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Scott Lewis, Glenn Holt, Gigi, Kirk Keevert, Jimmy Carper

 Scott Lewis 00:01

How are you still a mystery? Best friends? Really? Yeah, I'll see. I don't know. I don't have one. So,

 Jimmy Carper 00:10

okay, who are we dishing bitch?

 Scott Lewis 00:11

Who we dition? Well, what is this article in the voice a couple of weeks ago about the mammoth celebrity coming out of the closet. It's gonna make Ellen look like nothing. Well, I one name, they're known by one name. They're interrelated. So I go down, and I shut the door, and I make them tell me. First he would give me he gave me a list of six. And he made me choose. Then I went back and I said, Okay, I think it's Oprah. And he said, You're right. Hooks. Well, then in the paper, he said, allegedly, you're right. So then in the paper, thank you. God, I gotta I gotta use that word, allegedly every three minutes, don't I? For this segment you do. So then on Saturday, there was an article in the Chronicle that Oprah has issued a six paragraph statement saying she's not gay, that she's not coming out of the closet that since she was on Ellen, there are all these rumors that she's lesbian and that she's going to come out of the closet. I don't I don't believe which I had not heard until the Houston voice article. And I know this is not completely in response to the Houston voice.

 Kirk Keevert 01:09

No, no, no, no, no, there's there's been there's been talk besides the Houston boys,

J Jimmy Carper 01:13

the editor of the advocate, was I heard this from someone that the etiquette editor of the advocate said that a male was going Don't you have me on? Yeah, okay. That aygestin a male star was going to come out of the closet and they were going to be featured on the cover of the advocate I've been waiting for

K Kirk Keevert 01:33

that's obviously Charlton Heston, but yeah, right. I did not play a home. Oh, and Ben Hur.

J Jimmy Carper 01:41

Michelangelo. Michelangelo was not gay. Oh, come on, Charlie.

K Kirk Keevert 01:48

Chuck chuckles happy boy.

J Jimmy Carper 01:51

So you know this. It's I think it's the the rumor of the month here. You know that somebody big is going to come out hoping that somebody does.

K Kirk Keevert 02:01

Now did they say it was like a movie star type person? Or did they just say Star?

S Scott Lewis 02:05

They just said star? Mammoth celebrity? No. Yeah. rolled over.

K Kirk Keevert 02:08

Yeah, no, I'm talking the advocate thing.

J Jimmy Carper 02:10

Yeah, just a big celebrity. You

K Kirk Keevert 02:12

know, you know, I got my guesses. I got my guesses. Well, everybody thinks it's Kanto. Reeves. Nope. That's not my guess. My guess is is a certain quarterback from just slightly north of us. Oh, I've

 Scott Lewis 02:23

been at a party at his house. See, I don't know about him coming out. But he was coming out of hiding that night.

 Kirk Keevert 02:29

I've always I've always said allegedly. See, I've always said that. That any you know, people can come out. And it's not really going to change things that much. It'll change things some not that much. I think if if a high profile athlete, like this one would come out. I really think it would make a difference. Yeah, like a big quarterback, you know, and Big D or something. Yeah. Just as just an example. Yeah. not pointing fingers at all, in a northerly direction, to any sort of blind quarterback persona. He

 Scott Lewis 03:03

looked like his parents would have named him Troy when he was born, you know, on a farm or something. Yeah, exactly. But yeah, that would have a great impact. a much greater impact in our show does.

 Kirk Keevert 03:14

Or the Houston voice article. I don't think it's

 Scott Lewis 03:18

Oprah. Yeah, I don't think I don't think it's Oprah either. Their little article was about Oprah. But I don't think she's coming out. So I don't think it's over. I'm getting out of here. There's only 25 minutes to drink and left and Oh, okay. Miss Lewis needs a cocktail.

 Jimmy Carper 03:31

I see.

 Kirk Keevert 03:33

Let's keep returning one, two. We're leaving. Oh, hang on. Hi.

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Jimmy Carper 03:36

Thank you. Yeah, somebody's got to push the buttons. Yeah, yeah.

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Scott Lewis 03:40

You hang about 230 over the ripcord little to the left. I've seen Yeah,

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Kirk Keevert 03:44

exactly. Three o'clock. I'm there. Okay. The show's over three.

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Jimmy Carper 03:49

C's got one. Okay. Now I want to bring on Michelle Meyers, who? Gosh, she's, she's a whole show on herself, actually. But Michelle is very active in the community is now the vice president of hatch. And Noah, Vice President of Q patrol. Blue that then, and you and you do something else with you patrol. You're not just the vice president you do.

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I'm also the patrol coordinator patrol coordinator. So that means I get on the phone and call everybody up and say please come out on Friday night. Please come out on Saturday night. Come walk with us. And that's yeah, let's keep them safe. And I tell them all to call five to eight, say S A F E That's right. Now starts with 713.

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You have your own coming out story that will probably talk about some other time. But you're here to talk about the transgendered law conference.

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That's right Jamie. this coming July on the 11th and 12th. There will be At the sixth annual conference on transgendered law and employment policy that's going to be held at the Ramada Astrodome that's at Greenbrier and Brazel.

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Jimmy Carper 05:18

This is an international conference



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yesterday is it's it's been held that this will be the sixth year, people from all over the world come. And, and this year, we're very excited. We have two speakers who are coming in from Washington, DC Oh, on Friday night, we're going to be blessed with having reginal Jones reginal. Jones is the Commissioner of the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. So he's coming in, and he's going to talk about transgendered employment discrimination. The good thing about Friday night is that starting at six o'clock, we're going to have free hors d'oeuvres free admission. And anyone can come on in and listen to the the keynote speech which reginal Jones will be given at about eight o'clock. So there's a cash bar and figure gerbs, beginning at 6pm. So we'd really like to see a lot of people come out for that one.



J Jimmy Carper 06:28

Oh, that'd be great. And you don't have to be a transgendered person to I've been to the dinners. It's really an amazing and amazing conference.



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Oh, yeah. It covers all aspects of Transgender Law. Yeah. But the good thing about having someone like reginal come out and talk to us is that there's the opportunity to talk about all issues. The transgender issue is just part of what's going on. And I'm sure he'll have things to say about all kinds of discrimination as it applies to employment. Sure. On Saturday, we're going to we're on the second day of the conference. We have a lunchtime speaker coming in. And that's Carrie Lobell. Carrie is the executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Oh, so she's coming out of Washington, and she's going to be here. And she's going to talk about transgender, gender advocacy, and its positive impact on the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Freedom Movement. And again, it's a good opportunity for anyone who wants to have a chance to talk to her about transgender issues, and gay and lesbian issues and bisexual issues. So we're going to be covering the gamut on that one.



J Jimmy Carper 08:05

Yeah. But I'd like to talk about the conference in its entirety. Because anyone who's who listens to Sarah dipalma, this show, has heard her do interviews with all kinds of different people all over the world. And most likely, most of these people will be attending the conference.



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Oh, yes, we have people coming from all over and we're running on. On Friday, we're running basically a single track, or a single subject, with a series of workshops that are going to cover the religious influence on law relating to drunk chants gendered. So that's going to be what the whole topic is on Friday. On Saturday, we're breaking down into several different tracks. One of them is going to cover the standard thing that we cover each time on, developments on employment law on health and insurance law, on documentation status on Family Law concerns, and on prison issues, as it relates to the transgender community. So that's going to

be one series of subjects. Another series of subjects is going to be the legal needs ends on non transsexual, transgender people, so that's going to be the straight cross dressers, the thick the drag queens for everybody. Oh, damn it, the whole gamut. And then we're also going to have a third track that covers primarily The female to male transsexual and the legal needs for that they have. So it's going to be really an exciting conference. But we're most excited about having an opportunity to talk with a commissioner from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and have an opportunity to hear what Carrie Labelle has to say know, from the gay and lesbian Taskforce.

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Jimmy Carper 10:23

That's, that's pretty exciting. And if you want to attend the entire conference, it's incredibly cheap.

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Yes, the each day, considering that we're going to feed you for the home for the day, for lunch. Each day is \$46.50. However, if that was supposed to be the price, but if you mentioned after hours, haha, and that you heard about this on after hours, we will give you for each day, a discounted price of \$36.50. So that's a \$10 savings. So it's for a conference of this type, and for the type of people that you're going to meet. This is an amazingly low price. But we have done everything we can to keep the price down and to get as many people in as we can. Because that's the point. Yes, yeah. It's not to make money. It's to make knowledge.

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Jimmy Carper 11:36

Well, thank you. You're going to be back next week to talk about this Samar.

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Yes, I will. And one other thing I'd like to mention, if someone wants to make arrangements to come and join us, they just need to call on the phone to the Transgender Law conference offices. And that's Area code 713777 T G, LC TG LC standing for transgendered law conference. Now unfortunately, I don't have a telephone in front of me. So I can't remember what all those numbers are it all those letters really translated into numbers, but it's 713777. T, G, LC. And you can get your you can get your reservations in. And remember, if you tell them that you heard this on after hours, it'll be \$10. Cheaper at \$36.50.

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Jimmy Carper 12:39

Amazing. Thank you, Michelle. Thank

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you very much. Cheering Take care. Bye. Bye. See you next week. Yes, bye. Bye.

J Jimmy Carper 12:46

And if you if you do that, you know that's a \$10 savings per day. You know what you could do with that savings? Hey, how

K Kirk Keevert 12:55

about calling 526-573-8526? KPFT?

J Jimmy Carper 12:58

That's right, because we are in the middle of a marathon. We are. And we we haven't been able to really marathon much because we've had lots of stuff going on. But

K Kirk Keevert 13:10

all night tonight. Yes. And you've got continued to be so yes, we've

J Jimmy Carper 13:14

got the pride committee waiting in the wings. But right now, I do need for you to call 7135245265738 pledge your support. And we still have that Katie Lange CD that you can do have one of those left? Yes. And you can get it for a pledge of \$60 on plastic and it's the CD that's not even out yet. till Tuesday, what

K Kirk Keevert 13:44

a deal. So give us a stick that in the mail to you.

J Jimmy Carper 13:48

You bet. Coming up. In just about a minute will be the pride committee. But for right now, I want to stick something in your ear.

G Glenn Holt 14:01

KPFT is proud to announce the first annual Houston gay and lesbian film festival going on now through June 15. There are more than 20 films showing up five locations, the landmark theatres, the Museum of Fine Arts, diverse works and the rice Media Center. Titles include Priscilla, all God's children, the Watermelon Woman and Jeffrey just to name a few. There are

dramas, short films, collections and documentaries, the best of lesbian and gay cinema. All of the shows are on weekend evenings. So make a date with someone you care about, or get together with a group of friends. For a complete schedule call five to 28592522859 to the first annual Houston gay and lesbian film festival going on now.

J Jimmy Carper 15:00

You're listening to after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station, what still it's still. I'm Jimmy Carper. And with me right now, is Gigi and some members of the pride committee.

G Gigi 15:16

Yes. And before I introduce our guests, I want to say, watch. So you Lord closet before came tonight? Oh, and again, I've watched it several times. And one of the things that really stood out to me this time watching it was how much things have changed for the better. Oh, yes. And looking at the efforts that so many people have made to stand out and glow with pride. It has made a difference in this world. I mean, you look at the 40s and the 50s. Can you imagine living in that time period?

K Kirk Keevert 16:00

Do you mean just have to imagine? That's what that's one of the nicest things have been said about your age all night.

G Gigi 16:08

But you know, earlier we were talking about hatch and taking same sex dates to the prom and you know, can you imagine the scandal back in that time period?

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It was an iffy situation.

G Gigi 16:33

In your let me kind of introduce everybody. We'll go around with names.

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I'm Robin Pride Parade coordinator.



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Now I'm Susan. I'm the co chair 1997



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And I'm Gina I'm with the volunteer committee.



Gigi 16:47

Okay. And I kind of bring this up because, you know, that's really what the parade's all about is glowing with pride and being out and being out Yeah. And helping reshape attitudes and values to where we can be incorporated, as is part of the whole community. Writer community mainstreamers



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Gigi.



J Jimmy Carper 17:13

Well, Gigi will never be mean,



Gigi 17:15

I will never be mainstream. But like the one thing that stuck out my grandmother used to tell me this, she says it doesn't matter what form it takes Love is love. And that's one of the things that really stood out watching the movie tonight was you know, they said, Well, no matter who you're with vibe is still spelled the same way. Yeah, is this movie part of the film festival that's going on? No, no, no, this is something I just taped. Yeah, we taped it a while back.



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I know when the good ones come out. You have to take Yeah,



Gigi 17:52

but it's about the history of gay and lesbian and bisexual in the movies.



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Film indoors that the one about Spartacus. It has been done like that but tell me

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Jimmy Carper 18:14

why I'm all excited because I'm going down Westheimer and I'm seeing these pink triangles and and the rainbow wind socks hanging from the light poles and it's just so festive looking.

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Yeah. And we have boots to thank for that leather boots flooded by boots. Right. He actually put those kind of together for the wind. So he put the wind socks on. Those went up June 1 And they'll be up for the whole month. They're the banners we have the only banner district banner district permit in the city is not a lake for making you.

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Jimmy Carper 18:51

Proud of our community for that. We are the only ones who were allowed to do that.

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Exactly. And we worked real hard to get that permit. Yes. So it's kind of

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Gigi 19:00

we have a special guest in the station tonight. We

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do yes I do. We have one of the grand marshals here Jim don't play so innocent over there. Didn't know where you were going. Oh, me. Oh, stop. That's right for sure. Jim Carper is one of our grand marshals. I

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Jimmy Carper 19:25

am so excited. I really I've already got the shiny stuff to decorate the car you and Gigi is making my shirts.

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You driving



Gigi 19:36

and I'm driving.



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Okay, so if you've never seen the show with these voices, you ought to come out and see just what these two guys look like.



Jimmy Carper 19:45

Yeah, I'm gonna be ending up in the back of that car screaming all the way down the street throwing things. It's gonna be well,



Gigi 19:52

you know, and I'll probably be driving with my



Kirk Keevert 19:58

I'll be riding in the trunk. Have any draw to



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Jim, what do you plan on throwing? Has that been approved by the committee? No bricks?



Jimmy Carper 20:09

No, I've got beads and I've got some of those glow bracelet thing.



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I think those will pass those. That's not a problem.



Gigi 20:17

Well, tell us a little bit about this lineup coming up.



Jimmy Carper 20:20

Oh, there's so much going on this month.



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Can we take a minute and talk about the parade route?



J Jimmy Carper 20:26

That's right. I heard about that. Just recently.



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It's probably about half the size it used to be it's we'll have to go.



G Gigi 20:44

Mr. G's gonna stop every so often. Yeah. And flash the audience. We have to go extra.



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Gigi we got to stay within the laws of the city here.



G Gigi 20:55

I'll have all the heavy parts covered. Just barely, but



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just tantalize?



G Gigi 21:02

Oh, I can tell. So where are we starting?



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Where are we starting? We're starting at Ridgewood in Westheimer, which is right across from the potpie. It's like 1500 block, or 715. On the curve on the curve. Yeah, we're on the curve. Yeah. 1500 to 700. And so it is actually at Stanford. There's no turns there's, but it's like

J Jimmy Carper 21:26

Papaw you'll be able to see

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Yes. Oh, yeah. Go there and have dinner and then hang out on their porch.

J Jimmy Carper 21:32

Actually, what he normally does is he kind of rents out the porch, and then donates all the money to local charity. Oh, I didn't know that doing that every year. Well,

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he's got a premium location this year. Yeah.

J Jimmy Carper 21:47

Okay, so we're starting. They're

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starting at Ridgewood ending at Stanford.

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Straight down Westheimer No, yeah. Okay, so we're not turning

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now it was I had to change that because way the way it was everybody was gonna be kinda like landlocked there. Because we're dead ended at love it there was nowhere to go. Couldn't go left. You couldn't go

J Jimmy Carper 22:06

right. See what you mean? Yeah.

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So yeah, I had

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Gigi 22:10

to change it. And if anybody wants to see these wonderful graphics, the pride pride guy out and all over Yeah, it's stunning.

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Kirk Keevert 22:21

It came out real well, we

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had a guy Burns who was here with us the last time designed this and he did quite a good job with it. Which considering that his computer crashed the week before it was due he had to rebuild it all. Oh, wow. He did a

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Gigi 22:37

very good job and you can pick him up where

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most of your local shopping locations and watering holes

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Jimmy Carper 22:44

punch right here at the station.

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Kroger's got him delivering it other places we took them to crossroads

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where did y'all drop them off?

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Gigi 22:54

Took some the leather boots to oh all over the switchboard into the switchboard here.



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All the bars haven't



Gigi 23:04

ran out for MCC RS but we're gonna get him some we're gonna that's similar. We've got some more coming.



Jimmy Carper 23:13

So I know they're out there because I've had people perfect strangers come up to me and say Oh, I saw your picture.



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It's a good picture. I'm surprised you haven't been asked to autograph



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that you know, rather than once you tell us about like where the judging stance is gonna be. I think you have some things.



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Yeah, the judging Stan is gonna be on Lincoln. Right there on Westheimer it's between right off of Montrose between the stop and go and where the new Burger King there's that little short Street? There's nothing on it. Yeah, city's gonna block it off for someone that's we're going to have our judges stand. And that's where the media the media, yeah, the judges stands.



Jimmy Carper 23:55

That whole area is just gonna have 1000s of people. Yeah. Oh, good spot. I think you're gonna



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hand the awards out there. Yes. After the parade. I think that's gonna be great spot. We're gonna hand everybody's awards. Good, good. Good. So you'll get a big one on the night of the parade.

J Jimmy Carper 24:12

Really, what about the award? How big

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I didn't know you're giving away those kinds of prizes to prove if we didn't have to pay for it

K Kirk Keevert 24:31

where do you sign up for one of these awards? Not that I'm a size queen. This

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has been one of the most fun cried committees that I've ever seen. Y'all seem to really enjoy each other and from the outside looking and it looks like your friends.

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I think I think it's developed some very good friendships. We had one particular event that we tried to turn into a team building exercise which was once a month We all go out and try to eat dinner together after a meeting. And that's really made a difference, I think, in some in this year's participation as opposed to some of the past years, just because it gives everybody a chance to relax and be social. You're not constantly working on committee issues and parade design and all the other things

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you have to do.

J Jimmy Carper 25:23

Oh, yeah.

G Gigi 25:24

And you also have to cruise to

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what you were doing last weekend, Gigi at the mailout?

Kirk Keevert 25:33

Always say you can't that's something he just doesn't turn off or on. It's just sort of

Jimmy Carper 25:40

I know, there was some really good dish at the May 20/31. mail out

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the mail out. Yeah.

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If there wasn't any good dish, it was made out. That's rubbish.

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I was making some up last one.

Jimmy Carper 26:00

And that's for me. And I was talking also that the prime committee is a good place for people to volunteer. It's just too bad to say that, you know, you don't be a leader in the community to do it. I was, in fact, I brought up the when I first went to my first meeting, and I think that was the night that they had the elections. I ran into Pete, Woodrow Wilson. And Pete was saying, you know, hey, like, you're the man, you know, cuz I've been listening to you on after hours. And I came out to you and all of that. And I thought, LA and yeah, and I thought, and I came on the station a couple of weeks later, and I said, you know, I went to this pride committee. And you know, it's really great, because it's an established committee. People go up through the ranks, they don't have to reinvent themselves every year. There's lots of camaraderie. And I met this man who, who said, you know, Hey, you're the man and all of that. But you know, Pete is a member of the community. He's a young man. Very young. Yes,

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he's a baby. He's

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24. Say.



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You're listening,



Jimmy Carper 27:14

came out of the closet, listening to after hours. And now he is a contributing member to our society, because he's giving back and I say, Pete Contreras is the man.



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Yeah, Pete's my culture. And he is he's excellent. He's, he's brought a lot of new young blood and yeah, to the committee.



Jimmy Carper 27:39

Not that you don't value the old timers.



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Well, yeah, we value on but sometimes they need a jumpstart. has been good with that. I mean, for exit energy. And for those



Gigi 27:48

that are interested in volunteering, is there still some volunteer?



Jimmy Carper 27:52

Oh, yeah. There is, especially on parade day. Yeah.



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We've got some positions we've got. We've got some people that we need for pumped up on RT, which is our big



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fundraising. Fundraising. That's kind of our fufu event, where if you'd like to dress up and Hobnob and where's that? Where's that being? It's gonna be at the Majestic Metro downtown. If

you've not seen that, in that place. Gorgeous. Places. It is fabulous. Inside, it's just it's an old 1920s I think theater high roll Art Deco style, and it's beautiful inside. It's been restored to its original right there.

G Gigi 28:29

Oh, Miss Gigi, Greco and style that not

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really there and style.

K Kirk Keevert 28:35

It's like a building or two off from Market Square.

J Jimmy Carper 28:39

Right. So is this like Sutan talks or what it high drag or build

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is a formal event but people come dressed all different ways. Yeah, high drag is a way to put it high drag.

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And the good thing about volunteering for that event is you'll get to see all the shoes and all the all the excitement of it. Oh, I want to see the shoes on the scenes.

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Just today. We got an autographed picture from Oprah. So we're also getting besides shoes, we're getting a little bit of other things from people who will see autographed pictures, Greg Louganis, in a tennis shoe.

J Jimmy Carper 29:15

I've heard it's been one of them has been recreated into a fish.

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That's what they're doing. They're taking each artist takes one shoe and decorates it and turning it into a piece of art. And then the other shoe I think is sold with it. I'm not real sure the details. Yeah, because I haven't been involved in that part of it.

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Now we've got a handbag from Liz Taylor and an autographed picture. Wow, share, share. We've got some pumps from share shares mom's

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Kirk Keevert 29:39

a diva list you got in there. Oh, yeah. He's

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done a really nice job this year.

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Nick, Brian's is coordinating that. And he has got connections like you wouldn't believe Cyndi Lauper was in town. He was able he was able to get a pair of shoes from her not too long ago. So Did he roll? Yeah, he's I mean, he's got some Connect. You know how he does it, but he's doing a good

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Kirk Keevert 30:03

attach to it and his phone number is

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he can be reached through the pride which is 713-529-6979. Okay,

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Jimmy Carper 30:16

so when is this pumped up on that point? It's

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the 20th. The 20th of June, starting, I believe at 8pm. That's a Friday nights Friday night.



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Okay, that's good. Yeah. And then for the parade we need we need some people just to help out. During the parade, we've got a we need some people to start their stuff carrying some banners. We need some people to help with crowd control, basically just kind of helping the parade along and making sure that nobody jumps out in front of the drag queen or anything of that. So I was gonna



J Jimmy Carper 30:47

ask you about security. I know what the switchboard we've had quite a few calls about what's the security going to be because this is the first time parade on this continent.



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Um, I've heard a couple rumors keep patrol at this point is not working the parade proper. They're working after the parade. They said there'll be at two, probably three, four o'clock in the morning after the parade. But the parade itself First off, it's actually only eight blocks long. Yes. Proper eight block song. And we've got at this point, we've probably got I know we've got over 100 HPD and that's not counting constables. There's so there's gonna be a police officer or one block ever see is going to have his boys. Yeah, yeah. Yeah, ever see is going to be out there. You can bet. Yeah. So as far as HPD, there's supposed to be one every half a block. Oh, so I mean, there's gonna be pretty well covered with security. And they're gonna be they're gonna have a radio to link into the pride committee, too. So I really don't see that security problem at all.



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The one thing you have to remember, though, is not not getting away from the crowd by yourself and not drinking too much. Use a little common sense and in going out and having a good time.



G Gigi 31:54

And is there going to be security for the party afterwards?



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Oh, definitely the after hours party will have security. They're having police officers there also. And then they're having a group of volunteers that will also be doing security. And that's a very secure area over there. It's fenced in, you're only going to be able to get in if you have got a ticket. So it's kind of a controlled environment.

J Jimmy Carper 32:18

I have to mention that you're listening to after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT, Houston, and ke O 's College Station.

G Gigi 32:28

I also wanted to check with you on those volunteers that want to keep a low profile. Are there any volunteer positions open right now that would be real low key, kind of behind the scenes for people that want to?

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I think it is a Tuesday night. They do a computer? Monday night, Monday night, excuse me, we have actually some completely indoors,

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behind closed doors.

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basically helping with all the

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people that the mailing list that we put together, we have a computer data, we have a database, and we have several computers hooked together to update data in that database. And Jack Wolinsky, who is our technology coordinator is always looking for people to work in that environment, which is it's in our office, it's after hours in the building, so no one comes in. So you can do that and not have to worry about being out. If that's a concern.

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There's several small things that can be done and, and mail out different times. Yeah. A lot of fun because you get to meet in the mail outs and stuff, you get to meet a lot of people that are gay, and you know, we'll some even a lot

G Gigi 33:43

of times there. There's not quite a category for me. Yeah.



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Well, I thought you covered all TG tried to



Gigi 33:54

with wide open



Jimmy Carper 34:02

so what are some of the other things going on?



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There's quite a bit going on. I think the best thing probably at this point is to pick up a pride guide and see what's scheduled next few weeks because it's gotten to the point now where you probably have to pick which night you want to do something you know, and what you want to do on a particular night because some nights I've got more than one thing scheduled.



Jimmy Carper 34:22

Yeah, as a as the Grand Marshal, I want to attend as many as I can and looking through it. I just can't possibly do so



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it's getting harder



Kirk Keevert 34:34

to be the queen.



Jimmy Carper 34:36

No, it isn't.



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It's good to be the queen, isn't it? And a well deserving queen. Just so many things I have to do. I just don't have time to do them all. I don't think we're in Kansas and Gigi, you were talking earlier about wanting to talk A little bit about history. Yeah. What was your idea on that one?

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Gigi 35:03

Just from where we've come from. And once again, just watching So You, Lloyd closet tonight just struck me, you know how far we have come? I mean, can you imagine a parade like this in the 50s?

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I can't. But I think you had someone here the last time. His name was Bill, who had been one of the original jars, Tom. Yes. had been in the first parade and he said it was on a Sunday afternoon. Yeah, downtown town, which was quite a difference than having it here in the Montrose. Yeah. So I think it's progressed a lot from what their said the crowd was around 200 people, something like that. And now we expect. I like to think 30,000, I don't know if we get that many. It seems like when you're up on that float, it looks like it looks like 100,000 to me.

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Jimmy Carper 35:56

It really does. But we've had an interesting history of the pride committee, because I can remember back in the mid 80s, that it was a whole new crew every year. And so it was this recreation all the time, and lots and lots of controversy, because each new crew decided they wanted to do this or not do that or have these kinds of people and not have that kind of people. And I guess it was jack and jack Wolinsky and Carol Clark and a few others who got together and signed

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Keever. And sets. Some of our board of directors have been working on Pride committee since its inception. And that's been a real cornerstone for us because they can give us the continuity and the history that we need. And then of course, we bring the newer people on, I think, Robin and Gina, this is both their second year. And they've worked different committees this year, which has been a plus because you kind of cross seed and for Oh, Robin saying no, that's right. She was great. Last year. She's shaking her head, you guys can't hear it rattling.

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Jimmy Carper 37:06

But it really makes a big difference. Yeah. Oh, in the entire community, because we've had so much the praise have been in the events had been so much better, since there's been a board of directors and there's continuity.

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Gigi 37:20

And I'd like to ask, and now we're doing groundbreaking territory this year. Is there any? Is there gonna be any media coverage? Are we going to have some coverage nationally, or



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we've got some media coverage coming up? I heard a rumor that CNN is going to pick it up. I don't know if that's true. I've yet to be able to confirm that. It would be great if they did yeah. I'm gonna track down who told me that and figure out where it was coming from.



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Yeah, I know we're advertising in the advocate. We've got Yeah, we've



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got national media going on and on a quarter page in the advocate.



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The media guys I think they're sending like press releases out or have sent them out to prom, you know.



J Jimmy Carper 38:08

First nighttime parade on this continent,



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absolutely. It's it is



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and it's the first one in the city of Houston to city never had a nighttime parade. Oh, I didn't know that. Think about it. I don't there's nothing that goes on at night. All the parades are your



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Baptist Church is there's the Christmas time isn't it nighttime



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Baptist Church will join forces next year and break new ground.



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Jesus in a manger? Glowing glowing in a major on



Kirk Keevert 38:52

the first Southern Baptists lesbian, gay bisexual transsexual, and Christmas parade.



Gigi 38:58

And Miss Gigi can provide some spiritual and religious experiences when she gets down on her knee



Jimmy Carper 39:15

just waiting to see the manger with the light up Santa. Yeah.



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But he'll be wearing gay rings. There you go.



Gigi 39:25

But do you have a lot of you know, I remember, you know, when I was in high school and scared to death to let anyone know. Because I knew that, you know, being a male in our society and coming out could have been a life threatening experience.



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That's true. There are certain expectations for you.



Gigi 39:48

Yes. And I remember growing up I mean, I was horrified. My father bought me this basketball set up in the driveway. I important concrete net, my father doesn't know how to pick up a wrench, got this whole thing built up for me and tried to get I couldn't even bounce the ball and then I got real horrified when I was trying on my sister's clothing. And my father was minister and just about hit the ceiling, you know. And the drive came even harder to push me into sports. So you tried to get me into football?



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And you're not quite built for football?

 Gigi 40:42

Yeah, no, I tried catching the thing once big mistake was kind of fun. All these big guys jumped on. That bar was set, the wind got knocked out.

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One at a time.

 Gigi 41:05

But needless to say, it's quiet. I just wasn't cut out for those kinds of things. But now we've got a place in society. You know, I never felt like I fit anywhere. And I think a large part of that has been the visibility from the pride committee, from the parade from getting out and saying, here we are. And we're your children. We're We're your family. Straight America. We're related to you. Somewhere down the line. There's a career in your family.

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Well, I was surprised when we went to Kansas. I think it was Las Vegas. I would have never thought Las Vegas does not have a parade. Yeah, they haven't even gotten to the parade status yet. And there's a lot of big cities that don't even have rallies. Wow, it was I was I was surprised because I don't remember not having one here. Yes. So and I was real surprised that when I from Tucson was it to Tucson,

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Tucson, Arizona, they were just starting up I think they had four people in their committee. Oh, they put on with a wraparound afternoon round square

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or something. And they were so excited. They got town square this year, as opposed to you know, the

 Gigi 42:18

the park yard. But I think part of this is just looking at the things we've got here because sometimes we overlook that. You know what we have accomplished here in Houston,



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Houston, Houston actually has done quite well. If you think about where you're located in the country, and some of the oppression that you have to fight to get what you want. It's pretty progressive in the country. It is very impressive to have Bible



Gigi 42:51

belt runs that



Jimmy Carper 42:54

were right at the very tip of it at the bottom of it. And I think we have a lot easier than say Dallas.



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Oh, I think so. Well, you know, Dallas is parade is run by their bars. And it has a whole different feel of there. It's not at all like the feel of our parade. I feel like our parade has got a lot more freedom in it than what I've observed in Dallas. Yeah. And there's as much more strict restricted. It's controlled very tightly, and it's a lot shorter considering the amount of area they have and the number of people their parade should be I think a lot longer and a lot larger. It's not because that's not really the objective. I think the objective is to get the people into the bars.



Jimmy Carper 43:33

Yeah, well, just in the in the name of it alone. We are the game lesbian pride parade or the Lesbian and Gay Pride parade.



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That's also to say we're inclusive of the bisexual, transgendered, transgendered community. It is late for me to



Jimmy Carper 43:51

forgive but in Dallas, isn't it razzle dazzle Dallas?



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That's the party afterwards. It's not there's a parade but I think razzle dazzle comes after this. Yeah it's a separate event where they shut down the street and have a big party outside and

Yeah, it's a separate event where they shut down the street and have a big party outside and I've never attended that. I'd like to see it sometime just to see how they put it on.

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Jimmy Carper 44:10

Yeah. Okay, now this year I know in the past we've had like we've we've had the second largest parade in Houston right with like 100 entries and oh yeah, how many are we doing? Are we right now?

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What did we count we're right at 7070 75

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So and of those we've got a lot of professional floats to share.

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We have the gay Pilots Association.

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Jimmy Carper 44:36

Wow that's cool. Yeah,

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that was that was a new one that's

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we've got a lot of new ones this year. Nail Salon from Dallas. I mean, we've got people coming in from all over they're really excited. Oh,

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Jimmy Carper 44:52

I heard they were like more floats this year. Oh yeah, last

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there are when I counted last before today i We got in like probably already five applications

that I actually set out. So it count when I counted I had like 23 entries and I had 10 floats were last year our whole parade was like 10 floats so I think it's it's probably going to double or triple and floats that's pretty exciting

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and then you know with the crew doing the the lighting seminar everybody's talking about how they're gonna light their floats up, how they're gonna light their entries up. We've even got a group of horsemen who are trying to figure out how to decorate their horses with lights which can be really interesting

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Gigi 45:36

can be glowing that

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for anybody listening I want to light bulbs unlimited they're really working with this and they've got a lot of stuff yes I agree operated to generator yes stuff that you can plug in so they're, they've got some really cool stuff if you're looking for lighting ideas out there everybody. I dare anybody doubt doubt do a queer

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Jimmy Carper 46:02

that's the thing and this braid is gonna be spectacular for the whole city of Houston to come watch.

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While we're on the parade, I'd like to mention a couple of things. One is that we have a mandatory meeting for participants of the parade. It's going to be the 17th of June that's a Tuesday night Robin was that located

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multiservice center and I'm not

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Jimmy Carper 46:23

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is the absolute deadline and the time 7pm And them if they don't attend this what happens they don't get in the parade. What happens lately that's explained to them about the passes that they're going to get



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the night of the mandatory meeting we're gonna give out the lineup pass lineup passes and that's gonna be your number and if you don't come to the parade, or if you don't come to the meeting, you don't get the number.



Gigi 46:51

He last year got number six