper 40:05

Hello bear. Houston



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because of Halloween. Yeah, that's right.



J Jimmy Carper 40:11

We don't have a hotel yet, do we?



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No, we don't. Okay. We've we basically decided that date and that theme just a week or two

ago. Okay. Yeah. But at least we feel like we've got a good 15 months to plan and, and we'll come up with a terrific event. The piece de resistance will be the same as it was originally a big warehouse party on Saturday. All right, yeah. Yeah. Good. And you can do all your trick or treating there and okay, you can imagine the rest of this is radio. Who



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turned up that a sub that be



Jimmy Carper 40:49

bring a big bag for candy little boy? That's right.



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Well, what kind of out of the things do they do at that event?



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Well, there's always dinner or breakfast or brunch or lunch, or what else do parents do?



Jimmy Carper 41:04

Are you saying that food is is an important part of this organization?



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Oh, yes, Bears Bears definitely like to eat. There's other things Bear's like to do too, but we can't talk about those on the radio.



Jimmy Carper 41:15

Oh, we can now we can use to but we can talk about it now.



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Yeah, but our sons are probably.



Jimmy Carper 41:23

They don't want to you know, they know it. They don't want to hear it. That's right. So that

THEY DON'T WANT TO YOU KNOW, THEY KNOW IT. THEY DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT. THAT'S RIGHT. SO THAT SOUNDS LIKE FUN.



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Yeah, it is. We're probably going to do some side trips. Also, as part of that weekend, we've talked about doing NASA, of course, AstroWorld will be having their fight fest that weekend.



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Also the Renaissance Festival.



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Yeah, we're talking about taking maybe a possible side trip to the Renaissance Festival. We have a lot of options. It's not all planned yet. But we've got some great things in the works. It's always



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good. Yeah. And there'd be more meetings I'm sure to talk about is bus trips down to Galveston or something like that. Yeah, sure. Well,



Jimmy Carper 42:02

I've had a question. If somebody wants to know what a bear is.



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What is the bear? Roberts laughing? Does that mean? You



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have an answer? No. We haven't even heard from Robert. On the quiet Robert says. He really



Jimmy Carper 42:18

always watch out for those guys. That's right.



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That's turning right here. That's right. And Lloyd's covering his mouth, which means I have to answer this question.

J Jimmy Carper 42:28

Just think about Yeah, what is the bear of a bear?

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Everybody has their own definition of what a bear is. A lot of people's definition of a bear is a big hairy man. Our opinion or at least Lloyd in my opinion, doesn't necessarily correspond with that. To us, a bear doesn't have to have a lot of hair on their body. They don't have to be a large man. Actually, they don't even have to be a man at all. It's what's in your heart that makes you a bear.

J Jimmy Carper 43:02

What does that have to be?

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Think of think of your typical teddy bear and the the feelings that that that stuffed animal invokes in people and I think Teddy