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Well hello everybody how you doing tonight Chris Jordan here coming at you from Austin, Texas. We're getting ready for a slew of pre record shows everybody I cannot tell you I am getting ready for 21 straight days in Las Vegas, one of my favorite cities in the country but boy howdy. That is a lot of Las Vegas. Our guest tonight in the first segment are the amazing authors of chasing ghosts, Texas style the Klingon brothers, we will be talking to them about not only their career in paranormal investigations here in Texas, around the country and further, especially with their previous show that they had, but also talking about the amazing event that they are putting on Texas Paragon Lone Star Paragon rather Lone Star Paragon is coming up at the end of the month. That will be coming up here shortly. All kinds of amazing guests all kinds of amazing speakers going on there. All kinds of money going to charity. The last event these guys put together was fantastic. So we will be talking with them in the beginning of the show about paranormal investigations and the upcoming conference. And in the second part of the show, we will be joined by our good friend Chester Moore. We will be talking about specifically wildlife conservation. And the article that spawned my call to him was about a Black Panther that was recently seen Texas man's photo of Black Panther creates buzz. And that just rang into my head like I had a big cat encounter in eastern Louisiana. And it was one of the things that sent me down a rabbit hole of cryptozoology of my life that led to my discovery of things like jaguarundi and stuff like that. So we will be talking about that. All kinds of things with Chester Moore and how important wildlife conservation is in general, but also how important wildlife conservation is to things like cryptozoology, folks believe it or not, that that is one of the most important things that we can do is make sure that if these critters are there that the habitat that they do inhabit is taken care of. So we'll be talking with him about that. Once again, our guest in the first segment are Brad and Barry cleaner. They are the authors of chasing ghosts Texas style, and they are the hosts of the 2024 my first live show of 2024 Lone Star Paragon Welcome back to the show, guys. How you doing?

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Good. How are you doing? Well. Thanks for having us.



Oh, yeah, absolutely. It's always great talking with you guys. It's always great seeing you on

site. I cannot wait for this conference. It's going to be super fun. Let's let's get into before we get into the conference and things to expect there. How did you first get into the world of paranormal research, I guess. Let's just start off with Barry. Barry. What What first got you interested in the world of the paranormal?

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Well, my story is kind of boring as you probably compare to Brad's but we're very little both of us used to check out the books at the elementary school library about ghosts and, and crypto things and monsters and it just it was just the interest I had growing up and had a few experiences. Growing up my grandmother passed away had some experiences in my house. Just we've had some we actually had some cryptid stories of Brad and I have experienced together we're a little kids. That's really my experience. Really then I really dive really into this this whole investigations and as we know is the parent immoral as we know now, until what Brad 2007 But it's definitely video but before that I was in the Navy is down in Miami, Florida station down there and Brad went on the trip with my parents the summer before his senior year in high school. And he caught something on video. When he showed me it was like you know, wow, this is pretty cool, but it wasn't until I said that was 1991 9090 9090 9090. So fast forward I wanted to 1006 to large gap and there we really I wasn't really doing anything with ghosts. But that videos the kind of the one that got scratched your head, one of the stuff. I mean, he wasn't doing anything with it, but I was I mean, that was it was in Gettysburg and I caught this this group of Union soldiers just cruising across the field with an old VHS camera, middle of the day, you know, and it was an it's not like a figment of your imagination. Literally, it's in the viewfinder. Wow. And then it's not there. And, you know, it just it was my personal proof of the paranormal. And it was funny because I met Barry said, we were kind of on our way down this whirlwind contino cross country trip, went all the way down to Miami to see him I showed him and one of my good friends. Those are the only two people that ever saw it for probably 20 years until the Discovery Channel came along. When we were you know, our team everyday paranormal during the investigations, they asked the same question you did, what got you started, then I showed him the video. And this video has now since you know become viral. It's basically what you know, it's our start. But, you know, I never showed anybody just because it was so real, that no one would believe it. And it's like, I don't want to have to deal with people not believing in explaining myself and I have to explain I know what it is, you know what I mean? It's, it's one of those deals. But you know, it's kind of that videos come to what we kind of are known for, you know, where we got our start our scientific research, you know, everything that we've done that you saw on the Discovery Channel on our show, ghost lab. And, you know, that rolled into our, you know, book that we wrote, and we're writing a couple of others right now. And we, you know, we toured we go around the world, you know, speaking about this stuff. And, and it's funny, you know, that one little moment on the on the battlefield of Gettysburg is, you know, here I am 50 years old, very 54. Yeah. And we're still researching and talking about it. So

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well, and, you know, really just proved to the case. That when, when something like that happens to you, the term that I have been introduced to that I love is ontological shock, you know, the fact that everything that you know, to be true changes. And like you said, you don't you don't you don't believe what you have in that picture. You know, what you have in that picture? You know, what you saw through that viewfinder? You know, no matter of belief

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for me, it's a matter of, okay, this stuff exists. Yeah, hands down. I don't care what you believe or don't believe, you know, I know the truth. So that's good enough for me. Well,

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well, then that's just it. You know, it's interesting that Yeah, to say that you believe in something built belies faith. To say that, you know, me means you have experienced, there's, there's a, there's a difference there. That experiences a life changing when when it happens, you know, it can be world shaking. And once again, even even the fact of you sitting on that video for for years. Brad, that's that's one of the one of the examples that I give regularly is that many times people do not come forward with their experience for years. Because of fear of ridicule.

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Right? And it wasn't so much fear of ridicule, it was it was almost like, you know, it's not up for debate. I mean, I'll give you what happened and the facts and all that kind of stuff. But I'm not gonna debate anybody on whether it's real or not, because No, just the Texas meal will take over and I'll just whip your ass. Right, that's how we'll settle it. But just just to avoid all that, but it caused me to do a lot, a lot of research into why and that's what Barry and I have been doing all these years. It's like, okay, now that we know, this stuff exists, and we've had experience since then we've had some of those, you know, wow moments, but it's, it's why does it exist? How does it exist? Is it predictable? Does it happen in certain areas? And certain times? And are these conditions right? So it's become kind of a scientific thing where, you know, based on a lot of the research that we've done over the years, you know, we've come to find that it does have, you know, patterns and habits and, you know, can be predictable and traceable and a lot of a lot of times, and there's only one reason for it to happen, there's multiple reasons for it to happen. And so that's kind of the things that we that we did

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well and you know, getting into that that is that is one of the one of the concepts that I have explored regularly with guests recently. Is, is the idea of especially when you're going out on investigation, you know, not so much cryptid hunting things like that, but when you're going out hunting the paranormal when you when you are going out looking for those specific things, could it even be the fact that your preparation alone, you're excited preparation, Brad is is actively charging that environment. You know,



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it is all about energy and we can go into that whole thing and energy takes four different forms. Well, the physical energy, the emotional energy, it feed, you know, it has to have energy to be able to manifest as part of our you know. things we theorize with but yeah. you're absolutely



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Yeah, and I mean, it's it's one of those that as I as I've spoken at conferences recently I have caveat add people to enjoy your time in the field go out, have fun, but make sure that as you're prepping your gear, you're doing nothing more than a checklist of gear. You know, just a blank slate checklist try to keep yourself as as emotionally inert as possible don't try to hype up the location in your head is haunted, haunted haunted. Or expecting experience you know, because

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you know, watch pot never boils. And that's that's something that we've always had. A lot of times it's funny because we're filming a TV show. Yeah, they would have cameras on us and with cameras they want you to kind of be active and moving around very and I would find a comfortable spot to sit down and just watch and listen and talk about the weather and what we're going to eat that night and take our minds off and that's it. But that makes boring TV so get up and walk around

in most definitely you know I can imagine the Okay before we sit down for all that let's shoot Let's shoot an hour a B roll of you guys going around with meters and asking questions and things like that and then we'll record that and see what happens and use that and marry the two I can utterly see that and yeah that can that can become problematic when when you are investigator investigator the way you guys have been for years I mean that's what brought y'all to the point of ghost lab into the radar of those producers to begin with was your actual field work and going out and doing investigation now when when you're when you're out in the field when you're looking at these things let's let's start getting into that because once again there is an energetic give off of of those who are involved and that can either help or hurt sometimes. So let's let's start getting into that and how you go about measuring such things in the field guys

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well you know the ghosts lab we were spoiled you know we had all these state of the art pieces of equipment and computer software and gadgets and people that were inventing things at the time were sending us prototypes or whatnot but you know, nowadays we just we keep it simple you know we really are first thing we do you saw on TV we go and we go it's called a scout we just walk around and just kind of get a feeling for the place we don't really investigate err quoting right now we can just walk around this to see what's up you know, we get a vibe over here or something leads me to go somewhere else. That's our first thing we did and then of course we we get out our gadgets and I say gadgets I'm not talking about ghost hunting equipment and can't just traditional scientific equipment, EMF meters, thermometers, audio recorders things vital loggers, data loggers we tend to stay away from things that are made for the ghost hunting business you know the SLS cams and the AVI leases and things like that. Not to say they don't work but just that's not our cup of tea we want to keep it to traditional pieces of equipment and something that hasn't been made buying goes our investigation they sterile it keeps it true it's not it's not it doesn't go one way or another just because of this piece of equipment. However it's made I don't know how it's made is it is a human all false positives is that this is a toy that's supposed to build as it goes there. You know things like that we don't trust that stuff. So we we go with with our gut instinct and our traditional piece of equipment. Yeah, the tradition that you said it measures environment mental factors, that's the key. It's the standard environmental factors, because that's what we want to monitor, we want to monitor the fluctuation in those things, when the experiences or the things that we can capture happen to capture on recording, video or audio, whatever happened, if we can correlate those things with, with common environmental factors at the time, then that helps us, you know, in the predictability thing that I was talking about earlier. And, you know, we've done that and the advent of data logging, we did it, we did it 15 years ago. And I really still don't see it today. And I'm shocked because when you go into a place, you want to log that, that environmental data, as it happens every second, you want to log a reading, then that way, you can look at the entire picture over time. And if something happens in a millisecond, you could look at that millisecond on the timestamps on those other things to see what else was happening. It's all about the correlation of data. And is, and I really think that a lot of people who are out there who are ghosts, and they're out for the for the Friday night thrill, they're out for the experience of being in a guote unguote, haunted house or the chance to you know, hear a moan or a cane rattle, or, you know, the, you know, the Scooby Doo factor of a haunting, when we're out there just monitoring, you know, locations and seeing what kind of data we could pull it correlate. So it's, you know, if people go with us, sometimes they can get bored.

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Yeah, yeah, no, no, I mean, we get and people have a big, big misconception with this thing. And that that is a lot of what I love doing with the show guys is demystifying these things because yeah, I love the shows, do not get me wrong. I love I mean, good God, I just had Robert clot where the the voice of ancient aliens and an Oak Island Jewish, do an on air drop for curious realm. You know, like, that's how much I love those shows. But you have to understand that a certain amount of that is produced, that it is produced television, you know, and it's one of those I see people in groups who are like, Oh, they're never gonna find that gold. And it's like, I'm pretty sure that gold is the science that they've found. You know, despite any evidence, despite finding the Ark of the Covenant at the bottom of a hole, anything like that there has been a ton of Science found along the way. And that's just it. That's one of the things that I love about you guys is that you don't want to use the teddy bear with light up eyes and a microphone. You You don't want to use the you know, the toys that wiggle around whenever they're in the presence of something because you you don't know what that's necessary. Even even as an audio engineer and former broadcast engineer, the idea of the spirit box ran randomly scanning through. I don't know like you could be picking up all kinds of things when scanning through sidebands you're talking ham radio signals, parts of parts of security broadcasts, you know, things like that, that you could be picking up random bits and pieces from now. Sure, the hypothesis is that the ghost is writing those radio waves as well. But a lot of that comes from a lot of that comes from the old school research done in the 20s and 30s. In the in the day of the Black Orchid tapes, with original EVP work where where the hypothesis was that the ghost through paranormal electromagnetic energies can manipulate the weak magnetic fields of that tape head and influence the tape I don't know how the ghost influences ones and zeros of a digital recorder

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well like scientific reserve a digital recorder it's what we found it's the it's the frequencies okay lion because those are recorders actually will take lower frequency. Oh sure it really here Yeah. And it'll it'll amplify him so that's why you know a lot of times you can we'll do that we'll look at where the we hear a voice on a recording that we don't know what it was. We look at the Fred first thing we look at is where's the frequency if it's lying in that lower threshold that you know below threshold a hearing for like okay, that that has some validity to it. And it's it is about that and what we do feel is that yeah, you know, static white noise the Ghost Box that scans the am station if the concept is great, you know, I really feel that yeah, that's it's there. However, when you know that there are known voices on an am radio frequency from radio stations and there's just panning your ears eventually going to hear the sound like of a name like a lot of times people their their question they like to ask is what's your name? Right? Yeah. How many times if someone name mentioned on an am radio frequency all the time and the chances are likely that you're going to time it just right are you asking name and the name John comes across from you know Katie 103 in Shreveport, Louisiana, well, then you don't realize

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and once again, and you may be especially especially with AM, cuz I used to play with that a long time ago, trying to trying to catch things, just going through white noise. And, man, especially if you have like an older am receiver on stormy nights like we have right now in Central Texas, I lived in Houston at the time, I used to be able to pick up am radio from Dallas, when the weather was right, just because of the way that the radio waves bounced off the ionosphere during a storm, you know, so even though you may be on something that is utterly static, most of the time, there may be something ionospheric Lee or elsewhere, that is bouncing other radio signals to that area. And across that band that you were fully not aware of, you know, I mean, I work in the corporate AV field, as you guys know, one of the big big jobs that we have as a position on very large shows, like the ones I'm getting ready to go work in Vegas, where we've got three floors of the Venetian, with eight microphones in each room, you know, like, we're gonna have like a microphone count of about 250 That's just our microphones at the hotel property. That's not the other shows that's, that's not in house microphones, that's not radios on security people or with within house, you know, operations. So we have one person called the frequency coordinator freak man, he goes in, he gets freaky with it. And his job is to walk around with an actual frequency meter and find the open bands of air in which to program our microphones so that they do not get interference. Like, that's somebody's job. Most people don't take that into consideration when just using once again, an off the shelf ghost box. Grading concept, I am not a huge proponent of of their field use because as you're saying, Brad it is it is not a quantifiable. I even here recently was was at a live show. And one of the vendors was selling toroidal speakers, you know, like muted speakers that are toroids that put frequency out to help fields, things like that help you reorganize DNA strands, stuff like that, and it for me, it was the fact of what frequency ranges show me like you've got a little wand there, that's showing me that that's dirty RF and that's clean RF show me the frequency ranges of the RF that you're showing me you know, because if if you put one winding out of out of line over here, like it'll look noisy. Like that's just me as a circuit designer, so it was hard for me to see somebody selling a device dealing with frequencies and healing and what frequencies you need to avoid when they could not tell me the frequency range of operation of the device that they were selling

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that's a hard sell for one Gerber I was gonna say You know, this is nothing against people that make make equipment to make equipment or are really trying to try and like you know, break the mold and develop something new. But a lot of the times you see the things to be developed they're not because of the ghost part they're like What the What's the ghost hunter? What's what's gonna sell? It will Am I gonna sell a bunch of these gadgets just because that's what the ghost hunter was not necessarily I figured out how to contact ghosts. Unfortunately it goes the other way. I'm like I said, that's the field that make no ghost hunting equipment and whatnot but just use it back when we just seen years ago. So now things are completely different than they were back then.

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110 degrees different dude. Like I remember when I was out in the field doing things years and years ago. Like back in 9899. Man, one of the best things you could find was was an EMF EMF meter that you They just had the lights, you know, now you can actively go out and find EMF meters with actual instructions and, and metered signals and ranges, you know, not just a color light that says, oh, it's red, great in my narrow microwave, a half a block away. Like, it doesn't help you just to see a red light, what helps you is to see the frequency of the RF radiation and nowadays, whereas, whereas that handheld RF meter, with just the lights used to be 100 something dollars, now you can go out and buy an actual EMF meter with with actual meter readings and Gauss limits and things like that on it and measuring things in milligauss. And instructions that tell you what that milligauss reading means and what a background milligauss should be. You know, because a green light, a red light is great, but if you don't know what a milligauss is, and what you're measuring, it could be anything. Exactly. Yeah, it's and once again, no, no, I have no, I have no fault with anybody that selling a product. I am American, unless it's unless it's true snake oil. I got no problems with it in my, in my true mind. But when it comes to investigation when it comes to trying to get that quote, quote, proof, guys, my air quotes are up there for the listeners. For me, it's the fact of proof is what your lawyer has to keep you out of prison. Would you trust the evidence you have to keep you out of prison? You know, that that's the realm of proof that you should be looking for. Which means Yeah, like you're saying, Brad, we need some numbers. We need a firearm. So

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at that point, we also employed the use of you mentioned that you were an audio engineer at some point in time or so our skill? Well, we would we would get, like for example, an EVP something that we could not explain. We put it through the ringer, we couldn't explain it. We would send it to an audio engineer, and not even tell them it was paranormal, he would just say, Can you analyze this piece of audio and give us your impressions? That's all we would say. Can you tell us what it says? Can you can you give me you know, a paragraph about the the qualities of this, this piece of audio. We got something in Granbury, Texas one time, we were after the, you know, there was a legend that John Wilkes Booth was was there was conspiracy that he made it out of Virginia wasn't killed, and made it all the way down to Granbury, Texas and worked in an opera house as as a Shakespearean, you know, theater coach. And, you

know, he does this whole long story did a whole episode on it. But anyway, that the rumor is is that his ghost haunts this place. And we got a voice and like he not that says yes. I'm John Wilkes Booth. Whoa. And it was it had it was had these electronic quality it was it was very, it was very odd. The everybody who listened to it, it heard the same thing. So we sent it to an audio expert, an engineer, forensics expert. Right? He would go to court cases and like testify on like, you know, drug wiretaps, and like, all that kind of stuff. And he said, Well, my first my prayer, I thought I thought it said yes, I'm George Bush, with Yes, I'm John Lewis booth is pretty close for not knowing what it was. Yeah, yeah. Absolutely. And then he's like, it has very odd quality. Like, there's there's human tonality to it, but it's not registering where it should be at that he was going off on. We're like, what would you say if I told you, yeah, that might not be a human voice.

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And that's beautiful that that is the way that you approached it, Brad, because it's so frequently. So frequently. Whenever I see things, whether they're shared in groups, whether even even whenever they're shared in private messages with people. There's a front loading that happens there. And it can be hard, it can be hard for you to not want to front load what you think you heard, but the idea of especially giving it to a forensic audio specialist, blind, nothing at all. Oh, just hey, man, we got this piece of audio, we would like you to examine it tell us about the qualities of the audio tell us about the spectral analysis, you know, is is everything within spec and norm? And yeah, he would absolutely be able to come back and say, you know, there are things in the sub harmonic range here. And it seems like there's a, there's a really strange recording in there about George Bush. So that's, that's awesome. That's awesome. That, that that is how you guys properly treat your evidence. And as you were chatting, I got up, let me see if I can show that on camera here, I got my RF explorer, this is this is one of the many tools that we use that it's hard to see the screen there, actually. But yeah, this right here is one of the actual RF machines that will read all incoming signals from, you know, to 300 megahertz all the way to all the way to, you know, six g. So if you're getting any kind of strange things that are really, really beyond the realm of human hearing, or radio interference, this will tell you what it is, and exactly what frequency it's on. With that you could tune a radio tuner receiver, what have you and actively hear it. But it's interesting to see that, you know, there there are people out there like you guys who take it this seriously to the point of taking it beyond your own self. I've tried to for years explain the fact that at a certain point, you have to disconnect yourself from the end be willing to disconnect yourself from the research be willing to turn your evidence over to somebody else like you did sight unseen. And story untold to see if that if that same finding is found, you know that that's kind of the whole point of Sciences, the repeatable process. And you were you guys were saying earlier that, that there are some repeatable processes with some of this, you know, like, like you said, a watch pot and boil. But at the same token and overactive location, hustling and bustling with a camera dudes, and everything else is prone to scare things off as well. You know, so what are what are some of those things that if people are serious with their research, if they are looking to go out and properly start gathering data and and sharing data amongst amongst groups, because that's really what it comes down to? Is the sharing of the data. It's great if you collect it. But if you just collect more data, it does nothing to increase the data set that's out there in the field. So what are some of the methods that people can use that are tried and true to gather good data? And where can they take that once they have it?

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We start out with simple things. Like I said, a Data Recorder is probably the first thing you would buy in order to collect data EMF, that have temperature, barometric pressure, humidity, all these different measures, they have a data recorder for it, audio recorder, and all these things need to be timestamp. To show what particular time the brass Brazzaville software that we use the shows on the graph of all these say we have seven piece of equipment, they're all sink in the same time. And the writing's on the software, we developed a brand develop, it'll show you what each piece of equipment is doing at that particular time. And so the you have to you have to have some sort of equipment that collects the data. I'm trying to show you what I'm trying to say here just you know, like data loggers are not used ever. He goes back 15 years ago and people are just so into the other quarter out, play or record by stop that. Listen, listen to it. Yes. It drives me crazy. When they put their ear to an audio recorder. They just put their ear to it after they recorded it five minutes ago. Did you hear that? Rewind it. It's like you didn't hear anything well and

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not only that, you could not get a more loaded listening environment. Like even whenever I ran sound for bands guys, and they walked off with a CD or a DVD as they walked off stage of their performance. My last words to them always were do not watch this when you get home Tonight, when you get to the rehearsal space and drop off your gear, don't throw this into the DVD player with a beard, give it two or three days, come back at your performance with fresh yours. You know, come back at it with fresh eyes, otherwise you're gonna pick yourself apart. A football coach did not watch the watch the game the next day, he may still be pissed at his players, you know, and be looking at it with the total wrong eyes. So yeah, you want to you want to give your chance, you want to give your mind a chance, you want to give your body a chance, you want to give your ears a chance to cool down from all of that. So that when you do come back and listen to it, that you're coming at it as a blank slate as possible. You know.

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The other problem that we've seen, I hate to be on data, Nellie, but one of the issues we see is most most of what we're talking about with data, this and frequencies and all this technical stuff. Most people are not into that. As we found over the years from 15 years ago until now, lectures and books and I suppose use all these things we've done. A lot of times it falls on deaf ears, a very small percentage of the paranormal community. Isn't that and they're really we're finding as we go along there. Most people just want to hear and see how it goes. So they're good. Yeah. They don't care about the ones and zeros what we are, this is something that we're interested in. But to relay that to other people sometimes very difficult because they don't give a crap. They want they want to know the story behind it was a creepy, have creeped out, were you the creep factor, I guess. They want that instead of the scientific approach. And I'll give you an illustration of that. We were on a, we run a Japanese television show. In Japan, a Japanese television show came to the United States came to Texas sought us out wanted us to be on their shows wanted to take it to 100 locations. Okay, they didn't speak a lick of English and translator. And there's little girl this use, you know, she just looked like a Hello Kitty dress the Hello Kitty type stuff, pink, furry you know, whatever, you know, very popular in Japan. Anyway, we're explaining how the kind of what we're explaining goes through this and blah, blah, blah and haunted locations. And then she just looked at the sort of blank stare and she rattled

something off in Japanese. So the translator and the translator said, she wants to know when we're going to see the ghost. And that's all she cared about was when are we going to see the ghost? When are we going to see the ghost? Yeah. Funny story though. Things happen that night where a thermal image came out the whole building shook all the all the motions, the sensors went off in a sequence down the hallway for no reason. And they freaked out. But you know, that was that was luck. The thing is, if you come into a location, all you're doing is when am I gonna see the ghost? Ghost, you're probably never going to see it or you're going to relate every bump and scratch that happens that night to a ghost.

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Exactly at that point, it's it's audio and it's it's audio and visual paranoia. You know, you you are you're willing to see every shadow as a being at that point. And you're wanting to have confirmation or even want to have experience has has, has taken over and overshadowed the logic. I have had my experiences guys, as as we said in the beginning of the show. I'm I'm a believer because of my experiences. And I guess I never really believe her. But I know because of my experiences to bring it back to our earlier conversation. And I doubt nobody's experiences until proven otherwise. The plus side is that we are getting to a point, like right now, the Bigelow Institute has has put out a competition prize for the first people that can communicate with the other side and prove communication with the other side. million dollar prize like it's out there. Because

they know that'll never happen. That's the whole thing because you'll never be be disproved. Or it can be there can always be a shadow of a doubt on anything in the paranormal. Yeah, there can always be it boils down to your experience, how you saw it what you know, in your heart and your brain happened, and that's why they offer those things because they know they'll never give away a million dollars.

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Yeah, yeah. And now granted, there. There are numerous numerous things out there right now. Actually, whenever you're talking about data logging, things like that, to give people an example, one one example of that is made our I have a made our system here at the house made ours basically like a small it picks up magnetometer anomalies, magnetic anomalies in the magnetosphere, things like that. So basically, the concept of operation is by building a mass node of these things, each, each little one is like a Raspberry Pi, that you plug into the internet, it calls up to the server and says, Hi, I'm a receiving node, I'm going to give you magnet, magnetosphere IQ readings for the area. And it will basically report a disturbance in the magnetosphere to the home system. So whenever a meteorite comes through anything like that, it records the location, the intensity of the magnetosphere anomaly, change in the magnetosphere, the speed of the anomaly, everything else and reports at home, and then they can put it against, hey, was there a meteor shower going on? Were there any shooting stars, all that kind of stuff. But that is a passive data gathering system that is built off of a Raspberry PI System, nothing, nothing extraordinarily complex, nothing extraordinarily, you know, expensive. And when you're talking about leveraging technology like Raspberry Pi's, yeah, man, you can get temperature sensors, movement sensors, infrared sensors, thermal sensors, all kinds of data, that you could hook into a Raspberry Pi and just passively off of a, you know, battery pack. That's charged up gather tons of data on Saturday. Yeah,

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we were talking about actually some raspberry pi technology several years ago. And we formed, we formed a group, it was very temporary we get and what it was, was a group of people like us who like data. And I have a friend of mine, who's actually he's a data scientist, he knows how to put the model together and all that kind of stuff. And we were gonna gather data upon data upon data upon data and like, just build these models. The problem is, we all have regular jobs. Yeah, exactly. So do this, I would have to be funded by some organization. You know, and this is my job. And that's all I did. Unfortunately, you know, the only time that Barry and I are professional ghost hunters, where the two seasons were on Discovery Channel, other than that, we have day jobs. So that's the other problem with doing this properly.

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Well, in you know, that, that brings up something that I don't I don't think a lot of people are aware of guys, and that is a lot of people in all of these fields have day jobs. This is this is not like a, like a multi million dollar a year job. Let's just say that, you know, No, nobody's nobody's dumping commas and zeros at people to be paranormal investigators. You know, even even though you have had a show and literally a seminal show in in genre, you know, like you would go slab was one of the first shows in that genre to ever hit air and be get the entire tidal wave of these things. But even then, it's not like you're, you know, raking in sick six zeros a month off residuals. You know, there is a big misconception

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we had that we basically had to beg. We had to negotiate just to make our salaries that we were leaving to do the show. Yeah, that shows you how we're not getting rich but yeah,

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yeah, precisely. And and you know that that should be I think that is something that honestly has to be laid bare with with conversation. I appreciate for guys like you who who are as honest about it as you are, you know, people do not realize that many of their favorite crypto zoo ologists you know, like work at work at the petting zoo at the local zoo that they that they work retail outlets during the during the holidays, that kind of stuff like this is what they do to follow their passion like I I do not this is what you're looking at everybody here with me like this is my home studio like this. This is where I sit and run my home business. I am not making come Isn't zeros off curious round? And in sponsorships, you know, I do this because I am passionate about it. And because I am passionate about these topics and about getting work like what you guys do out there in front of people, because without these conversations, we're we're gonna go nowhere, you know, without without conversations like what will be had at the upcoming conference at the upcoming loanstar para con, be it with the speakers or be amongst the experiencers who were there not only experiencing the conference but sharing their experiences with each other. You know, that's what this is about is is being able to give people a safe place to come and experience not only the community of experiences, but to know that there are safe places and safe people to share their experience with

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Yeah, we're actually making Thomas's zeros problems there's nothing you probably zero so we're making a bunch of zeros.

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Making that guest Gorman Superman three, the fractions of pennies. That's That's it. But before we let you go, we've got about three or four minutes or about five or six minutes left with you guys. Let's get into the conference real guick because you guys are hugely charity motivated. That is that is one of the reasons why I support your shows why I come out and help AV sponsor things like that is because I love what you guys are doing with not only getting getting these topics out in front of more community, but also using that to help other communities and to help out different charities. So let's talk about Lonestar Paragon real quick and some of the fun activities that are going to be there and a little bit about the charity that all of this is going to help go benefit.

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Yeah, so Lone Star Paragon that's been that's kind of been a thing of brand to think about for over several years. And we did one before that lone star Paragon but the bigger event years and years ago, it's pretty successful. But Brad and I are always going to events in the Northeast and Midwest and all over the country but nothing ever in Texas. Nothing. We'd be little events here little events there. But the big Paragons, they're just not existent. So we live here in Schertz, Texas, just north of San Antonio, we have a really nice Convention Center. And we're like, hey, what's the strategy something there was just a lot of eggs in one basket see, we'll see what comes out in the end and if you know us personally, friends of ours, even people that make our events we we don't do this to make money. We literally do it because we enjoy it but none of us we enjoy being around our fans and our friends and our family. And any money we make either goes to charity or it goes right back into another event. And so that's kind of where we're at. The reason why I put it on lodestar Paragon is is man, we've been doing this a while the movie announced this brand a year ago. Almost a year ago. Yeah, this thing has exploded. I mean, it's really gone from just an idea to we've already sold out the VIP sold out like investigation with Shady little near and say you're sold out in like a month. The vendor the vendor spots just sold out last week. We have other tickets that are starting to get close to selling out speaker tickets gallery reading tickets, salsa sister Sunday tickets. And as we get closer, we knew Christmas was kinda like a slow time. But I'll tell you what, since yesterday, January one, the startup is starting to go. We're also starting a huge advertising campaign to get the local people to the event because here's the kicker guys. It's free. Yeah, it is completely free to come to the vendor portion of the event. Meet the vendors, meet the celebrities, get

your autograph, get your pictures. That's all completely free. The only thing you have to buy if you want to listen to the speakers is a measly \$40 ticket that gets you all the I think there's eight eight speaker slots all day long for 40 bucks. Wow. So good,

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though No, I'm just saying wow, that's that's incredible. Number one the fact that it's free for all come to the event. Come Come check it out come swap stories with people. Only thing that costs money is walking into the speaker room. That's incredible because you still get to you still get to meet speakers and things like that at their tables and buy books from them, share stories with them get things signed, all that kind of stuff. So it's

out right now is we're out, we're out just to get people there. I mean, we, I hate to say we couldn't care less if you got us here or not, but we want you to at least go there. Bring your family, you know, you can, you know, you have a family of six, guess what, it's all free. Everyone walk in, meet these people have a good time. Maybe see something, you know, experience things that you haven't before, talk to people who you only read about or see on TV. It's just it's fun. It's a fun for the whole family. So cliche, but it is. But yeah, with that and all the the peripheral events and everything go on around it. There's a couple of things that you know, other people are gonna benefit that's a little closer to Barry, I'll let him explain that a little bit more. Please do special, special emphasis close to my heart because that's what I do for a living. I am a special education teacher. But then for 15 years, local school district, actually school district Brad and I went to school. And so what I do is I teach special education, physical education. So I work with kids in their PE classes that have motor difficulties Down Syndrome people, autism, kids, traumatic brain injury, kids, just the whole gamut. I work with those kids. I also run the Special Olympics program, which we do sports, we do swimming, bowling, basketball, bocce track. There's other sports that we're actually trying to implement. So we have ages from eight years old, up to 22 year olds in our district that participate in Special Olympics. Well, the bad thing about our special programs, we have to raise their own money, we're not a we're not driven by a lack of account or budget through the district, we have to raise money through fundraising. And so Brad and I got together so we're really cool. Let's do every every bit of problem and now there's bills to pay, we got flights and hotels and rentals. And everything is not for free on this event. But we've tried to make it to where it's very affordable, we got sponsors that have helped out financially, we've gotten really good deals from the city. A lot of a lot of all the all the guests have, have waived their appearances. I'm gonna announce that now probably screwed everybody up on their next deal. But wow, they all did that because they because they did that because it's a good car. So they they do that every time but there's a charity event but with all that money savings. We're hoping that at the end we're gonna have this big big profit all the profits gonna go to our local Special Olympics team to the district which helps buy uniforms by just buys new equipment. The seniors in high school or the Jews used to actually get leather jackets, they can letter the Special Olympics, yes, they can our funds go they buy those free for the kids, through our fundraising. All of that was cool. Also our former athletes will actually be there helping with the event helped me out with volunteers that helped out you know, just all the admin stuff of the event. On top of that, we have a second second special education protocol 18 plus, which is the turn 18 In our district you can stay to 22 So from 18 to 22 It's a vocational program they teach you how to get a job

and teach you how to how to live alone how to wash your clothes all this kind of living robbing adults Pretty much yeah, life skills and a lot right why school so those kids, they actually started to share making business to tee this up by heat presses and everything cool. They're making our event shirts, awesome all the event shirts, yeah, there have a booth there. They're making them sell them every bit of that money is going straight back to them their fundraiser they make it to other shirts, I'm telling you they're gonna be gone in about two hours. That's great. You need to get there and not 9am is when this thing kicks off. For the public you gotta get there at 9am Because a search are gonna be gone plus our first speaker goes off at 9am that goes all the way till six o'clock that evening. So there's a lot going on. We have snack Barger we haven't seen. There's no reason to leave you show up. You see everything you want to see you. You buy the things you want to buy. You have a little snack. You'll have to leave stay there all day long. Enjoy. Enjoy the Paragon. So that's January 27. That's a Saturday. There's nothing going on in this area on that Saturday.

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You guys do a great job of that. Honestly. I try to sponsor most of the paranormal events that happened in the state of Texas and yeah, not not everybody really, you know, like does a quick Google search at the beginning of the year to be like, hey, what else is going on? Because yeah, there are quite a few that kind of cross over each other but you guys make a really concerted effort to make hear that people have time to be able to put this into their schedule that doesn't cross over any major holidays. It didn't crossing over any other major conferences, things like that. So you've

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really tried to check them because we've had events, other people have done events and all sudden there's a Comic Con in town. There's a weekend the next day. Yeah,

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yeah. Yeah. But William Shatner is up the road, you know? 110% And that happens a lot, especially when you were talking pop culture, things like that. Those draw huge crowds locally. So Good on you guys for putting all of this together once again, Lone Star Paragon I cannot wait to come be a part of it. I cannot wait to come out. Get all the amazing live coverage live interviews, guys. Thank you so much. To the clinger brothers for not only putting together this amazing event, but so many others that go to benefit Fantastic, fantastic charities out there. We're cheering

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my head yellow star paragon.com Everyday paranormal.com or clean bros.com All three of those get you to the you can read about it. You can buy tickets there or just you know, see who's going to be there and what's going on. Absolutely.

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Well guys, thank you so much for the time. I appreciate it. I'm gonna let y'all go. And I'll be in touch soon about all the all the upcoming preparation for the show. I'm looking forward to it.

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Sounds good. All right.

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Take care guys. We'll talk to y'all soon later. All right, bye bye. Always great talking with the cleaning brothers to Texas boys from right up the road in San Antonio. I cannot wait to go to that event. It's gonna be fantastic Lonestar para con is coming right up at the end of January folks. That will be officially technically our last pre record. My air quotes were up there my our last pre record of things. I'll be coming back the week after that. I'll of course be live to introduce all of the coverage from Lone Star pair calm but Lone Star Paragon coverage will be coming the last Tuesday or the first Tuesday of February. So are no last Tuesday of January. So there you have it. I can't even keep my pre recorded schedule straight. It's big and long. So with that everybody speaking of pre record we do have our pre record guest the amazing Chester more is coming up. After our commercial break we will be talking about wildlife preservation we'll be talking about what it takes to take care of loud wildlife what it takes to make sure that our wild spaces are there and available even for the cryptids that may exist in the much like the jaguarundi here in Texas or even like possibly the large black cats that have been seen in Texas lately. We'll be getting into that with Chester more right after this. Well hello everybody and thank you so much for staying tuned through that commercial break. Thank you so much to our sponsors true him science true him science is my source for CBD I have found them many years ago Christopher Lynch here in Austin creates all of the products for true him science and they are some of the best earned CBD products I have found nationwide. I use them every day stop on by and check them out to him. science.com Curious seven is the code that you want to use to get 7% off your entire cart or \$50 or more as well as to count them to free CBD edibles on your way out the door. Our guest in this segment is the amazing Chester more Chester more is a Geez man. What isn't Chester Moore. He's an award winning editor. He is an award winning journalist. He's an award winning podcast host. He has higher calling wildlife where he actively works with underprivileged kids also works in the world of conservation. He just won an award as the Big Horn Educator of the Year from the bighorn sheep Society of America. So yeah, welcome back to the show. Chester more how you doing bud?

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Man? It's great to be here always like chatting with you, Chris. Always interesting conversation and thanks for the epic intro. Oh you 20 bucks for that. All right, right. Well, I

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appreciate you sticking around through all of the fun rigamarole that we've had. Getting getting



this episode going. I literally just got Got a got a new computer folks and things are to say the least a little bit a little bit crazy here and there on a couple of the things but I appreciate your patience Chester and you know what sprung my actual we chat regularly on social media but what's wrong my actual interest today was the fact that you just put an article out about white what was it white lions here White American mountain lions White Mountain Lions let's let's get into that a little bit and your your work in conservation. How you came into that and how you came across this white lion story Chester?

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Well, I'm always kind of have I'm always have feelers out for anything unusual in nature. It's always been an interest of mine. And my greater cause of nature is to draw people into wanting to conserve habitat, you know, because if we don't have habitat, we're not going to have wildlife. And I found that the enigmas of nature are what really get people hooked, and it gets me hooked. So in 2016, there was a video you know, cell phone type video captured of an alleged white Cougar. Now let's stop with that word Cougar for a second that has a couple of connotations. Okay, I'm talking about the felid. And also, that cat has more regional names and any cat in the world. It's Phyllis concolor. I call it a cougar, mountain lion. Puma Catamount, painter in the Ozarks, Panther and Florida. But I'm gonna refer to this as a cougar. And there was this alleged video, we know was a real video but of a cat that was pretty large white jumping across the creek and a guy said it was a mountain lion and was built like in video. Well, you know, I've studied the Black Panther phenomenon for a long, long time. As matter of fact, I'll be starting an eight episode series on my YouTube channel on January 1 On that topic, and I thought before I would do that I would dip a little deeper into the white Panther phenomenon. In a couple of years back there was a photo captured so people don't realize the Cougar lives from way up in Canada, all the way down to like Argentina. Yeah, deep parts of South America. They're very widely distributed cat. And in Brazil, there was a verified white one captured on a game camera. It was not an albino. It was loose cystic which basically means it was white without the eyes being without the eyes being pink. It wasn't. It wasn't albino. It was an albino. It was white. And there was a verified baby white one born in a zoo in Brazil. I mean, excuse me, not Brazil, in Greece. So we have this phenomenon. And then I started digging around. There was a white one that was seen and reported a bunch around red rocks. The National designated protected land out there close to Las Vegas. So the Black Panther things interesting because most people in America when they hear Black Panther, they're assuming we're talking about black Cougar slash mountain lion. Yeah, but in the history of hunting, zoos, taxidermists, captive populations, there has never been a verified melanistic or black. Cool mountain lion. Yeah, never not once. But we have we have to for sure, without a doubt on the white side of things. So I just thought that was really interesting about that. And I thought putting that out there might solicit some more people that have photos and videos and things like that. And just as the the nature lover in me, I cannot imagine the feeling of being out in the wilderness. It's cool enough to encounter a mountain lion. But could you imagine encountering a ghostly beautiful white one? I mean, that would be like, the ultimate, ultimate ultimate sighting so I was pretty excited about putting that blog I've already got some good response on that and yeah, there's the report. And it's pretty interesting man like the video clip shows us cat jumping and this isn't someone's house cat I mean, it's I think they have a legitimate there. It's a big Yeah, watch the jump. Wow. That's, that's absolutely in my mind a mountain.

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Oh, absolutely. And you can tell just by the size of the tail in relation to the body. Yep. And distinctive swoop. Yeah, if

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you notice, you can see it's not a real clear video. But if you'll notice, when it walk, you kind of see the muscles move on those shoulders and look at that joke that pounce. Yeah, that's not you know, little little curly scat or whatever. So that was in Texas. And so there's these cool enigmas out there. And now granted Texas

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also a huge community of Wildcat collectors, a huge community of large debt collectors. Right outside right out here in the hill country was the guy who got shut down all of a decade ago, I think that was doing like large cat hunts, and stuff like that. If you remember, he was doing all kinds of like exotic hunts, things like that and ended up he was like, you know, they had things like jaguars and stuff like that, that you could go out and hunt.

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You know, I've never heard the Verify part of peep the only verified one I know it was a while back and it was one guy with a leopard. But what happens is the exotic animal trade is tied in like the exotic cutting side of it. Some of these branches have big cats too. And, and some of them may be have done things like cross state lines with animals they shouldn't have or things like that. But even if that there ain't no white ones in captivity in Texas, you know, and that wasn't an issue. That's what always happens. Here's here's my favorite thing, Chris. A circus train crashed. Okay, it's always like Michael maze. 20 other days. He said the least safe place to be in the world is a circus train. Okay. You haven't heard? Strange is

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it like the 1910s we have roundabouts coming into town and like parades going down going down Main Street with Ella Bolts is that I

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had a guy tell me I've heard the circus train thing at least a few dozen times. No way. Oh, yeah. And Michael Mays, who wrote the book about Black Panthers recently a friend of mine. He told me the same thing. Here's the circus train thing in the life so what happens is here's how it starts. A circus train crashes and black leopards escape Right? Or in this case, a White Mountain Lion escapes. Okay, and that's what causes these animals on like so all around America. The sightings? Apparently there's enough circus train crashes to where there are male and female melanistic leopards that can somehow linked together hundreds of miles apart. In the wild. Yeah.

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Wow, I didn't know there were that many circus trains still around.

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I have seen one. I can imagine there's a kind of live across from a train track for 15 years and I saw Ringling Brothers train go by me. It didn't crash though. Not crash,

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Colorado, it's about 40 miles my favorite place in the planet Estes Park, there's actually an old circus train car that you can look at, I got a video of me sitting in front of it, because I wanted to prove they existed. But it didn't say anything about it crashing. So there are a lot of

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And you know, there are a fair amount of exotic cats in Texas, but the numbers are overblown. Now, it's hard to it's hard to get that stuff anymore. But that cat on that video, in my mind is absolutely about why that

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is that is a large, large animal. That is that is a big animal. I mean, you can you can see for reference in the background, like fence posts and things like that, that, you know, give a give a good frame of or even even the, even the post right there. Gives you a gives you a great idea of the size of this animal knowing this, knowing the average width of a of a telephone pole,

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I thought was cool. You had a law enforcement officer there saying he thought that's what it was too. Usually what happens is they'll send some official right there. When I started seeing the wildlife expert on TV on these news reports. Yeah, kind of getting a kind of get nervous.



And, and they'll be like, No, this was actually someone's Great Pyrenees that had recently been shaved. And you know, and I'm like, okay, whatever, but that was fascinating. And so that cat as far as I know, and I've asked her on a look has never been that

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bad is a cat that is a prowling animal right there like you can you can see it in prowl mode, like crouched down. Yeah,

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and I've been around. I a long time ago, the state of Texas had a mountain lion report hotline. Because the map the official distribution in Texas the map needs to have outlines Cougars had a line at i 35. And apparently they would not cross i 35. Okay, because it was west of I 35 Yes, range east of I 35 None. So I'm going to the mind of a cougar. And I'm going, you know, if you go east of there, there's more water equal more, there's more forest. There's equal amount of game, but we're gonna hang over here because the map shows us West. It's ridiculous. And so, when you look at a when you look at a video like that, and you look at this incredible animal First off, it's a cougar in the eastern third of Texas.

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Yeah, technically, depends on what side of I 35 You're on. Right. Yeah, man.

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So, you know, the funny thing is, I have a game cam photo never distributed online sent to me from Newton County, which is I live in Orange County. I saw one in Orange County, but that was years ago, they had a mountain lion report hotline. And I called to give an old report to them. And I said, Wouldn't it and they asked me what county I said orange, and the guy on the phone laughed. And I said, Let me tell you something, pal. I don't know what you exactly do other than push pencils over there at the office. I was mad. And I said, But I I guarantee you. I know way more about mountain lions and you. And I said if you ever had one sitting in your lap, you ever walked on a leash. If you ever photographed him for, you know, dozens and dozens, he goes notice that I have done all of the above. And I promise you I'm more qualified to tell if I saw a freaking Mountain Lion, you and Gus hood. But what happens? Sometimes these officials get jaded, but no, some of them are really nice. Yeah, some of them are just like, I have a problem with when you report something to officials when they mock people. Yeah, like not everyone's a wildlife expert. Yeah, sure. It could be case of mistaken identity, but don't mock people. And that's kind of what got on my nerves. I would love to have walked in the office with a mountain lion on a leash that would have been epic.

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guy back here. When I was a kid, I shot my first dough and Lana when I was 12. And I saved up to get her mountain because to me, that was like going on an African Safari. You know, I was so and I took her to this taxdome Some URL Perkins here in orange, and he had that cat mountain, and a guy and lived in orange shot in Montana. It attacked his dog and he shot it. Oh, and he ended up going like five years later, I brought like another deer and he was still there. The guy never picked it up. And so like fast forward 25 years later, I call him and I say you still got that cat. I said, Can we work out some kind of arrangement? Because the kids we work with would love to see how about that? Yeah, yeah, there's a very large botanical gardens that has a million dollar budget here cuz I'm thinking about donating to them. And so they could buy a fleet of real metal lines. So like, two months later, he was closing shop. And he called so you want the cat. So I've wanted that mount my entire life for the last five years.

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came and the first thing the kids make someone do are wild, which is programming our facility. They'll come here in the office, and they'll sit down and we'll introduce ourselves to them. And they usually the first thing to do is taking selfies with that guy over there. You know, and it's a great opportunity. And I actually, you know, we work with hurting children, children, they've been through trauma, but every once in a while, I'll be a sucker and let a scout group come through here. And I had some girl scouts and we're in another location. And I walked in the

mom gave that like, you know, that look like oh my god, you know, you know those people always say like Thurston Howell from Gilligan's Island. You know, that snooty voice, right? You know, those guys? Oh, my God, a mountain lions dead and they walk over and I'm doing the presentation and out loud in front of everybody. She goes, I can't believe he killed an endangered species. He's a hypocrite, blah, blah, blah. So normally with kids, their witness said anything but she caught me on the right day. And I said, kid, would you mind? Just excuse me one second. So what did you say? She goes, You killed a mountain lion and mountain lions are an endangered species. I said they are not an endangered species. Because I guarantee it. I said, Oh, I said, Lady, look, I normally wouldn't say this, but you caught me on the right day. And if you're going to pick anyone in the state of Texas to debate this issue with I'm the wrong dude. I said, prove me they're in danger because I don't know how to do that. So I said I want you to go to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature. They're the global entity that recognizes what endangered, threatened etc. Yeah, it's iucn.org and I've never looked up the mountain lion status because I don't have to but you go ahead there and you type in the search engine in and she did she goes it says species of least concern I said Yeah, because there's a bunch of them. Anyway, it's it's education time and people love these big cats man, like the idea of like this stuff roaming around, but man we're looking at. Yeah, cop 28. Yep, you're looking at a world where we're losing habitat rapidly. And that's something man. And that's something that spooking me a lot. And I'm really concerned about what's going on with habitat loss out there because I travel a lot. And I'll be it won't even be like I'll be there next year. Like if I was in Georgia. And I came back the next month in the area was fly fishing. The whole read a whole 500 acres behind it is gone now. It's just it's going to be a new plant by my house, where I had the literally the piece of property where I had my Cougar sighting when I was 14 years old and life changing encounter with a cougar. I don't know if I'd be sitting here talking about wildlife professionally, if I had not that had that sighting it just it did something to me, man. I was like, Yep, all the stuff I'd seen on TV and read and books was right in front of me 10 yards, you know, and 1800 acres of it were mowed down and made it you're making a new refinery, right by my house. It's all every single bit of it is gone. And so, you know, it's always a great time when you can use something like a white Panther or a mountain lion or whatever to talk about that habitat conservation

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to to shoot a flare up in the air, you know, yes, yes. Yeah. Like these things are beyond the point of Red Flag Day. It is it is like time to be shooting flares in the air, about conservation of wildlife conservation of wild lands here in America. Because I mean, once again, the idea that the white Panther has been talked about and is now proven, is pretty incredible. And once again, there are reports of, you know, black, black panthers all kinds of things and yeah, it wouldn't be beyond the realm of reason that a Jaguar from Mexico, because really that's all a Black Panther is folks just so yeah, yeah. On a panther are from the melanistic. Geez, same thing as me. Like, I'm technically a human Panther. With all of my freckles. That's just my melanin in my skin. Well, if I hyper melanized, all those freckles would grow together. Same thing with a

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great way to explain way to explain that Chris, I think people can get that and like so if you see a black cat in the zoo, or maybe on a television show, it's either a black leopard or a black Jaguar and jaguars are what are native to the United States. And there have actually been

standard colored jaguars, proven multiple times in New Mexico and Arizona. I was there and the terracotta National Monument which is incredible place in a remote Southwestern Arizona, and I was there two weeks after a Jaguar was captured on the game camp. Right there. So they are proven we hadn't seen black ones there. But the Jaguar is native and matter of fact, Sam Houston, if you're texting each other that is to teach history anymore, but Sam Houston when John James Audubon and Richard Bachman were going around doing their quadrupeds of North America research, they interviewed Sam Houston, and he said quote, There are many Jaguars east of the San Jacinto saying the center is at Houston, you crossed the Santa Santa going into Houston from East Texas. So I'm east of the San Jacinto and there was a 19 I believe it was 1902 There was a Jaguar killed and brought to the Jasper County Courthouse. So there is a history of this stuff here and we just got to kind of fit so that's what I'm doing on my YouTube it's just you're more wildlife journalist and investigator YouTube. And beginning January 1, I'm doing an eight part series on the Black Panther phenomenon how so? Hell, I'm doing every aspect that you've never heard of even it's gonna be on there. I'm pretty dang excited about that. Chris, I

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am excited for you dude because this kind of stuff is huge to get out there like and it's interesting that a big cat sighting when you were young was something that stuck with you and brought you to this man like one of one of the reasons I am so into cryptozoology was telling you this before we started recording. I hope my cousin Ricky is tuned in and my brother Randy you're tuning because we're about to get into it guys. I'm here to tell you you could still call me crazy all you want. I saw A mountain lion. Yeah. In in western Louisiana. There they're over over in the by us. We were out at the Kinder camp with the with the crew shadow and up around the campfire and I saw this thing walk down the dirt road and off into the woods. Yep. And saw tracks the next day. What they told me, you know, oh you're you're just drunken high as usual, Chris, which may have been the case but I know what I saw. I know what was there the next day? And yes, yes, as a matter of fact, there are sightings of that and that that is what sent me down the path of the jaguarundi Yeah, and and you know, specifically the small North American Jaguar that is native to Texas, and northern Mexico. ratable

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man, and you know that you mentioned the jaguarundi. And what sent me down that path or two things. John Seidel, who was the editor in chief of Texas Fish Game performance, passed away now asked me if I ever considered jaguarundi as a potential Black Panther candidate one time just in a conversation I said. I said, you know, I've kind of I've looked at those things before. I know people would say that well, about a year later, I saw one I used to, I used to photograph one at the Texas zoo in Victoria. When I would go there. Oh, and I used to have one it's gone now. And on Pleasure Island in Jefferson County, Texas. And around oh two, I believe. I saw a jog around the crossroad in broad daylight in front of me. And I didn't say Black Panther didn't say feral house skillet. Oh, my. I said Oh my I'm looking at a Jaguar running slam on the brakes. And I wrote a story that was at the anomalous Patrick way. He said anomalies may still be there. novels.com It's called R Us Black Panthers. Jagger undies, and there was a Texas Parks and Wildlife biologist at the time who was their endangered species specialist, believe it or not at the time. And he worked in a management area literally five miles from where I was at. And he said, Oh, yeah, he on on record. He said there are Jagger, Randy's here. We used to call them a little gray cats. And I saw in the reason. The reason I didn't say Black Panther or something is because I knew what a jaguarundi was. Yeah. Yeah. Whenever someone sees this cat at a distance and it's dark gray to black looking in the evening or morning, they're probably going to say it's a black panther. Most people don't know what a jaguarundi is. Now, they're not supposed to be here. The range of the Jaguar is supposed to go into like the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas and it hasn't been confirmed sighting in years. But there was so many jaguarundi reports in Brasilia county by Galveston, I think it was in 1968. Texas Parks and Wildlife did a survey they're searching for them because the Houston

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Yeah, same. So on Buffalo Bayou in Houston.

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Very controversial. The state will say we don't have them. The feds will say we don't have them. But they are absolutely I don't think they're common. No, but I think there are pockets or there are a few of these unusual cats around. My good friend Jim brought us operates Bear Creek feline center and Panama City, Florida. And he has maybe the only captive population of Jaguar runnings outside of ACA zoos. And I've actually he opened his doors, let one come in the room while I was there, and from the outside enclosure, and pretty intense little guys and but they are really cool animals. They're fascinating. And they're probably part I believe they're definitely part of the Black Panther phenomenon because it's not one answer as a lot of things people are seeing out there and we go back to habitat issues. You know, the ocelot was very common at one point in South Texas. The jaguarundi was same thing with the ringtail Yeah, and rink tails now are pretty much up in the hill country, you know, yeah. And but the conversion to agriculture down there and a lot of that stuff and population growth killed off a lot of that habitat. Now I'm glad there's I'm not gonna say thriving but a producing Jaguar pop and I'm at Jaguar, sorry, Ocelot, population, and Laguna at a Scotia not Wildlife Refuge near no South Padre. And there's actually a program where they're going to consider bringing in Ocelot from Mexico to replenish that area with ocelots. So there's some great things being done for conservation too. But if you look at that habitat side of stuff, man, you know, we gotta get we got to get something going because we're losing it at an unbelievable pace. I mean, if you just Look at the Texas Water plant alone. Yeah, water will become if some point will become the new gold. And with growing populations in Texas, and there are like maybe 10 reservoirs on tap, that have had various, you know, levels of, you know, funding and different things like that. And when that happens if all 10 of those went we're looking at maybe three quarters of a million acres gone and river bottoms. Yeah. And I was on Toledo Bend fishing. I love fishing, Toledo Bend, but I hate that 165,000 acres of river bottoms are bye bye forever. So you know, people don't look at that side of it. They look more at like there's a parking lot. But there's also the side of like reservoir construction and, and things like that. And most people

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do not realize in the state of Texas that there's only one natural lake, cada every every other Lake is made by damming of rivers and streams. Every other Lake and even that right now is under huge duress, huge duress. I mean, right now, Canyon Lake right here, just outside of Austin and San Antonio is down so far that the cave system inside of Canyon Lake is exposed as well as the former town that was oh, they built the lake and dam the river. That's pretty the old town like the old town is visible from the water. That's that's the water level is. Well,

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what's happening is they're gonna go to my part of the world. East Texas. Yeah, and they're gonna invest where we have the water. So this goes back a long, long way. And there was a there's a the tried to kind of word this, I guess it is the the politicking to get Inner Inner basin water transfer to where they take water from the Sabine River. And they transfer to Central Texas, North Texas, and through a large pipeline system. And I remember a man who has now passed away really nice guy, but he worked for a River Authority here. And he brought me into these fishing guides in on a meeting a probably 18 years ago to talk about InterBase and water transfer. Yeah, instead, Chester, you'll like this, because we're gonna make money from this. And we can start conservation projects. And I'm like, Okay, I said, Give me the idea that conservation projects, he said, Well, we're losing north of Interstate 10, which is where the salt water line ends in Orange County at iTune. We're losing a lot of Cypress because we have so much saltwater intrusion. So we're losing a lot of Cypress, and the river system replenishes like 40 times a year and we don't need all that fresh water. We're losing them so we can pay for water barriers and stuff. Okay, so I filed that little thought in my brain. And they brought me in these guys before the board for a meeting like a month later. And they asked if we had questions. The other two guys were kind of like clueless, you know, they just weren't there. They want to go to California marshes, but they didn't really you know, yeah. And I go and I go home, I have a question. You said if you do this, it will generate income and a portion of this will go to conservation. Yeah, we're proud of this bah bah, bah. And the first thing you would do was make saltwater buried north of it and because of saltwater intrusion. So yes, and you're saying that the system replenishes itself? 41 times there's too much freshwater? Yes, it said so I'm not a genius. I'm certainly not a hydrologist. But if it's replenishing itself 41 times, and saltwater still intruding north of I 10. What would happen if you reduce that to 20 times? I said, Your show you're proving the point that we don't need water transfer, you know, and so those are the kinds of issues that come out of this. It's real contentious stuff. And so the drought we're having a drought too, we're in drought, little bins, like seven Oh, but you know, those areas don't get water. So these are all important things. So I'm hoping the people that are into wildlife and the cryptozoology can just look and see maybe you can get involved in something like the Nature Conservancy with all they do is land conservancy. That's it. Yeah. not political. Just land. Or if you're a waterfowl or waterfowl Hunter, you like wetlands, Ducks Unlimited. A lot of great organizations to be part of, because we're losing habitat. And just there's going to be a point where we don't have a place for a white Panther to roam anymore.

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Yeah. Yeah. Precisely. Precisely. And and at the same token, we're getting to a point and the other article that I have up is is from Parks and Wildlife about the Black Bears right now like, yeah, man in walking trails in San Antonio had been warned. Be careful because because whereas these animals used to range further and further out that area is now being developed. And they're coming in where there's trash and easy food to be found.

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Well, the bear thing is like, it's a challenging problem, but it's on the good side of things is bear numbers are increasing.

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But the urbanization of bears the wrong animal to be around urbanization, because they'll just try to eat out of your garbage can think of coyotes a problem. Yeah, and a bears 1000 times stronger. They're definitely potentially more dangerous. And so you have this rise of the Blackberry, you can read a bunch of blogs have written on the BlackBerry thing and higher calling.net Right away, and you're right coexisting with blackberries and texts and glad parks all apps on this, because they're coming back, they're coming back in the hill country, they're coming back in the Trans Pecos. And in East Texas, and there was recently a bear sighting, I believe in Orange County where I live and the guy got a photo you can see the head, this guy lives in a swamp, he sees feral hogs every week. And the picture he got it's either a bear, or it's one of these really are Uber fat hogs. You can't see the head, but I looked at it, you can go down and it's it's definitely a bear in my opinion that he saw. I didn't post a picture because this guy got so much heat for it. But I just address the issue, you know? And yeah, here's the thing about this. People will laugh. There's no bears. Well, Louisiana is opening their first ever by bear season and 50 years because there's so many black bears in the southern half of the state now. And it showed a map of them going guess where westward to us? I am the first location you're going to come across in orange, Texas over here. Yeah, so it's all a thing driving this. And so we're having wildlife comebacks, we're losing habitat, same time. And then we got all this wildlife conflict because people don't know what to do. And what happens is or somebody, you know, they're walking Fifi, the poop. You know, the lady has little Fifi, and Fifi has got a lot more bark than brain. It's about this big. And they're walking in the park, and they see a bear. And the lady's like, oh, look cute. A black bear and the dogs Oh my bet bet bet bet bet bet bet bet bet. Well, the bear doesn't really care about hurting the lady

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at this point. No, it's just seeing a snack on a leash. But it hates to

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bear the dog because dogs are a natural threat. It attacks the bear. The lady doesn't have enough sense to let the dog go. And you can't do much about it. And you have this conflict. The same things happen in Colorado right now will moose. And in Maine with Moose, yeah. Where it's not even predator, this ungulates. And look, I would rather probably rather contend with a mad black bear than a mad moose. Hey,

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like you're typically there an hour before the golfers so like, Yeah, I'd be I'd be out on the golf course. Before Sunrise sometimes. Yeah. And yes, I was out in the snack shack one day. I mean, snack shack like this. Like eight by eight inside. Yeah. I've been in. I've been in fishing cabins bigger than that. Yeah. And I'm sitting there just reading a book waiting for tee times to start and all of a sudden I hear like this. And I look next to me. And this. This cow has her head in the window. Wow. Of

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the snack shack just looking around the way from my head. And about 10 feet away from her as a calf.

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And I froze. I was I was like you you eat whatever snacks you want. Like you want a hot dog you feel free to take it. I'm just sitting here and it eventually just yo her calf wandered off and she turned around and wandered off but it was like had I moved that little eight by eight shack would have been destroyed. No doubt about it would have been leveled man. And you see along the road. You see him in a zoo. They're beautiful. They're majestic animals. But I roll about six four. I'm a human being man. And that thing had hide on me. Yeah,

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man. There they were the real deal. We know I don't live in Moose country. And we went to Colorado for the first time five years ago and my wife just fell Elisa fell in love with Moose. And I did too but she really fell in love with him. So we've been researching moose a lot and stuff she's actually trying to figure out together kind of a conservation angle on Lucy's want to work on. But this human con flicked I mean, even like elk, I have photos of an elk in Estes Park, a big bull attacking a Suburban. I mean, I mean just thrashing it. And there's like idiot walkers like 10 yards away from the oh, look, it's a no honey. It's the peak of the rut dude. And so it's an

education part of it. And people have to be educated about that. Because, look, I'm a hunter, I support legal ethical science based hunting. I like I like wildlife. Eating wildlife is good, it's good and healthy for you better than this process crap that we all eat too much of including me, well, but if you don't like that, and you don't want the bear showing up your neighborhood killed, don't freakin feed it, because they will end up having to be killed because the bear will hurt someone or getting whatever. So people need to know, don't feed the wildlife. If you do, it conditions them to be around people. And eventually, person's gonna get hurt, and the animals gonna have to be killed. And it's always amazing. Like, I've taken risk with wildlife photography and stuff like that, but I actually know what my risk is at least. And, you know, I was in Yellowstone. And you know, there's I think there's a whole blog called the idiots of Yellowstone or something. And I wouldn't doubt

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There is. And then, most of these people end up being from the Midwest, like, in the reason is all they have up there is like deer and turkey. There's nothing else. So you go to like Yellowstone you don't know about Buffalo and then on buffalo in the Midwest, you know, you don't know about Grizzlies. And so there's this lady from Ohio. Ohio pulls up and she's in a car and she goes, I'm gonna take a selfie with the bison. Have you read one single sign it's been here they kill more people, anyone anything in Yellowstone. And in the Lamar Valley, Yellowstone, you have these like, it's 26 miles and it's one Ranger cabin facility and it was nothing else except little pullover spots. You can pull your car on gravel, there's like a little barricade. There's Bisons walking by the barricade. This woman is leaning over the barricade with her phone toward about a 1800 pound bull bison. And I said, Ma'am, I'm going to photograph your demise if that's okay. So I got a picture. She didn't get hit, thank God. But I did pray for but I got a picture of her leaning over the post and I'm like, Look, there's never a good turnout for that. No, it's like and feral hogs are. I did one of my favorite episodes of my dark outdoors podcast with Dr. Jack Mayer about the danger of feral hogs. And one of the things is it's the cuteness of the babies. The babies are usually born with stripes. They're beautiful. They're really cute. And someone who doesn't know that a park in Austin or Houston or Beaumont. walking around the street. little piglet comes up to them. Well, guess what happens? Mama Sal will eat your soul. And what the big role in conflict is Chris, and I'm going to write a really in depth piece on this. I'm waiting for some of the experts to sort of give me some more info for studies are going on. But the number one thing of wildlife conflict. The number one link is dogs. Oh yeah. All these animals hate dogs. And you're putting your dog or natural predator. Exactly. They don't know it's a dog. They look at it as a wolf or whatever. Yeah. I

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mean, heck, until 100 or so few years ago, they were all wolves. Till exactly every one of them from Chihuahua. And up was nothing wolf till the

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end of the day, right. Yeah. And so the dog is there. And I when I was in Yellowstone, when I got that award, I went I didn't go to Yellowstone. That problem was in Grand Teton and Yellowstone the first trip to Wyoming this year. And there's a trail where there had recently there's a sign grizzly spotted it was like two days earlier than like a date and morning and there's somebody no dogs. So my walk in a colleague down there. Yeah. And so if you're listening, I know you love your dog. I have a bull mastiff and Adobe. I love my babies, but you don't need to be walking them when there's a big presence of feral hogs and certainly not a big presence of bears particularly Grizzlies or when you got a lot of cow and baby elk or moose because you're going to get hurt or the dogs gonna get hurt at least. And I'm just trying to get that message across because we're such a dog centric culture and I love dogs or I've never had

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I mean you I don't know of a picture of you without a dog almost on social media, my dogs everywhere. Every almost every one is a dog in your way do while you're doing something.

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Exactly, but my dogs don't go on the tour. Rael down here where the feral hogs are real thick, you know, and because my dogs are trying to defend me, and they will get killed probably. And so I just want people listening and my getting on you about bringing your dogs but if you see a lot of feral hogs sign avoid that they'll save you in the dog problems. And when you go to Yellowstone, leave the dog in a kennel at home. Yeah, don't have to bring the dog to Yellowstone or Rocky Mountain National Park. It's not going to it'll make your trip more fun. Because when your dog is trying to chase everything anyway, but it's a safety thing and and, you know, there's a good chance that they're gonna have to kill that elk mama who stomped your dog into a mud hole. Yeah, or whatever. So just some common Thank you for having a platform where we can talk freely about this stuff. It's

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hugely important man. I was brought up hunting, fishing by a Cajun grandfather, who was brought up hunting, fishing, trapping, he was a sharecropper, when he was a kid things like Wow, man. And like, to me, I wish I could get out more. But it's more the fact of without the conservation, we don't have the opportunities. People do not understand that. Oh, you know, go out and get a fishing license. You understand that by having a fishing license? That means that there's the next crop of the freshwater fish available for you like that's what funds the freshwater fish into lakes into streams. Everything else?



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It's crucial. Like I don't break the law anyway. But you have to be there's so many laws, you could break them without knowing it. Right. And I the wildlife guy here can't get caught without his federal duck stamp. Right? Yeah, well, I bought mine online and was supposed to send it to you. It never came. But I had my my receipt, but my receipt had yet 30 days. And like I was like they 32 And I'm like I could probably get away because I actually bought it. But I went and bought a separate federal duck stamp that morning to make sure I didn't get in trouble. Because I knew that that money that was doubled the money I spent on helping wetlands. Yeah. And and that's thing. So there was this organization that were doing some tourism stuff. And they told me they got these maps from a birding organization. God bless birding organizations, so cute. But I come out there. And I said you got to put some some of the public duck hunting area because that'll bring a lot of people in the area. And they said, well, the birders wanted us to promise that we wouldn't show the duck hunting areas and you tell those birders that I said, Who bought that area, it was duck hunters. You know, duck hunters bought those marshes and kept them from being plowed under with the Federal Duck Stamp. So it's a great point in fisheries and also in wildlife. Like I work a lot with wild sheep. And this one organization, the Wild Sheep foundation, that pays itself annually for about 60% of North America's Wild Sheep conservation, one nonprofit, there's always chapters and affiliates, and then you get like the National Wild Turkey Federation yet. And they really are habitat centric. They're a great habitat centric group. And they do a lot of amazing habitat work. And so it's all working together pick one you like that supports habitat and wildlife and go for it. Yeah, and, and enjoying the time out there man, like, you know, along the cryptozoology side of stuff, man, like, if certain cryptids are ever proven, we're gonna have a huge reason to conserve has just proven,

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you just prove them. I mean, we just don't have the, the White Lion, like the white Panther, you know, and that's just it, like Jaguar lists, stuff like that things that have been out there for years. Now, and this is one of the things that I that I preach about regularly, whenever I am talking cryptozoology and field work and things like that, get a hold of a local conservation group, get a hold of a local university, things like that, that are doing wildlife work. Because your trail cam footage could be helping them in a huge way. Yeah,

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you never know what you're going to see. I mean, it could be like there's this work on Galveston Island with these animals that have red wolf DNA. I mean, yeah, I my trail cam photos from the mid 2000s. Were part of that original conversation with the group that we're looking at it and I've got something I'm releasing. I got an archival red wolf video. Yeah, that's from 2004 that will be released. Yeah, here on my YouTube channel coming up next month, I think so. You could contribute by showing what you have. of I mean, it may be as something as you might get a bird photo

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you may get bear instead of a Bigfoot, you know, especially in East Texas right now, like you're talking about, especially up around the hill country right now. But that a they need to know that b especially east Texas, stuff like that, if that is becoming a new home range for bears guaranteed you can get some conservation done for the exactly the local habitat.

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Exactly. So that's a great message, Chris game, Campo Selke all that stuff contribute. So make sure it's share your and by the way, I am a judgment free zone for your trail cam videos and photos. I get a lot of stuff that's like like house cats and stuff. I don't beat people up to hey, I think that's a feral house cat, they're all over the place. Thank you for submitting the photo. So you can find me here higher con.net. And as a way to contact me, you can also just email me at Chester Chester more.com. And I love to see what you have. I'm working on a cat project now. But the bear stuff always if anything interesting, weird and wildlife. I'm into it. And I love to see your stuff. And I won't beat you up about it. You know. And by the way, you're on a cool page there. Oh, that's my one of my favorite photos ever. The Jaguar? Great story behind that. So that's my favorite animal in the world is a Jaguar. And we have a section on our website called How to Become a conservationist. And I have these cards I give when I meet kids that has a QR code. And it goes to this video of me and the Florida Keys, giving them ways to use their social media, artwork, photography and writing for conservation sake. And we've been putting that out all around America to think of a 316 project based on my favorite scripture, John 316. We gave gifts wildlife centric gifts to kids who inspired conservation 16 states and three months. And that goes to there. And the reason I put that little Jaguar photo is because that was one of my social posts. About nine years ago, me and Lisa brought two young ladies to the Lufkin Zoo. And they had just had a Jaguar baby. And they were going to put it on display for 30 minutes that day. It was like the first time I put it on display. And I went there and took about one to write an article about it. And I say, Can I walk past the barricade and put my camera up to the glass to get a good photo? And I said, I'll tell you what, why don't you wait till we're done and come back and the vet took us behind the scenes. Let me let me pet that little baby. And my dream comes true total and I was sitting on the grass about a foot away with a wide angle lens taking that photo. Wow. That was a total dream come true for me like to get that close to a baby Jaguar. And the kid that we took there was two sisters. She had her cell phone she got a picture of me taken the picture. And it's one of my favorite photos because here's me laying in the grass. So you know, look God this is this may sound little sappy. But look, it's a tough the world's getting tougher by the day. A lot of crazy darkness out there. Yeah, but don't give up hope. I still have hope because of my faith. But don't give up Good things can still happen in your life. And, you know, live for those good moments, and know that they're not impossible to happen. And I'm no one special at all. But some pretty special things get to happen to me. And just know that when you're hanging on out there and the world gets crazy. Search for those things that bring you joy. And I'm telling you good things can still happen. The world is going to hell in a handbasket. You don't have to join them. So that's one way stay inspired and being in wild places and seeing wild things and conserving wild lands a good way to regenerate some of that hope in your life. Absolutely.

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And you know the things that you do at higher calling dotnet especially your youth outreach, things like that man that that is what is supplying that light for the future. That is what is getting kids in touch with the world around them and making them learn to love and respect nature and, and differentiate the time that they get out in it because not every kid gets to get out in it no

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matter what. And they don't and we're having me in my book, I'm working on a I'm actually narrating a Bigfoot series for a friend of mine called Wild Man wild man of the woods on YouTube. It's it's like Nat Geo level videography. My friend Paul was in ski and surf guy and do that. Cool. And Paul is a videographer and he is completing today actually wrapping up like a seven minute mini dock on our last expedition to Colorado with kids. It'll be available at haidakhan dotnet January one and do let me tell you, let me tell you a couple of cool stories. Have a girl named Juno Juno we met her a few when we met her in January of 2020. She had cancer. She was in Colorado, somebody recommended her to us and we were gonna go do an expedition with her but a little thing called COVID happened and we couldn't travel she couldn't travel for sure. Well, she kind of fell through the cracks but Have COVID and travel and then her mom reached out and said she was having a few problems. And we went out and did last year. We went out and gave her a sloth encounter at the Denver Zoo and Aquarium. Denver aquarium. Cool. And it was it was incredible. Well, I went back this year, Juno's cancer free and I got to walk her out on a trail to photograph mule deer. And we went back again and she met us in September, October and we took her around her house at a park and taught her how to use a camera to photograph wildlife did prairie dog photography there, but that kid gets cancer free now that brings me hope. And we met a little boy named Alex who has more health issues and I can talk about in the program and beautiful awesome little little guy and the elk are in full run. And on the video you'll see him out there bugling at the elk when I'm bugle back at him, and I got to take him to a spot where normally there's a bunch of chipmunks and ground squirrels where they were all gone, but a few chipmunks but Lord provided for me a flock of Mary of Turkeys walked up to us. And he got to you know, sit there and look at the turkeys five yards away and photograph moose withers. So it's all about trying to give hope to kids. So if you know of a child that's facing a special challenge that loves wildlife. Yeah, that's right. Right here. It's Rihanna Holloway. That's that's Emily Odom. Right there.

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She gets ready to go.



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Yeah, so Rihanna is the first girl you saw the big horns grad is just graduated last weekend. After that trip, she became a Texas Tech wildlife student graduated with a degree and she got to go on that with us and written and you'll see the girl released the turkeys then a lot of stuff with us and we're proud to have partners like the Texas Parks and Wildlife self, the salon National Wild Turkey Federation, Wild Sheep foundation Euston Safari Club Foundation have all helped us in various ways and pretty excited about the work we're doing. If you know of a kid that loves wildlife, and, and they they're having a dark time, it could be they're in foster maybe or a critical illness or they're dealing with depression and bullying and whatever. Yeah, message me. And if you're gonna get a hold of me get a hold of Chris Hill. He'll reach out to me. Yeah, we would love to do something special for your kids wildlife. Absolutely,

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man. And speaking of which you are actually going to be at Phalke monster festival coming up. And there were maybe a giveaway for a special kid. Yeah, Phalke. Yeah.

So Craig will heater our mutual friends have been so kind to support our program and his Texas Bigfoot conference as well as the thought monster festival. We're either bringing kids in if we can make it to come to the event, they get Bigfoot centric gifts. Or we're using that event to raise gifts for other kids. And matter of fact, tomorrow I'm patching up picking up some gifts. My good friend Sean Whitley, who did the epic. I mean, I'm a little biased. A Southern Fried Bigfoot documentary. Oh, yeah. sent me a bunch of Bigfoot gifts. We're gonna send kids out and thought monster fest we're probably gonna be bringing some kids to that one. And I'm going to be speaking there and got a cool announcement. I wrote a book called Bigfoot South 20 years ago next year. And big foot South is going to be rereleased for the very first time with about 50% more pages, information, photos, Special Edition, it's going to be available at the felt monster festival. And I'm going to be talking about something unique there. I want to be talking about feral apes and feral monkeys in the American South, and how it ties into this phenomenon. And I'm neck deep in research on that, and I've got some crazy stuff to share. So that's a little teaser. You want to come out to the monster festival. First off, it's in Phalke, and people will be here probably Lyle or someone to be there as well, talking about the thought monster and his masterful books he did on that and different people come to this event, and a special place and go to the monster Mart and check out the little mini museum. But I'll be there. We'll be having probably some kids there with us. And we'll have and you can go by the way, you're the first person to get this scoop. I've seen a few friends links. Nobody publicly has this yet. Go to Bigfoot self.com. And Bigfoot self.com has a few blogs up already. But this will be the presence of the new book, and anything awesome primate cryptozoologists type of stuff that will end up there. So that's the original artwork that Randy King did for my book 20 years ago. And I didn't have so I actually was able to scan that. And that's the original artwork, and so a lot of cool stuff going on. And there's actually a Sasquatch sanctuary magazine that will come with this that we're going to do three times a year. To end a lot of stuff going on and excited about 2024 Heck,

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yeah, man. Well, congratulations on all of that, as always my friend, you are out there you are doing things like crazy all the time. It's great to see you moving and shaking. I'm glad to see you rebooting the YouTube channel and using that for the powers of good.

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rean, rimean, riappreside chae, you know, is 3 gointa be great to actually be able to hoperany derive some income and get streams enough to help the family because it's tough to make a living doing this, but it is, we're gonna have a whole separate playlist just on the work we do. But kids in the entire goal of that playlist is to find more kids because someone will watch that stuff. We haven't put that one up yet that goes with the documentary coming up. And we're gonna say, Hey, you got a kid that dealing with this kind of stuff, we can help. And then if you like cryptozoology, you're gonna love this channel if you like just wildlife and fishing it basically it's I even have my old band stuff on there like epic my band freak 13 And I've got my band track and stuff on there. So it's basically everything Chester is interested in is on that particular channel. So you never know there may be a scathing review of Disney star wars on there at some point, I don't know.

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Hold the Line real quick. While we close things out. Man. It is always always great to talk with you. I love our conversations on and off air and I treasure them buddy, I have just a huge, huge fan of all your work. So thank you.

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I love what you do. And thank you for always stirring up interesting conversations with everyone that's

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