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SPEAKERS

Chris Harrison, Bobby, Jimmy Carper, Roy McCarthy



Chris Harrison 00:00

People who who pressed for the cancellation of the catalog they said well you know it's a good first step but you know it's still poor showing that sex is using sex for advertisement yeah



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yeah get all the money were



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made one thing that was Details magazine was like incredibly homoerotic all during the early 90s fair I decided they were going to change it over and got all and it bombed. And so they went back to being more homoerotic again and they have you know, they you know, do you know what articles about whether guys are straight guys are truthful about but play and stuff like that where the girlfriends and everything really a fun really good sense of humor. At least they did why zakat why wise up and then relax a little bit ha. And it's still a good magazine came back?



Bobby 00:52

What? Gay hell is this penchant for GQ to put women on the front of their catalogs these days. It's quarterly. It's it's it's a men's clothing magazine. And so



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now it's gentleman's Quickie,



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your mic sounds



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come on. But David's absolutely right with the details. I



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have sounds to denial. Oh, by the way, we



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Bobby 01:18

have a new guy over here saying no. And hey, I



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came in. Back in back in the late late 80s. And somewhere in some of my collected Memoirs of garbage. I still have one of the first diesel clothing ads ever. And those were two sanding off of a naval ship kissing in Arabian kissing in Navy uniform. Oh, god, that was so hard. It says diesel jeans. And it's a ticker tape parade behind them. And that's it. There's no other clothes other than the sailor uniforms. And it's like too hot guys make it out out of the Details Magazine. And I was like, Where'd this come from? That was like queer paradise.



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Bobby 02:03

Or to picture of the woman and yes,



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Jimmy Carper 02:05

that's what it was modeled after two guys were Rob and Bob Paris. Two body builders.



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Who's who



Jimmy Carper 02:14

happened to be gay. And publicity and a couple of years after that they broke up.



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Didn't they publish a book together too?



Jimmy Carper 02:23

Yeah. Yes. That's right. That's right. And now they have separate careers.



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Come on wherever you are.



Bobby 02:36

Yeah, they were the poster children for gay happiness and then they got they broke up they will see what



Chris Harrison 02:42

happens for something like for little sunshine. You



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mean they're like heterosexual



Roy McCarthy 02:48

Oh my God. They got a dark just like all the hype with Elon and and that there and then that was like things and sliced bread and what do you know the bread was moldy.



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by aliens, it really bothers me.





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Because two people break up does not value the relationship anything you can have a great relationship and



Chris Harrison 03:16

Okay, let's let's take another step out and put a little music there. And then we're gonna come back and we're gonna do let's talk a little more about the gay symbolism because we had some of our MBBS asking about that. So we'll touch on that a little bit and pull different kinds of music in there because you know, I thought we're getting a little too depressed talking earlier so I needed something peppy a little something weird. A little transgendered? It all works Jimmy Don't worry. Have faith in me a little Texas Chainsaw manicure us by Jane county Yes, Pet Shop Boys and we're gonna pull that music down there in the back and leave any eject the CD. That was one of those things Jimmy wasn't looking closely and didn't realize what he brought his little magic bag and I just had to play at the Pet Shop Boys go west. Before that was Jane county with Texas Chainsaw manicurist. And we're gonna take a step out from the full roundtable part here. We we kind of neglected something at the beginning of there. We were talking about the African American community and the gay community and where they diverge, but you know, it's time we talk about where they intersect. And for that we've got Kendrick here who just happens to be both. So we, you know, when we're talking about that, and you heard us talking about this This discussion out in the ethers and it's not just hear you, we hear it on other aspects of it from other community leaders that, you know, of complaining about trying to compare the African American civil rights movement to the gay civil rights movement. So how, how does it make make you feel hearing that, you know, saying that there's not something equal on that? Well,



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I've, you know, I've always been, you know, questioning, being a healthy, you know, black gay man, you know, knowing, you know, especially the history in regards to the civil rights movement, it strikes me as very odd that they seem, you know, they seem to forget some of the leaders that were in during that time, for example, they are rusty. Yes, absolutely. And then, who was Martin Luther King's, you know, pretty much his right hand, man, you know, during the movement, I was there with him every step. You know, they seem to forget that and other, you know, and other leaders as well. Coretta Scott King, of course, you know, as, you know, like, one of the people said, just, just earlier, during the roundtable, if, if Dr. King was alive, he would be fine. I believe he wouldn't be fighting for gay rights. There are so many things similar, so many aspects, similar, the way that, you know, the way that gay people are treated a lot of times, you know, as a second class citizen, without it being said, you know, actions speak louder than words, you know, for the fact of that, you know, during the Civil Rights Movement, and beforehand, you know, blacks were treated as an aberration. You know, or that, you know, they're, you know, they're already born, you know, with this disease, this, you know, this defect.



Chris Harrison 06:53

Well, yeah, I mean, just simple fact, that the, you know, the proper term for awhile was colored, correct. You know, you're, it's not that you're a normal person, you know, you're colored in

correct. You know, you're, it's not that you're a normal person, you know, you're colored in differently then, then there's your designation of that way,



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right. You know, I even hear it even even in today's age from some of my own, you know, friends who, I guess, you know, don't understand, they look at me, and they don't, you know, they obviously sometimes they don't, I guess see me as black and I'm looking going, have you actually looked at me, you know, they're like, Well, you know, you're not black and what they mean is that you know, I don't I guess they just say I don't act like the stereotype the stereotype of, you know, of, you know, a black man, which is fine with me. Yeah,



Chris Harrison 07:39

but that's that's part of the what's there's not as I mean, stereotypes, unfortunately. Yes, there is some route in reality, but you know, we're not all being a group of gay men here again, we're not all limp wristed lisping fashion conscious Lord knows apart



Roy McCarthy 08:01

you can see the way we're addressing here we are not



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right Speak for yourself.



Chris Harrison 08:05

neat freaks you know? Right but I mean there's a couple of us here that live in apartments that move you know the health department came in they would condemn it in the second place been in mind so have you Yeah,



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just just one you know, and I guess I have you know, since of course you know, since of course just being you know, since we're talking about one aspect you know, when one part of me which of course you know, you know wishes my blackness but also dealing with me as a gay man, I have to go there. I guess you could say, you know, America, but please believe me. gay black men are out there. We are everywhere. Okay, we were there in we were there at grandma's kitchen on Sunday. We're gonna be there eaten with you. Okay, so believe me, gay black men are not hiding out. We are there. We are there. And it's not. There's nothing wrong with us.



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How do we How does it make you feel when you hear people who present themselves as representative of black community, saying awful things about gay people and and saying that gay people don't even exist and things like that. I mean, how does that make you feel?



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Oh, I guess you say no, in a lot of ways. I mean, I, you know, I do feel appalled. I mean, you know, I get, you know, I guess you'd say in a lot of times, I do get angry. You know, I get angry at the fact that, you know, wait a minute, you know, you're saying that we don't exist, but yet and still, you know, yeah.



Chris Harrison 09:42

Well also, we're also gonna look at it this way. A lot of community leaders and community spokespeople, and I'll put the air quotes around that, you know, they're not elected. They're self appointed. And, you know, a lot of stuff that came that someone says there as part of with that title of, you know, The Community spokesperson, you know, they may not have the full backing of the community grand on but unfortunately, you know, it's one with the loudest voice who who has a hold of a microphone or a megaphone. And, you know, gets that gets that soundbite ends when it gets heard. And so yeah, no, I mean, it



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seems like even sometimes church leaders are saved to have fear of expressing support of gay people in different communities. I mean, except, I mean, like, Sheila Jackson was awesome the other day. So that's obviously not true of everybody. But it seems like there's a lot of people that are just even afraid to defend black I mean, to gay people and black gay people. Right,



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I guess, you know, and a lot of times, it's funny that you mentioned the church. You know, and a lot of, and if anyone knows anything about, you know, about Black culture, we are very, you know, very spiritual. So, I mean, church is almost like, you know, one of our one of our anchoring ground, you know, ground things of spirituality. It's funny that you say that I can go anywhere. Most black churches, I guess, you say, in the black church, I hate to, you know, separate it for a moment. But if you go into most African American, you know, or most churches that have that, as a majority, you will see, you know, one or two little pockets of, you know, gay people here or gay people there, but it's never talked about. They don't, you know, they hide out. Yeah, it's sad. And like I said, most preachers don't understand how they can minister to that, you know,



Chris Harrison 11:40

they're out there wearing a purple suit, and shiny blue shoes, and they can't figure out how to

preach to a gay couple.

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Bobby 11:47

And might even that handkerchief around that's, you know, wiping their face with that, Hank? Well, that happens a lot. We'll

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see. That's, that's why I'm glad that I go. At least with me, at least I go to an MCC church personally. So they don't mind me walking up in there, dressed in purple, waving, waving a handkerchief that match. Okay, with

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St. John's downtown is pretty tolerant to and it's probably one of the few times I've ever enjoyed being in a Christian church. And actually, the minister comes out and he was wearing a pair of like denim shorts, a Nike baseball cap turned around backwards and a bearded a dreadlocks go t and met him on the way in the door. And I'm sure probably one of two or three gay white people. And they're not that I was one or two gay people, cuz there were quite a few in the choir and everywhere else. There always are, but open and accepted as a part of the church community as that you're perfectly welcome here. And he walked up to me in the gallery and remembered my name. And they do a lot of outreach with the recovering drug addict communities. And they do I do believe, I don't know what their programs still are. But they did have a lot of HIV and AIDS help out there too. So it's like, it was kind of interesting. The

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rule won't be the exceptions anymore. It'll

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Chris Harrison 13:12

be the rule. Yeah. Right. But

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we can, you know, we can only hope and we can only make ourselves known and heard. You know, and that's the that's the main thing, I guess, about the kind of, you know, bat coming out, you know, and that's a part of the journey. We

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Chris Harrison 13:26

want to make sure we got that part covered of on that.

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Bobby 13:32

Sorry. I, I think at the core of this what people who want to separate out this group from that group and you know, as this kind of, you know, discrimination isn't the same as this kind or this it's like saying, I'm sorry, hate is when discrimination based on that is hate I mean it and that and that has no gender that has no you know, it hate is hate, you know, no matter what the color no matter what this orientation, I mean, it's but

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a new justification and a new segment to you know, whatever your hate or your discrimination is just simply means that you can buy more time to believe it while the rest of the world is catching up.

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I just didn't think that the constitution so the Constitution still states all men are created equal with certain unalienable rights. And that doesn't say all straight men, it doesn't say all masculine men, it doesn't say all white men, it said all men. Yeah.

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And also just within the gay community, there is no sane reason for anybody to be justifying, whatever racism, they're still carrying around. You know, I got we're all raised in a racist society. I mean, I there was a point from the way I was raised where I had, I find myself like tightening up every time I did countering black man. And I just go what is that and I just relax and breathe and I had to actually retrain myself. So what So, so in the gay community out there, whatever you have to do to retrain yourself up against out of whatever racism you have been indoctrinated with do the same thing as as, as, you know, getting rid of homophobia, same thing,

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I highly recommend interracial dating, if

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Bobby 15:26

we didn't have race. If we didn't have one racism, even within the community, would there be a reason for bars that cater specifically to a group of game people based on the color of their skin based on their ethnic background, I

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think that also falls into the issue of some, some people just feel more comfortable in an environment that is definitely theirs sexual orientation or their ethnic backgrounds.



Bobby 16:01

This is true.



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But it does provide a breeding ground for race. But



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that's like you don't find that you don't find a white boy such as myself, heavily tattooed and quite a few visible body piercings, typically hanging out at the BRB or breaks.



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It's just a flavor, if you know what I mean, and justifying it to yourself.



Bobby 16:27

I mean, just all of us. I mean, all of us are just Can



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I Can I interject that I have a really scary story to tell. This is recent. I won't go into very big, big details. But I have a friend of mine who has a seven year old kid, he's, he's like half Hispanic, it's kind of a long story. But can I say the neighborhood Cinco Ranch. But this poor little kid, he's a sweetest kid, and he goes to the school, He's seven years old, and he's already has kids won't play with them. Because his parents are both white, and he has some Hispanic in them. And they're already showing hatred. They don't play with them. They ostracize him. And this is so scary, because this is present day. This is right now and these kids are seven or what are they being taught at home. And this is just recently, this is like, last week, I hear this. And that really scares me. It really bothers me. Yeah. And I just wanted to interject that I'm sorry, it's not a gay issue. But




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it ties it

 Chris Harrison 17:18


ties into the fact that, you know, we can sit here and we can, you know, last month we had 100,000. So got people show up to show our pride. You know, in January, a lot of African American community gets together for Martin Luther King, Day parades, you know, the Irish community gets together on St. Patrick's Day, all of our communities can sit there and show the support for one another. But it's hard for them to cross over and support another ethnicity, a different segment of our community, and community at large. And, you know, like I said, we've run into this SEC separation and segregation sort of thing. In our own community, the fact you know, there's some bars, you know, women are welcomed into, there are some women's bars that men are not welcomed into. And

 Bobby 18:10

now if you're transgendered in the round,

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and rampid, ageism, you know, who's the hot body? Not? Oh, what an interesting thought, how long did it take him to learn that?

 Chris Harrison 18:22

I mean, there's a lot of different I mean, just, you know, body image, you know, what you're wearing, where you're going, and all that, you know, that's part of, unfortunately, the society that we are a part of, and, you know, it has to change somewhere and someone has to make the changes. And, you know, we, you know, we can't sit and say we're perfect on this, because, you know, like I said, it's, we have that sort of segment in our own society. I mean, I remember the one time I walked into chances, and if looks could kill, I'd be a puddle on the floor

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should have wearing a chain wallet.

 Chris Harrison 19:02

It was a chain, Walton, a baseball cap, I might have worked

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more facial hair, you would have been fine.





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The thing we really have to do those start looking at what says, We have to stop looking at what's so different about us as people and start looking at what's similar about us as people. And we spent so much time throughout human history, trying to divide ourselves into different segments being defensive, against, you know, other segments of our own population. And that even goes like, you know, even within the, you know, white community, white trash, white collar, you know, and it's, it's a simple fact of, I think, on a basic level, society as a whole is just really afraid of simplifying everything that much, because then we have to tear down a lot of the walls that we've built up, we have to tear down a lot of the things that we're used to the makes our world go round right now.



Chris Harrison 20:03

We are fast approaching the end of our show. And I want to thank everyone for listening in and, you know, we'd love to hear your opinions and your thoughts on what we've covered what we didn't cover what we should cover. Who



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we should uncover



Chris Harrison 20:18

who we should uncover. news stories, your opinions is all that love mail hate mail. Two ways you can send out without grabbing himself. My hands are on the table. So



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that was a particularly high wind and I there's



Chris Harrison 20:42

two ways you can get a hold of us there you can send us the traditional snail mail, which is that after hours care of Kpf TV for 19. Love it. That's L O V E T T, Houston, Texas seven, seven double aught six. It's not just a zip code. It's a lifestyle. You send us your email at after hours at KPFT dot O R G don't forget to tune in Monday night eight to 10pm for our sister program queer voices. We'll be back again next week. It'll be the third Sunday, the third Saturday so that will be the we're still gonna have the country doc show. Yeah, me. Yeah. Even though she moved to the city. You'll Joe will be here on the outskirts of the city. Joe will be here and followed up with black on black.



Jimmy Carper 21:31

Steven. In fact, in this month's outsmart there's a whole page with this nice picture of Dion

talking about her segment. Oh, yeah. Wonderful.



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Thank you. Thank you so much. And that wraps up the announcements.



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They want to have some fantasies, look at that picture do so.



Chris Harrison 21:55

We appreciate you listening in. You're listening to after hours quit radio with attitude and pull the thing in your ear and coming up at the top of the hour. It's Rasta, I'm on vibrations