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## SPEAKERS

Chris, Jason, Jimmy Carper

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Jason 00:01

make up for the lack of sleep.



Jimmy Carper 00:02

But anyway, let's, let's go ahead and talk about the subject that we were going to talk about,



Jason 00:07

which is homophobia in, in schools, and not just homophobic violence, but little slurs that are said in the locker rooms. And like, I was never really out in high school, but I remember the coaches saying you run like a queer, you know, run



Jimmy Carper 00:23

like a girl. You run like, girl. That's that kind of stuff. Yeah. Being



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such a pansy.



Jason 00:28

See, you know, for Jeremy, he's not having a good night. But yeah, I mean,

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J Jimmy Carper 00:37

I remember when I was in high school. I was 1415 years old. And there was this one guy, who, every week, passed each other in the hall during certain classes. And he would always call me married. And I didn't know what the hell he was talking about, for months. And then I had a gay friend and found out what it was. And then I confronted him. And he never did it again. For a long time, I was scared when this guy was doing this, because I knew it was it was something bad and something he didn't talk about. But I had no idea what it meant. And when I found out what it meant, and when I decided to confront him. That was the end of it. Yeah, it was kind of a weird thing.

J Jason 01:30

And it's high schools a weird thing. Oh, well, yeah.

J Jimmy Carper 01:33

Because it's a false social.

J Jason 01:37

Collective. Yeah. And there's so many. And actually, it's not real life. I just keep on flashing back to the nice Parker interview that we were supposed to have here. We actually gotten to a discussion of how juniors and seniors in high school freshman and sophomore in college is usually when most hate crimes are committed around that age, the late teens, early 20s, you know, social frustration phase. Yeah. And we got into a long discussion about that. And it's really tough for people in high school, because even now, even now, I think I especially with me, I was a stereotypical jock. Nobody really expected. I every time I see somebody, I went to high school with who and I come out to them, you're the last person I would have expected.

J Jimmy Carper 02:37

Okay, so you were in the locker room, locker room, and you're hearing all the pansy stuff and right, you know, fagot this packet that

J Jason 02:43

right? And I and we're talking about people who would go, we're not we would go all the way from elite to Montrose to try to go gay bashing, you know, so, seriously, or, or there were a few who would seriously gum into Montrose and, you know, looking to, you know, beat up a bunch of faggots.

J Jimmy Carper 03:01

You know I always wondered about those folks that do that because I think it's kind of a

You know, I always wondered about those folks that do that, because I think it's kind of a repressed homosexuality within them, they actually know that they have internalized homophobia. And they're fighting it. What do you think? Well, Michelle is here,



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I want to take a different position on that, only because I hear that all the time, and I get tired of hearing. And I'm going to come up with something that's really off the wall. One of the problems that children and teens have is that if you're 16, you only know 16. If you're 12, you only know 12, you are forced into socialization, into a very, very narrow band, and you're not having the opportunity as a 16 year old to help counsel and provide support to 12 and 10 year olds, or to get support from 18 or 20 year olds, you are stuck in such a narrow band, that you're just the void of information from the outside of that band. And that's very stifling.



Jason 04:21

Um, to an extent, I completely agree with you and to an extent I



Jimmy Carper 04:25

disagree. Isn't that why hatch is so important?



Jason 04:28

I think hatch is helps a lot with that.



04:31

Oh, no, I think hatch with with it with the age range that you have with hatch. I think that's fantastic. Because those who have been out and have more experience can counsel and those who are coming out no matter what their age, can get the benefit and can talk to someone else.



Jason 04:49

But I think to a certain extent, we do have a lot of exterior influences on us. I I think that's why hate is hate is bred in high schools because we do we see the outside influences we see our parents sit there and talking about sit there and talking about, you know, you can't like these people, you can't like those people. Because if you take two young kids, as I've always said, You take two young kids and put them in Sandbox, they're gonna play together until somebody says, y'all can't play together for this reason. So,



Jimmy Carper 05:26

because that person is different and different is bad, different is bad.



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Okay. Well, may I play, okay, I'm



Jimmy Carper 05:35

just going to ask you about your experiences.



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I have a very personal opinion on this. Because I'm a victim of being gay bashed in high school. Okay, I come from a very small town. And from my experiences, and and the things that I've experienced through I would say the last three years of high school, really, really, really are like, so very important. I think teens, attitudes, change it, excuse me, they change so much when they actually find out that they know a gay person. I mean, they hear the gay jokes. They hear the remarks. They hear everything else going on. And but it's funny, because they don't know anybody close to them, their cousin is not out or their best friend hasn't come out that I was gay, I got a lot of support. And that's something that I tried to make very clear. When I'm telling my story. And I'm inactive. I guess guest panelist, panelist, to speak to counselors to help gay children go through the abuse and find out, which are the best ways to deal with it. As far as because children are very, in high school, I know that there's a very stern line between what they're allowed to do and what they're not allowed to do. But children are just going to be children. And they're going to be mean, and they're going to be cruel. So the counselors kind of don't know exactly what how to help their gay student. And I think that the more people and I and I've seen this so often, with new hache members who've come out in school, and they're more accepted, because their friends know that other gay person who's all right, I mean, they're, they're not any different than anybody else. They just happen to like the same sex and it's



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it Yeah, well, that's something we've said many times before that being out provides an opportunity to show someone else what it means to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender. And when they know you, and when they're your friend, it's very hard for them to hate you. Yes. Is it as



Jimmy Carper 07:40

we'd like to hear from you out there? On your experiences in high school, especially if you're a teen, we'd like to hear from you about what you're going through what kind of homophobia you faced, at 526-573-8526 KPFT? Just tell big ROI, or Chris, or whoever answers the phone that you want to we want to comment



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on positive stories or positive stories. Yeah, experiences in school. I think that there's probably a lot of teens out there listening right now



Jimmy Carper 08:16

that are up it at my age, I just assumed that there are no positive coming out stories because at in my error era, it just didn't happen



Jason 08:27

for me to an extent. I wasn't out at my high school. But I had a I had a friend who had known since eighth grade in middle school, and he went to it ended up going to a different high school. i He was the first person outside of hatch that I came out to. And his first words were so what, when are we going to heaven? That was the extent of it. But, um, but there are a lot of positive stories as well. And there's



Jimmy Carper 08:57

okay. You said you were a jock. I was a jock. So in effect, what you're saying is you passed. Not all of us can pass



Jason 09:08

that. Yeah. And actually, I wanted to have, there's somebody else in the hatch who I wanted to have on here, who tried to pass but couldn't pass.



Jimmy Carper 09:18

And we're not we're not just limiting this to gay men. I mean, lesbians, transgendered folks, bisexuals, there's all a matter of passing and not being able to pass right. And that's and so you probably had a little bit easier because nobody was suspect. Right? So you're not gonna get the taunting or, you know, the,



Jason 09:41

but at the same time, being able to pass isn't as much as easy as it sounds. Because while nobody suspects that you're gay, that also means that nobody feels any kind of restraints about saying anything around you. Ah, so the comments that you do here are the calm mints that are they're not the slurs, they're not the jokes, but they're the true to heart comments that these people feel at the time. Like, so and so. So, like, you know, you just hear all these comments, because they don't suspect anything. So it's not that they expect you to



Jimmy Carper 10:21

agree with them, right? It's kind of this peer pressure thing. Wow.



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Well, I'd like to share with you like really quick. Yeah, what happened to you? Well, before I tell my story, because I don't want anyone to ever be afraid to come out. Because sometimes it can be such a great thing. I have a very close friend who got picked on a lot pushed in he was told stuff like, you know, faggot by this big high school jock. Well, he finally turned around one day, and he pushed the guy back, and I'm not promoting any violence whatsoever. But he said, you know, yes, I am a fag. And I hang out in Montrose. And I have a boyfriend and all this other good stuff. And ever since he came out, I mean, all everybody's just been, you know, really supportive of him. And he's done really well. Me. On the other hand, I'm of a more feminine nature. And I came from a little small town school in Conroe. Well, it's not so small. It's a little hick town with a very culturally diverse group of people. And unfortunately, gay people just really weren't very. There weren't a lot of us. And I kept trying to keep it a secret for myself. So I kept denying it and kept denying it. And people kept finding out in one day, I went to the bathroom, and I was using the restroom and someone turned out the lights and about I guessing about round four people, like kicked me and I was on there it was, it was kind of bad. And I went to the nurse, and she sent me home. And once again, my, my school didn't know how to help me or how to handle me. So instead of, I guess, you know, still to this day, I really don't know what they could have done differently. But they had me escorted for the remainder of my year. Locked to class to class by a security guard. And it kind of caused a lot more. No, it did cause a lot more attention to me, than what was already coming, which was hard enough to deal with. But they still really didn't know how to deal with it. So I really can't say that I blame them. But, and by the way, I did graduate high school, I finished summer school. Now, because I'd felt that to get through the following senior year, and I missed out on a lot of opportunities, like scholarships, and my prom and things that are like really important to senior so or to to any high school graduate. So, but I did pass and I do have my diploma. And I guess I do need to think that people who did try to help me and keep going with me.



Jason 13:10

Okay, we have Chris on line one with his coming out story. Chris, are you there?




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Yes, I am. Would you like to share your story with us? Well, I don't know if anybody read like maybe a month or two ago and x y magazine they had it was like they're coming out issue and they had 25 rules. Things you shouldn't do when coming out to your parents citizen. They go be done.




Jason 13:33


 Jason 13:25  
Actually, I try to read every x y issue.


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I think I violated maybe half of those. Yeah, the number one one was coming out into the like in our moving vehicle. I strongly recommend that you don't do that. Especially in five o'clock. Houston traffic. Not a good thing. Yeah, I'd


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imagine so. Well.

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I mean, it wasn't it's not all that coming out stories. I've heard from people. It wasn't the worst that I've heard, but it wasn't the best. So I'd kind of read it in the middle.

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They generally take it like there was

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screaming, yelling, Get out of my house, you can't live here, I disown you kind of stuff. And then like a month later, I never told him where I was going. I just left. They somehow tracked me down and they said, Well, you know, we've had time to think about this. And we can accept you living a celibate lifestyle. And we want to send you back to school and stuff like this was four days after spring semester of my freshman year in college. So it just it was not a pretty thing.

 Jason 14:36  
But things gotten any better since then. Oh, yeah.

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Like I'm going to Houston Monday to visit my parent, my dad for Father's Day. And then like two weeks ago, I spent with my mom in New Mexico. So things are fine. We just don't talk about it. They're very in denial about things but so it's not the best story but the people with the stories like one of my friends told his parents in history hence like, yes, we've known, and

they call the huge family meeting. And you know, the grandparents were there. And the mom said, Guess what Ryan's K? And the grandmother was like, oh, hell and grow up. It's the 90s. I mean, stories, stories like that they just kind of miss me.

 Jimmy Carper 15:16

Well, you know, there are stories like that. But then again, you know, how long did it take you to come out to your shell? And now your parents are, like, kind of coming out there? I mean, they have to, it's gonna take them a while to get used to this. Oh, yeah.

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I mean, this, the reaction that I got from them was exactly what I had expected. So I was completely prepared for everything. So pardon me?

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Still hurts. Oh, yeah.

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Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. But I had I had friends who were very supportive of me. I mean, I had friends that said, Oh, well, you can sleep on my couch for you know, however long you need. Whatever you need, just tell me

 Jimmy Carper 15:59

that's very important thing to if you're going to come out to to parents that that, you know, are kind of supporting you or something. You need to have backup Beco Yeah, you know what's gonna happen? That's why here we don't, we don't urge high schoolers to come out. Don't know what's going to happen. And like I've said many times, we have enough. We have enough boys on the streets of Montrose

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exactly like my parents and said, Well, why didn't you come to us earlier, we could have gotten you help. And I was thinking that, you know, help, whatever. And I told them, where would I have been two years ago, if you had done this to me because nobody knew I couldn't have gone anywhere. I didn't, I couldn't tell anybody. So I help the world see there. My mom was using Steel Magnolias. She grew up in the town where that was filmed to where my grandmother lives. My dad is from the same small town in Alabama, which didn't help matters. So they wanted to send me to a Christian conversion therapy and all that kind of stuff, believe



that. Right. Right. And I never expected them to change their beliefs, which is, you know, that's something that's part of a person that's just their core, and you can't really expect them to change things like that.

 Jimmy Carper 17:16

Well, I kind of put it you know, it's like, it's not a lifestyle. It's a life. And Michael is painting your bedroom blue. Exactly. Or yellow, you know, whatever.

 Jason 17:30

It's good to hear that things have gotten better between y'all though.

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Yeah, it's been a year over a year now. Things are better. Just to you. That's good. Did y'all ever see deal ever watch the view? The Barbara Walters thing? It's like 10 o'clock in the morning? Something like that?

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Oh, God, no.

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It's a good show. It's a good show. I

 Jimmy Carper 17:53

get a new person. Yes.

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Anyway, they had a special segment on teens coming out. And one of the recommendations they had was have an ally, you know, somebody that you can talk to somebody you can go to if your parents kick you out or something like that. I strongly recommend somebody that you can at least talk to about it. Because I I had known since eighth grade. And I'd never spoken to anybody about it, and five years. So just living with myself, and I was absolutely going crazy. So I finally told my best friends strongly recommend find somebody to talk to.

 Jason 18:37

Well, thanks for calling and sharing your story. Quite welcome. Thank you very much. You're welcome. Okay. That was cool. That was cool. That was cool. That was a hatch first.

 Jimmy Carper 18:51

And yeah, and it's this is real life, folks. This is it. This is how it happens.

 Jason 18:59

my coming out story was I went to my mom wasn't live. As I've mentioned before, the day that I came out was in a joint session with a psychologist. And then the next day, she comes into my room, and she says, You may be gay and that's fine and dandy, but you're not going to the gay bars and, you know, having sex with every guy in town. And, yeah, now, we're getting along to the point of, you know, she wants to meet who I'm dating she, you know, I can talk to her about whether or not we're breaking up. So although the coming out stories may not be so good, because but you do have to realize they've got to have time to just like it took you time, gotta have time. And once you give them the time that they need, things aren't necessarily going to be so bad.

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And it sounds like if you did this at a psychologist office, you must have had a plan.

 Jason 19:57

Actually no more or less added in that situation, the psychologist would not allow me to move on until I came out. So my mother, okay. So I was kind of outed kind of came out. And it's good that it happened in this situation that happened though, because it did. I did have a third party who was uninvolved and didn't wouldn't take sides.

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We have another story here coming out story, I believe.

 Chris 20:29

Yeah, I figured since everyone else was doing theirs, I come out with mine again. I waited till after I moved out, who are you? Oh, this is Chris. Well, if I got on the air more, maybe people knew who I was. I'm the one who hangs out around here all week and lobbying all night and helps with the phone sometimes. I came out to my parents. About a year and a half ago now I was 25. I had moved out of my house, my parents house had my own place. And we came and I came to him at one late at night and just told my parents and it threw him there for a loop it. They weren't expecting. My Oh, my mother was my father wasn't. It was it was kind of a surprise. But things have gotten pretty well in the past year and a half. They they know I'm on

cue patrol, they know I come out and do the things I do. And they're pretty supportive of it, which is surprising for how quickly they changed. They my father, he wants to come out to the bars that I go to,

 Jason 21:36

oh, I hope my mother never wants to do that. I'm gonna have some issues with my mom wants to go.

 Chris 21:41

Well, he just he just wants us. I think what the main thing is, and that's why as I explained to my one brother went with me to where I go, which is J Rs. And him beings, him being illustrate boy, he saw a lesbian couple there. And of course, the straight boy fantasy is I'll give you my car, just let me watch. So when he told my father that there really is lesbians at the bar, and my father being the old school thought that everyone was in their separate little bars. And so the next day, he was asking me, they have lesbians there. So I don't know if he's just going to see lesbians if he's really interested. So I'm trying to find a time when there's not a lot of people and maybe the sun's outside. So it's, it looks different during the day.

 Jimmy Carper 22:27

Let me add something here. You know, if you were straight, you wouldn't want your mother going to the bar with you, either. No. I mean,

 Jason 22:39

I'm gonna have issues if my mom wants to go to the bar with me. Well, it's just not going to happen.

 Chris 22:45

My my family is very open, and it took my dad along to accept it. My we have had some nights where my father, my brother, and a friend of his went out to topless clubs. Before I came out, yes, I subjected myself looking at silicone.

 Jason 23:09

On that note, let's let's take care of some station idling real quick.

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The sound of Texas KPFT Houston, a Pacifica radio network station. 90.1 FM 89.1k EOS College

Station.

**J** Jason 23:24

I hate having to do that. But we do. Oh,

**C** Chris 23:26

oh, it's not too bad. It's easier than having to remember all that information.

**J** Jason 23:29

Yes, it is. If you would like to call and you know, we don't have very much time left. But if you'd like to call and give us a little bit of your experience, or you know, we'll get the message if we don't get to put you on the air. call area code 713526 KPFT or 713-526-5738?

**C** Chris 23:51

Jam KPFT. All right,

**J** Jason 23:54

five to six. Anyway, let's let's play a song here. It's on radical tech now. Which is a compilation CD that I also got it sound waves I do a lot of shopping and sound waves. I swear half my paycheck goes there. And it was by apotheosis. And it's a remix of awbum brada. So I think it's a really cool song. So here we get Google

**J** Jimmy Carper 24:27

Live at apotheosis. Yep. And that I don't know the name of that particular album brada and it's from Carmina Burana by Carl or and actually that is a it's kind of a classical thing. But yeah, it's

**J** Jason 24:46

it's been used in a lot of things. It was used in Romeo and Juliet Oh,

**J** Jimmy Carper 24:49

it's used in a lot of horror movies that to the Omen I think, and and many, many others the in the classical way, but I really like That version kind of dancey Yeah, version

**J** Jason 25:03  
it. That's one of the CDs out of my little CD changer which is what I listened to while I'm driving all day. See?

**J** Jimmy Carper 25:10  
You are listening to after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. We are the sound of Texas. In fact, right now we are at the queer sound of Texas. And I'm Jimmy Carper. And we have hatch folks here, Jason and Jeremy. And we're kind of talking about homophobia, coming out experiences in school and in being outed, or being bashed or, or just just kind of realizing what's going on and that kind of thing.

**J** Jason 25:54  
It's a lot bigger issue than a lot

**J** Jimmy Carper 25:56  
of people see a huge issue. One thing I

**J** Jason 25:59  
wish I really wish the state of Texas could do is follow in Massachusetts lead. Yeah. And Massachusetts, a bunch of students got together and they wrote and lobbied a bill through their state legislature that said, more or less. No discrimination against homosexual students. No slurs, no, you know, discriminating against them in sports, none of that. And when the governor signed it, because we've watched a video on this and hatch, when the governor signed it, he basically said, which is the truth? How can you argue that a gay student doesn't deserve the same right as a straight student to a fair education? Exactly. And there's no ifs, ands or buts about it, everybody deserves the same chance for an education.

**J** Jimmy Carper 26:55  
But before we start praising Massachusetts too much, let's realize that it's kind of like a very, very small Texas and that it's got his share of homophobes to

**J** Jason 27:05  
every state does. Yeah, every state has a very fair share of homophobes. But I want to praise the students of Massachusetts food and chaotic, it's fine for them to have the courage and the dedication to get together and lobby it you know, right it lobby it and they more or less got it passed. Very good. Took a lot.



Jimmy Carper 27:32

Yeah, it did. But it takes a lot to even come out. It takes a lot to make that phone call to hatch.



Jason 27:41

And if you'd like to make that phone call to hatch, the phone number is area code 713-942-7002. And that is a voicemail line.



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And I will be returning your call. Oh, you're doing that now? Oh, gosh. Yes. And don't worry. If you have caller ID, it's not going to show up his hat on your phone is going to show up as me just Jeremy



Jason 28:05

and if you can give special calling instructions and he will follow them.



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And I do try to start six, seven every time I can. But sometimes you have to remember that they have that block, you know to where I can't. Okay. Are y'all chastising?



Jimmy Carper 28:24

Yeah, no, no, no, we're



Jason 28:25

just teasing me.



Jimmy Carper 28:28

We're doing engineering staff. Yeah. By, by telepathy.



Jason 28:34

If you think that this show is sounded like a really bad phone sex episode, because we have a new mic, right. There's a



Jimmy Carper 28:41

there's a very new mic and it picks up more things than just your voice.



28:47

I'd like to say something really quick. I also have a friend whose father is a Southern Baptist minister. Yeah. And he, he came out to him and it was really okay. His dad supported him. 100% Wow. So I just thought that that was really incredible. I always have and then he just called in minded me. So hey, how are you?



Jason 29:11

I think I think the bottom line to remember is a don't come out until you're ready to I think it very thoroughly through



Jimmy Carper 29:20

but be you have to be very secure yourself, right? You can't be you know, have you really need to read up. You really need to be secure with your sexuality because the first thing that's going to happen is Are you sure have you thought about this and if you know if you're not secure with yourself, then they'll throw



Jason 29:49

doubt in you. You got it. i And as a matter of fact, my hand the other day told me she knows I think I'm gay. But she knows it's just a phase.



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And you know, I know better. It's really pourtant and I know that KPFT doesn't, you know, want or doesn't solicit, I guess is the right word for you to come out while you're in high school. But you also have to have a little bit of faith in your parents you have to be, you're the only one that can really be the judge of that. And you know, your parents and your family and your friends will really surprise you. So, um, don't be like really afraid and be smart, or try to use some good judgment and things. But don't be so secluded, that you don't tell anybody and it just bothers you. And well,



Jason 30:31

it's like my father says, I always have been, and I always will be my father, son, and he will love me no matter what happened. And



Jimmy Carper 30:41

that's good to hear. And, you know, you're, I think, you know, your parents, whether you can tell them this or not angel who just graduated this year from high school. I'm very proud of him. And he's, he's out to his his parents. And it was very scared about doing it. And it turned out well, and I think kind of inside he knew that the love of his parents was secure. And he didn't have a problem with that. Yeah.



Jason 31:13

On that note, we need to start wrapping it up. You've been listening to the hat segment of after hours. If you want to get a hold of us, you can call 713-942-7002.



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Yes, we're going to not check it when I go around. So if you need to be called back tonight to let me know.



Jason 31:39

And this is Rufus Wainwright.



Jimmy Carper 31:45

Yes, he's the son of Loudon Wainwright, the third, he gets AirPlay during the day here on KPFT. And he's openly gay. This is the song that we debuted here and has been picked up across the country actually. World Cafe played it and you'll hear Mary in the morning play. It's called April Fool's by spraying right and be sure to listen next week when we give you the after parade excitement right here on after hours. KPFT Houston ke O 's College Station. We are the sound of Texas seelix



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And we're out of here. Welcome to the red eyes special. That I'm your host Big Daddy J. And this is KPFT 90.1 In Houston, ke o s the 89.1 and College Station, the sound of Texas