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Harvey Milk, Buddy Johnston, Jimmy Carper



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Now we want to talk about sex. But we're not allowed because FCC is cracking down hard. You want everything to sound just like a Hallmark card. They won't even let us talk about number two and I wonder what they call it when they get it on the shoe. We know what would they use them, but we can't say it because FCC is full of both women yeasty girls and we're here to say that you better do something and right away Yeah, you better wake up and start using your head because your first amendment rights are just about dead. Well, the FCC will tell you Oh, haven't you heard? The freedom of speech is a dirty word. Well, the East has got a message for the people who agree with the stupid regulations of the FCC. You think your kids would be corrupted if they hear about poo? There's nothing wrong with them. We think the problem is you biology is neat. We like our bodies just fine telling us yesterday well we say you lie and call it a free country but it feels like a prison. So right the Federal Communication Commission Japan and paper ready because here's the address 191 9am Street, Northwest Washington DC to 00360 Tell them that they're stupid. Yeah, tell them that they're destroying our expression because they think it's outrageous. Tell them that they're living in the dark ages where they yeasty girls and we're here to say we want the FCC to go



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away. Yeah, go away and hear the sounds of the waves brushed up against the sand or he has written both of your names with a heart around it. You were looking at the sky burning red with the sunset. Quickly a car drives up alongside of you, you stop for red light. Suddenly the car is surrounded, they circle your blanket coming in closer bottles are thrown out of car windows, the sound of glass breaking baseball bats against metal hand grabs your hair glass at your feet in your face in your eyes, a fist across your face again



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and again. I quit tell them tell them.



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Buddy Johnston 02:07

And this is 90.1 FM KPFT. In Houston this morning, we want to start just a little bit different. Because we usually don't dedicate programs to individuals. But there's someone very special who can't hear this right this second, but he will hear it later on tape. His name is Alan and he lives in San Francisco. And last year about this time we got a letter dated June 20 1989. And it said dear friends last week I was visiting Houston I turned on the radio at 3am. And to my amazement, I heard your program recalling the history of gay liberation. That voice of enlightenment in a city famous for its homophobia was very thrilling for me, you have my highest praise for your courage. I've now reached the age of 60. My early years were grim, hopeless and suicidal. If people like you had dared to speak out as role models, my life would have been positive and creative. Please do not give way to despair or burnout believe in our cause and keep working. It's so very important for those who are out there and haven't found their voices yet. My thanks. And my love. Signed Alan Blackman. So Alan Blackman in San Francisco my dear, this program is just for you.



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[Glory, Glory by Leah Zicari plays]



Harvey Milk 05:59

Harvey have a few words for KPFA come on out China's bring a friend what do you think about the turnout so far well it's never No Never enough never enough



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going back I think that's Robin Tyler on the stage for love her for life we're not going back



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moment I have the task of telling you that the official count of the lesbian and gay rights march the official count



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you may already



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know we parents want persuade society that our gay children are not acting out of defiance, self indulgence. They're being true to their own nature. Our children are fine men and women. And we say this society the parents and friends of lesbians and gay men will support their children



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Harvey Milk 09:13

man already have a few words for KPFA come on out. Join us bring her friends. What do you think about the turnouts? Well, never No, never. Never No. We must destroy the myth Swanson for shatter them. We must continue to speak out. And most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must come out. difficult as it is, you must tell your immediate family. You must tell your relatives. You must tell your friends if indeed they are your friends. You must tell your neighbors You must tell the people you work with. You must tell the people in the stores you shop you realize that they are indeed their children and we are indeed everywhere. Every myth, every lie, every innuendo will be destroyed once and run. Once you do, you will feel so much better. People to do one thing



Buddy Johnston 11:04

that's the magic word. Yes. Mornay realize that in one week child, it's going to be gay, lesbian Pride Week parade day. And we will be marching down Westheimer Yes, ladies and gentlemen, once again. You know what, what? In 1987? I called in sick to the police department because I was working for HPD then yeah, and marched in the parade. I didn't No, no, no, I didn't march in the parade. I had on certain sunglasses and a big hat and stood in the back and watch what was happening.



J Jimmy Carper 11:35

Amazed. Right, amazing. And



B Buddy Johnston 11:37

then in September of 87, we started doing after hours and the next year. We're still working at HPD. And I also called in sick on that day. Yeah, that time I broadcast to the city that I was going to call in sick and abused sick policy. Wait a minute, Mary. There's there's madness. There's method to this madness. Okay. They don't have enough people child and you got it. You can get office to get sick. Oh, and they know we're all sick. Oh, hmm. So we call in sick and 88 and marched in the parade and threw condoms and beads at the cops child. And last year, I wasn't working for HPD because I went looking for a husband and still haven't found. So if you're short and hairy, please call me at the radio station right now five to six. Okay. And then this year, I don't have to call in sick. No, you have off I went back to HPD. In fact now I'm the president of the Houston Police support personnel Union after going to city council and saying thanks for having the courage to hire an openly gay person, but freeway rehire. Anyway, I'm going back to city council on Wednesday to read one of Pat Parker's poem. Oh, yeah. About pride. We'll tell you about that in a minute. And we've got a guest here this morning. We

J Jimmy Carper 12:53

sure do.

B Buddy Johnston 12:54

What's that? Smells like leather to me. Yeah, it's gonna be fun Mr. Boots. Yeah, and we're going to be talking about leather and what that's all about. And we're also going to be sick call are also gonna be talking about that parade. I'm not gonna say anything nasty. Really? Well, come on. Let Harvey Milk say this one more time. Okay, listen, baby. This is what it's all about. Okay, you listening?

H Harvey Milk 13:21

To do one thing. Come out.

B Buddy Johnston 13:24

Come out. Come out. Because listen, it didn't matter how far out of the closet I am until you get your act together and come out. I'm never going to have the freedom that I deserve. So get your butt out. Right. You got it coming, Alan. We clear.

J Jimmy Carper 13:42

Thanks. I need that Alan fix every

B Buddy Johnston 13:46

Here we go. Here's Ron and Paul.



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With so many gay men, and so little time. It never has to try and pursue the ones who are



Buddy Johnston 14:11

thinking about it,



Jimmy Carper 14:12

I think so. Hmm. What happened? Who doesn't want to play?



Buddy Johnston 14:21

I want to play each you're not



Jimmy Carper 14:23

just going to you're not hitting it in the right place and not responding. You have to hit the right erogenous zone is that Eric?



Buddy Johnston 14:31

I'll be back in a minute. It's called live radio and it happens every Saturday night at midnight. KPFT Houston 90.1 FM and Hey baby, we know that



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change no one can change your life for you. Anyone's depth Hello



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hello



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know that there was pain hold on for one but



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someday somebody's gonna make you want to turn around say

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no

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Buddy Johnston 15:56

yeah just hang on another day, the future look to the future keep looking ahead to the future we've been looking into the future for 21 years girl. Roger said, I had to bite my tongue at Anna's funeral at Anna's wedding on Saturday. Why? Because he wanted to say how gay people get cheated out of weddings and how gay people get cheated out of the opportunity to go before their families and their friends and society and say, Hey, we're here and we're loving, we love each other, and we're gonna take care of each other. And he said, I had to bite my tongue. Just hold on one more day. That's right. Just like at my father's funeral in April, when my father died. I didn't want to hurt my mother's feelings. I just took that earring out and said, okay, just hold on one more day. Listen, kids, you can hold on to hell freezes over and they're never going to give you what you deserve. I shouldn't tell my mother, this is my father's funeral. and to hell with the way you feel. If you don't like me, don't want me here. I'll get on a bus and go home. And Roger should have said, Look, we could live with a man for 100 years, and we'll never get the things we get that you're getting here. And it's not fair. I can go to HPD. And watch those guys down there and try to pick up everyone in the place and everybody laughs and has a good time. And it's fine. But if I look at a man, and try to pick up a man that's attractive, that's wrong. Jimmy and I could go out to sell to Sharpstown tomorrow and walk through the mall and see somebody that's cute. And you can't even say hi to him. Look to the future. Hey, some Hello. Listen, baby. We've been doing this program for almost three years. As volunteers, right, right. I went to HPD an ad in September of 87. And said I'm going to do a gay radio show. Nobody freaked out. We're talking about the police Mary. Not Follies. I had some Queen at Foley say Oh, I can't go on and on. Yeah, give me a break. No one knows you're queer girl. Give me a break kind of really.

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Jimmy Carper 18:09

You know, the way I look at it. I'm getting getting kind of long in the tooth here. So when somebody tells me look to the future, I've got to say, hey, if I keep looking to the future, I'm not gonna have any,

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Buddy Johnston 18:23

the whole thing is kids that this is it. These three girls are singing Hold on, hold on, it's gonna get better Baloney, it's not gonna get any better. All you get is right now today. And I promise you, if you come out, you're going to be hated by some folks, but you're gonna be loved by a whole lot of other folks. You're gonna have those people that look at you and say there goes this queers. Faggot company queer, or baby. It's great be in the company queer at HPD. Now if I can just find one of you guys that has enough stuff to come forward and talk to me I'd feel better. But until that happens, we'll be fine. Harvey was right. He said we must destroy the

myth once and for all. And that's the answer. And what I said at the beginning of the show until you realize that until you come out for yourself. We're never going to get anywhere. Now a week from today we're going to have a parade. And if you don't come to the parade, we are going to come out there and get you and drag you down to Montrose screaming and kicking just to make you go because when you feel the energy that's there all the garbage all that crap where we've been fighting and screaming at each other about how what color the T shirts are going to be and how this picture is going to be on the button and we get the all the same folks to write the same garbage in the pride guide and all that crap when that's all said and done. You're going to feel the energy and the love of a community that they cannot stop. If we could destroy the mess and realize in visually who we are. May I've done this on my own with the help of almost nobody. And you can do the same thing. That's what that's what it's all about. Okay. See, I'm really angry because I, I went to the tubs last night. Yeah. And I saw this beautiful man sitting in the corner all by himself just wanting to reach out and touch somebody and he just wouldn't do it. And you see the same thing at the bars and the bookstores and the bars, and the parks and the malls, all the standing restaurants. It's everywhere. Today's Father's Day, 15 years ago, my father's relationship died. When he found out he had a faggot for a son. But for 15 years, I thought, Oh, Dad, come on down to Houston. See what this is. See, meet Roger. I've got this guy that otherwise he's wonderful. He's real good to me. Come to the police department see what it is this real important job and president of this union daddy come down and see me. I buried him in April. And it's never going to happen. It doesn't matter if it died 15 years ago, or if he died today. It's over. And society. I am so mad at the society that does that to us. I don't know the way out. But I know this. If tonight every one of you turn pink, or green or red, we can pick a color that we all know we couldn't we couldn't even agree on a color.

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Jimmy Carper 21:34

You know? That's right. We're too diverse. But if

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Buddy Johnston 21:37

we could just all come forward and let them see not let them see. Let us see how many of us there really are it wouldn't be just 15 guys in the sauna. Naked wanting to reach out and touch someone. It would be 30 to 40 million gay and lesbian people full of pride and love and energy. And they couldn't stop us. They're trying to stop us right now. Jesse Helms God bless him is just trying his damndest. And Pat Robinson I can't even play that tape from Pat Robinson because my bloods gonna boil I won't let you. So you know, I told the Houston Post The other day he said well, what about the the movement I say well, until we all come out and none of us are going to get anywhere. And we as gay men have got to quit looking at each other thinking when he's got the perfect body and the perfect haircut and that's a bunch of garbage. Just think how many beautiful people are walking by because we don't even give each other the time of day. Look to the future. Yeah, okay. Have to because it just wasn't as good as it could be today. And honey, everybody's looking for an answer. We don't have it. Harvey Milk's not Come on Martin Luther King is not coming. The answer is in each of us. And until you realize that we're not going anywhere babies. So come on and get with the program. With the program we got guest this morning we're gonna be getting with the program. Yeah, we're gonna get with the program. Here's the Ron Paul. We'll be back and I've got a special song standing by from what's her name?

J Jimmy Carper 23:33

Would you say I've always loved which one plays

B Buddy Johnston 23:41

girl my heart's just racing. I've never done this before.

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Oh

J Jimmy Carper 23:46

no, I really do like that. I guess. I'm kind of in the closet when it comes to leather. Oh, I know. That sounds really funny. He has a whole house full of leather. No. Well, I you know, I don't have a lot of the accoutrements but I really love the smell of leather. And I thought I was being you know, just really decadent. A couple of years ago, I went into boots, and I bought a fast for a party that I want to buy, you know, and I just love it.

B Buddy Johnston 24:21

I had my income tax check all set aside for leather for Roger and then the Jeep transmission and the wheels and you know what I mean? Am I weird feeling this way? Well, here's the man himself. No, no. No.

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Many people just wear leather. Just that are not into leather. We've got

B Buddy Johnston 24:43

the leather expert with us this morning. Yeah, right. Who's got a shop over on? Where's it fair Fairview just around Taft somewhere in there. And that does not only service to gay and lesbian community but lots of

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books by leather. Just about all walks of life.

B Buddy Johnston 25:03

Really? What's the big fascination with a leather one leather?

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People just like you know it's like furs or skins we've been wearing skins longer than we've been wearing material clothes. Yeah, certainly.

J Jimmy Carper 25:13

Polyester that's for sure

B Buddy Johnston 25:18

you can relate to first marriage

J Jimmy Carper 25:19

oh I can I do I like first two. Yeah,

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we just heard about your combination of for another Oh,

B Buddy Johnston 25:28

he has got a collection that you wouldn't believe.

J Jimmy Carper 25:32

But there is a fascination about leather and not I don't mean just like black motorcycle Yeah, no

♀ 25:39

all leather all other the smell of it. feel of it the way it just molds to your body.

B Buddy Johnston 25:45

Oh yes. And it actually does right oh yeah, you can't just take a leather jacket I mean a leather vest for example and throw it in the corner. No, no, no, no my roommate has Rogers gonna

leather vest and he has to it has to be folded

J Jimmy Carper 26:01

and lay just certain way Yeah, I was told all of that when I bought mine

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so it molds to you yeah. You know takes on your shape not not somebody else's shape.

B Buddy Johnston 26:11

What what's hot right now? Oh, with Pride week coming up.

J Jimmy Carper 26:16

What is yeah, what are some of the more popular wearing apparel in leather?

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In just garments?

B Buddy Johnston 26:26

Yeah, garbage anything. Anything and everything

♀ 26:29

anything and everything we're still making you know. Here we are in the middle of beginning of June and making leather pants still still making chaps so make

B Buddy Johnston 26:38

shirts and you can get leather in just about everything right from leather undies or similar sort of stuff? Yeah, everything everything Ryan shirts. Yeah.

J Jimmy Carper 26:48

shirts. Yeah the shirt. And that's that really says shorts



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shorts. You know?



Jimmy Carper 26:54

Don't you think that really says something because this is Houston. And people wear leather all year round.



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I just finished a bedspread no kidding today just today for double queen size bed. Whoa.



Buddy Johnston 27:10

Queen Size. I saw Roger down the other day at a local bar. This this is very expensive stuff some of it right I mean some of these outfits run into the hundreds of dollars



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some of them Yeah. Most of them reasonable. Most especially



Buddy Johnston 27:26

it boots right



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yes



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well, you know we're we're no you know, North Beach leather but we're you know, we're along there when we make everything ourselves that's that's the difference.



Buddy Johnston 27:39

Quality is what I hear. That's what I've heard ever since I've been in Houston if you want leather you go down to boots because of the time that you take to put into the work



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and you actually see is making it Yeah, you know if there's something wrong with it or law alteration can be done right there and it's our own products we know it to 22 years we've been making it and a



Buddy Johnston 27:57

large percentage of this leather 22 years. A large percentage of this leather you don't just you don't go in and just pick it up off the rack. Right?



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Most people haven't made for them. You know, because that if you can buy something off the rack or have it made for you at the same price. Most people want that extra special attention. Plus it looks better. It looks better. All the other leather stores around here just what's on the racks what you walk out with? Yeah,



Buddy Johnston 28:24

why did we answer that? Why why the fascination other than it just is fascinating. I mean, I know some of these companies guys child. This is serious stuff.



Jimmy Carper 28:33

But you know when you say leather everybody has these ideas of the motorcycle jacket or are some studded strange apparel that when you look at it on a hanger you don't can't possibly figure out how it goes on the body or where but that's not that's not all of it is no no. A lot of just said you just made a bedspread.



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A lot of it's just just the fascination with skins. You know, goes way way back for them as you said or polyester.



Buddy Johnston 29:06

Rather is how high dry



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Yeah, it's cow. Hi. Sheep goat. Any of those anything? Oh, and yeah, I

J Jimmy Carper 29:17

guess it would be I'm just thinking cowhide

B Buddy Johnston 29:21

leather tree out.

J Jimmy Carper 29:24

No, but I'm thinking just I just think of cow but I guess

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no pig suede. That's right. Nice. Napa lamb suede.

B Buddy Johnston 29:36

Is that does that vary the cost depending on the skin? Oh, yeah. So what would some of the more expensive skins be all about?

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A very young goat good skin. real soft and supple leather.

J Jimmy Carper 29:50

Oh, I like that.

B Buddy Johnston 29:53

I have young skin. Well, I don't know what we're talking about leather very

J Jimmy Carper 29:57

it's very soft.

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Part of that's probably from you wearing it. The more you wear it, the more supple it gets more

...that's probably when you're wearing it. The more you wear it, the more supple it gets. It takes on your shape of your body. And as it ages, it seems to get better. If we buy a pair of leather pants you may spend four times as much as you spend for a pair of jeans, but it's going to last you forever. Forever. You're going to have it as long as you take care of it. Well that's a difference I think.

 **Buddy Johnston 30:28**

You know, I think I think that what you're saying to me is what I felt that you really don't think about it being skin that you think about leather being something that's something that came from somewhere but you really don't stop to think about came from you know what I mean? Yeah, but I guess it does go back to the years of wearing skins.

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Oh, yes. Oh, yeah,

 **Buddy Johnston 30:49**

maybe that's what has that night animal. You know,

 **Jimmy Carper 30:52**

my favorite Leather Jacket is 10 years old. I wear it all the time.

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I still had some of my leather for my first my first piece of leather. Really? Yeah, I still have my leather coat. It no longer covers my midsection any longer. But as we all grow up, but I still have it in supple. People borrow it all the time for fashion shows and things like that. Most of its cow though, that we use in the shop. Okay. black cow, black cow. And although we do do some colored leather, we basically have a reputation of, of our chaps or pants are vast.

 **Jimmy Carper 31:33**

Yes. But I've seen other other pieces of apparel also,

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and not to mention the accoutrements Yes. that go along with the other side of leather. The people that just don't want to wear it. The people that want to live it, you know that they want to use it. They want to experiment with safe sex. Are we allowed to say that? Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. There you go. That's something

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Jimmy Carper 32:01

that many people probably don't realize. But in the leather scene, there's probably more safe sex going on. They're always younger. Hasn't there? Yeah, don't you think?

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No, I definitely, you know,

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Buddy Johnston 32:13

I worry sometimes because Roger gets dressed up and all this stuff. And I think Oh, Mary, he's gonna get out and be tied up somewhere. But the people who really take this because the audience is laughing. That you know what I mean, toddler can laugh somewhere. But this this when you say leathers saying that whole segment of our society, gay society is something that always has been considered very safe. Yes, of course, you get with someone that's just off the wall, but you don't hear about that.

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Never ever heard of anybody getting the big A from being tied up? Never

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Jimmy Carper 32:49

know. Plus, if you've got a top that's, that's kind of going beyond the limits, that tops gonna get a reputation and people are going to stay away from him.

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Oh, and such a small community that we live in, no matter how big the city, the community. The community is small. Yes.

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Buddy Johnston 33:11

And Houston all over the place. I found

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it all over I still meet people that I knew in New York City were led by booth

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Jimmy Carper 33:20

started. Oh, is that where you started?

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Buddy Johnston 33:23

The shop started in New York in New York City. Yeah, one of the reasons we wanted to invite you here especially this weekend, and this month, Pride week month is because that we have a song that we play a lot talking about the beginning of the gay liberation movement. And how a young woman in leather was one of the ones that was throwing parking lots through the car windows in the Stonewall Inn at least I mean parking meters that car lot she probably would have thrown a lot but leather has played such an important part of our society of gay society for years and continues to grow Yeah, but it doesn't always get it had a bad bad was that right? Fair to say. Now now really say it again. We sometimes leather gets a bad rap and I don't mean from society as a whole I mean from a lot of gay people come

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right in here. Exactly. They say leather immediately they think oh oh everything that they can conjure up of a motorcycle gangs and held angels and chains and and mama's on the back of the truck or little boys on the back of the bikes which really is which isn't Most of my customers are you know I see them for fittings in their garments that they come in and they're coming suits and ties and and you'll see them out not at the local bars that cater to that particular people but all over all of us, you know more so I think to myself. Now I know that I have made if I've made 100 harnesses I've made 1000 harnesses Where are these people? Where did they keep these harnesses? I may go out to those particular bars and find maybe two people wearing a harness that night or, or seven people wearing a vest. Well, you know, my goodness, if I made that many harnesses, I can make twice as many events that I've made or, or chaps. So they're going other places. They're not just going right to the, the leather clubs here, they're, you know, I see a lot of my customers down there at the dance clubs, the all over. That's part

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Buddy Johnston 35:29

of what Harvey was talking about, though, don't you think to me about destroying mass? Destroying? Yes. Within the community? Absolutely. Because I get seen out I had a kid last night, at the baths, say, you know, like, what are you doing here? Oh, girl, if he if I have to explain to you what I'm doing here, well, then check back in. But that whole thing that you know, you're you have to explain something. I don't think that we should drive that into ourselves as much as we do. I don't know if it's, if it's just not understanding. I think it's part of our society or not wanting to give

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I think it's a lot of not understanding. I mean, I hear all the time people saying, Guys, you know, I've been on the same location now for eight years, right here in Houston. At our main shop. We also have shops in Dallas, and they will just here in Dallas right now. Okay. And people that

when I wanted to come in, I wanted to come in. But I thought there would be chains hanging out and you'd be tied up when you want Yes, or something like that. I don't know what they feel. But eventually, once you get them inside the door, and they see that there's something for everybody. I mean, we don't just make even the particular community, the leather community we don't just make for that we make cummerbunds bow ties. G strings for dancers, you know, those dancers aren't all into heavy, heavy leather scene. You know, I

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Buddy Johnston 36:56

think it reminds me of David McCain, because David's one of my oldest friends, I took him to his first gay bar in St. Louis, Missouri in the early 70s. And he was so scared he just couldn't go to this bar. And then on the way out, all he did was bitch because no one pinched him on the butt. Gosh, do we hear that? Wait a minute. I guess he thought he was gonna go in and everybody in there was gonna jump him and throw him on the pool table and have him for lunch and then when it didn't happen, he was so angry.

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Jimmy Carper 37:31

Well another aspect of this is that people forget just how much the leather community raises for charities. That's true. It's the same thing with the drag queens. People kind of forget that drag queens and leather men raised a hell of a lot of money for charity. Have you

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Buddy Johnston 37:49

and speaking of that, I saw this panel for the names project quote which was the sheet of leather was made from a panel of leather. It was beautiful.

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I've made several of those have you really Yes.

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Buddy Johnston 38:04

Have you? Is there anything special that that other than the bar the rip cord I say the bar if I think leather I think the rip cord there are there are other bars in Houston. But the rip cord is going to be marching in the parade this year as they always do and leather carrying the flags of the 50 states and it's always very beautiful. Is there anything special that you've made or that you're making for Pride Week or does this this particular week of activities bring a rush of people in or just you know what I mean? Is it just your usual

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chaps you're challenging your vest for the for a special events and clubs and people doing things this weekend is there any sir coming weekend

 **Buddy Johnston 38:42**

of the year maybe that people come in and spend more time looking for leather than

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whenever it's cool? It's cool. When you when you're trying on a pair of leather pants at our store and even though we keep the air conditioner stirring maximum it's still hot to come come wintertime. It seems like somebody's opened up the door and said oh well go to boots he's having a sale. Sale but still it seems that way. Returns cool. People just want to cover themselves with leather. In the summertime they just want to buy little leather shorts or the little leather tank tops and things like that but wintertime they come in for the jackets. You know how much to do the entire thing that hat jacket chaps vest, armbands wristbands and

 **Buddy Johnston 39:29**

I could lose about 50 pounds I'd get a pair of those now now. You certainly look good. Just think got this isn't television boys and girls are you'd be switching over to MTV.

 **Jimmy Carper 39:42**

Quiet during this show. We're talking to boots

 **Buddy Johnston 39:46**

who has a leather shop here in the Montrose area. And I really don't know what we haven't said Do you

 **Jimmy Carper 39:58**

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 **Buddy Johnston 40:00**

I think it's important that people understand that this is a segment of our society that we need to give a chance that we need to really give a chance. And I guess one of the things that I wanted to say with having you here was that we shouldn't be so judgmental against ourselves

 **Jimmy Carper 40:17**

takes education you always fear what the unknown what you don't know about and it within our

even within our own to become a leather man to understand the leather community

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Buddy Johnston 40:27

and even within our own community. It's prevalent it's Doris Day is in the background.

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Well, if you really want to see dedication to leather, yeah, next week, Sunday when the ripcord marches and they have the 50 state flags and the large American a large Texan flag and you see those men clad in this temperature in June in their faux leather. Yeah, those are people are, they're dedicated, and they want to wear the leather.

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Jimmy Carper 40:58

That is one of the most impressive marching groups I've ever seen. It's just breath to

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volunteers, all volunteers, volunteers every year, they just rushed to sign up for the 50 state flags. And you know,

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Buddy Johnston 41:12

Roger was so disappointed because they had a place save for him to march in that case this year, and he's going to march with us instead. Baby you should have went and marched with the ripcord that I can't remember who it was over there had saved him a spot us and you should have marched with them. Because I remember the first time I saw that that group marching in the parade and when you see your state flag there's a little throbbing you know, a little feel of it. So what are you doing? That's the word throb that excited you you know what I mean? You feel that little bit of a rush there's there's a little bit of home.

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Jimmy Carper 41:52

Yeah. Even though my even though Mine would be New Jersey, oh, girl. How was that?

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Buddy Johnston 42:06

Anyway,

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but for all you people out there, who are a little scared of it, all you have to do is just educate yourself a little bit. And find out it's if you want to go into that particular aspect of, of our gay society, you'll find that there's wonderful warm people that are out there that will show you what to do explain things to you guide you through it. And if there was a large community here, and all of them were so bad, believe me you'd be hearing about them. They just don't allow that. You know what you were saying about tops? We're talking about reputation.

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Jimmy Carper 42:48

Okay, but how do you have any lesbian customers?

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Oh, definitely say almost definitely. And those those fabulous little porch swings that we sell in full leather Yeah, you know that hang by chains from the ceiling. You know, that for that reclining position to read the new you know, the new copy of wit den? Yes, because I'm not just and you know, I don't know if I should say it, but every aspect comes into the shop. The gay the lesbian, the street walk.

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Buddy Johnston 43:20

Cops that are customers should point out to me.

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I certainly do and I certainly can. One thing one thing we'll respect them you know, but also not only that, but the street community. wearing leather is no longer just a section of lifestyle. It's, it seems to be for everybody. Well, like we said when we started you know, first thing we wore was skins. Yeah. And here we are still wearing them.

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Buddy Johnston 43:47

Oh it just gets more exciting every day. We had

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Jimmy Carper 43:49

a call or none of it call in and wants to know How do you clean leather? Well, you

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clean leather several different ways you can wash leather. Surprisingly, it'll stretch a little it'll shrink a little bit but it'll get back to its normal shape. You can go to a salary shop or hardware shop and buy a product called Lexol. And they have two different kinds one conditions it and

shop and say, a product called Lexol, and they have two different kinds one conditions it and when you when you have leather you want to put leather will shrink because it loses moisture. And you want to put that moisture back into it you want to put the oils back into the cow had when it was alive, or the animal had wood in his life. And a good product for that would be Lexol Lexol conditioner, and you can condition your leather and keep it nice and supple so it doesn't get dry or brittle and start cracking. You always want to keep keep your leather soft and supple. And then they also put out a product called Lexol cleaner, which is what you actually use to wash your leather in water with a particular product. Then dry your leather just leaving it out flat so it'll dry naturally and then putting a conditioner back in and putting the oils back into the leather. That's the most of the poor One thing when you go to attack shop or out in the oh, I don't know, a writing, writing stable, a lot of the leather you'll see is dry and brittle and cracks. And the only reason that is is because it hasn't been taken care of. It hasn't been conditioned. And so you need a good leather conditioner on it. If it's a boot or something, you'll want to put a sealant on it, like snow, the product called Snow, and they'll seal your boots or your leather garments. So there will be water repellent. Now Lexol has been around for a long time. It certainly has a back in salary and equestrian.

 Jimmy Carper 45:36

And it's like it's like the best there is and it's one of the competition.

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It's one of the top up there. It really is.

 Jimmy Carper 45:44

And you can get that at any banner leather stores or just even

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hardware store. Oh, really? Yeah, it's good for your car seats. If you have another car seat. Your boots, your wrist wallet, speaking how many people think to condition their wallet?

 Jimmy Carper 45:58

No.

 Buddy Johnston 46:00

Speaking of boots, are there any particular place where that name came from? Or can we tell that there's actually



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it is my my my my given name boots Adams really? I it's like, I have lived all my life and I'm over 4040 No, no. This young man across from me does not look like he's over 40 Anyway. I've never lived in a place with anybody else named boot. And now I've moved to Houston, Texas. There's six of us here. No kidding. Six NS Maffei there's two people named boots Adams. I had to get my number unlisted because I received all these calls for other people from Boots Adams, might I not? flabbergasted.



Buddy Johnston 46:45

So I want to call them so if you're a vegetarian, how can you wear leather? Well,



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being a being a vegetarian and wearing leather, it's two different things. Two different things. The supply for beef in this country and the amount of beef that we export, just leaves a surplus of skins lying around. Now we could be you know purist and say, Oh, well, we could never wear this, then. What will we do with these 1000s of skins? If we don't put them on people's bodies? Right?



J Jimmy Carper 47:15

I don't eat me, but I wear it.



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I don't know what just absolutely took my breath away.



B Buddy Johnston 47:27

All right, I'll get me a mate. Make Me Think.



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But if you have any questions about the leather community, or how to take care of your leather or anything like that, just keep on calling in on this number.



J Jimmy Carper 47:39

That's 526 4000.



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Thank you very much there I was with my mouth open didn't know the number.



Buddy Johnston 47:48

So what's happening? I'm just kidding. I'm fascinated. Yeah, because I really am. I think that this is, again, a segment of our society that I don't know a whole lot about.



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But you keep us at a segment of our society that you don't know anything about. The larger, the more the more of my customers are not into that particular segment of the society. More of our customers are into wearing leather because it feels good. It lasts a long time. As we said before you buy a leather vest. You don't have to buy another leather vest for forever. Take care of it, or don't get as I did exceptionally large, you know? It should fit. We also have we also have ways to take care of that if it gets too. Too small on you. Yes, tight. Too tight. Yes, we'll open up the sides but laces are chained down the side of it. And you asked me before about lesbians or or gay women, and we get an exceptional amount of those. They really do because it to them. Also, it's safe sex. Sure, a lot of it safe sex and people that are rough or are unnecessarily brutal or anything like that. You can't last in this community with that. It doesn't take but you know, tell our telephone Tila telegraph and what was the other one there you