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SPEAKERS

Harvey Milk, Buddy Johnston, Jimmy Carper, Pokey Anderson

 00:00
Hey what's

 00:12
going

 Buddy Johnston 00:19
on gave me a man after midnight please

 Jimmy Carper 00:38
you have a new thing song

 00:39
I love that what was the thing you played

 Buddy Johnston 00:41
another Saturday night and I ain't got no but after hours radio is celebrating live from the heart of mantras on 90.1 FM Hello we're here and work we're yeah what else happening maybe?

 Jimmy Carper 01:06

 Jimmy Carper 01:07
Well Westheimer art festival

 Buddy Johnston 01:08
guest who's our guest we we have a guest

 Jimmy Carper 01:11
from interact, which is a group of over 40

 Buddy Johnston 01:16
Yeah sounds like fun.

 Jimmy Carper 01:18
Yeah, we might might hear some something about Houston Gay History tonight.

 Buddy Johnston 01:21
And then Jeff will be here with the news that one yes. And we're gonna be talking about

 Jimmy Carper 01:25
shell we'll be here at one we'll be

 Buddy Johnston 01:27
talking about Earth today after that. And who knows?

 01:48
[Singing, Come Out of the Closet]

 02:01
Harvey have a few words for KPFA?



H Harvey Milk 02:03
come on out. Join us. Bring your friend.

I 02:07
What do you think about the turnout?

H Harvey Milk 02:10
Never enough never enough

B Buddy Johnston 02:21
told me why after hours radio celebrating life in the heart of the Montreux number. Where

J Jimmy Carper 02:26
did you get it?

B Buddy Johnston 02:28
From energy? 96.5

J Jimmy Carper 02:31
How do you know I was talking about the song? Oh, nevermind. Okay.

B Buddy Johnston 02:38
What were you talking about?

J Jimmy Carper 02:39
I was talking about the songs. Okay. What were you talking about? Really? Yeah, really? The song? I really liked that song. And can I get it anywhere? No. Why?

B Buddy Johnston 02:55
Because it's not available, baby.

 Jimmy Carper 02:57
What do you mean, it's not available?

 Buddy Johnston 03:00
Can't buy it? Why do you want that particular song right now?

 Jimmy Carper 03:05
I don't know. I really like it like, Well, okay.

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Why? Why do you want

 Jimmy Carper 03:11
that? Because it's a hot song.

 Buddy Johnston 03:14
Oh, there's a hot lady by the name of Blanca. Yeah, just a real sweetheart. And she came up to see me this week in my hour of need. So I'm kind of playing these songs for her. agree with that. And they're everywhere. And the only way to beat it is to stand up and say we're not going to take that anymore. That's right, right. After hours radio celebrating live from the hot tomatoes. Stay with us. We got a lot happening. And it's happening right here at 90.1 FM KPMG. Houston

 04:15
What do you think of the gay liberation movements? As the the gate to gate Oh, the game of Right. Right. Right. This is I think a person I think I mean, I think first of all, we're gearing up in the bill in the concert in the in the Bill of Rights in the Pentagon Papers. So I'm going to sum up some important documents. It says I mean there's there's certain there's a passage about my about me or about to has an inalienable right you know, has the has the right to be to be I mean, I think that includes being rare means you should be able to do any, you should I think that has to do with if you want to practice your own printer in whatever any place I mean, wherever the effect takes place. I think that that certainly is your I mean what I mean what is what is freedom of everyone's freedom of speech, I mean without without, without freedom of freedom. A sec I mean that not much to speak of, I assure you and personally in my I think there's there's in my view the I mean, I mean after all pervert pervert the pervert I mean it's in the it's in the eye of the beholder



05:19

here it is become butcher Nelly in less than a day simply by taking the little pink pill there's no need to recruit, seduce or rely on environmental conditions anymore. The little pink pill does it all. Just one tap before breakfast breaks the cycle of heterosexuality for a full 24 hours. For years. heteros have been asking gays if they would take a pill that would make them straight. Well last quieres Ville labs have responded to this dilemma by giving heteros a taste of their own medicine. Yes, the little pink pill does it all the boring cliched life of a heterosexual can vanish in one gulp. Mrs. Betty Morgan of Gresham, Oregon talks about the little pink pill.



Pokey Anderson 05:53

My life was a mess, bridge clubs, gross husband, alcoholism, you name it. Then one morning I got my act together and took the little pink pill. In an instant my sexual orientation changed, as did my desire to be married. Well, within a week I ditched my old man met a terrific woman and got joint custody of my children. All this without why retention headaches or loss of appetite. Thanks little pink pill you made a new woman out of me.



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Results may vary but don't consult a physician the little pink pill it does it all.



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It's called for the straight folks who don't mind gays. But wish they weren't so blatant.



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You know, some people got a lot of nerves. Sometimes I don't believe things I see and hear. Have you met a woman who shocked by two women kissing and in the same breath tells you that she's pregnant. But gays shouldn't be blatant. Or the strike couple sits next to you in a movie and he can't hear the dialogue because of the sound effects. But gays shouldn't be blatant. And the woman in your office, spend your whole lunch hour talking about her new bikini drawers and how much her husband likes them. But gays shouldn't be blamed. Or the hip check in your class. rattling a mile a minute while you're trying to get stoned in the John about the camping trip she took with her musician boyfriend. But gays shouldn't be blatant. You go in a public bathroom and all over the walls. There's John loves Mary Janice Diggs, Richard Pepe loves Dolores, etc. But gays shouldn't be blatant. Or you go to an amusement park, and there's a tunnel of love and pictures. The streets painted on the front and grinning couples coming in and out. But gays shouldn't be blatant. Fact is blatant Heterosexuals are all over the place. Supermarkets, movies, at work in church in books on television every day and night. Every place even in gave us and they want gay men and women to go hide in the closets. So do you straight folks? I say Sure. I'll go if you go to but I'm polite. So after you

J Jimmy Carper 08:36
Oh, yeah, Johnny, are you queer?

B Buddy Johnston 08:40
Yes, he is. And his no nevermind. Because what so what's going on this morning they we got some guests we got some good we're gonna be here in just a second. From interact, interact, right, which is an over 40 group. Okay, and I have some friends that stopped by to bring me a birthday present. Oh, um, last year?

J Jimmy Carper 09:03
I say it's it's either early or late. We're

B Buddy Johnston 09:06
talking to this. This is like radio talking to

J Jimmy Carper 09:11
that long, round. Long round thing. Yeah, long rather just like five people in this room. The one closest to your face. Well, okay,

B Buddy Johnston 09:20
let's just talk right. So what is it? What is it the present like thing or what? something of this sort? Is it like gonna embarrass us or embarrass me? I shouldn't say well, what is it Mary? I mean, sir, I can't You can't do it confused again, everyone. So you don't have to divulge that information. I've already seen that. I'm talking I'm talking about the get

J Jimmy Carper 09:50
lonely on a Saturday night girl.

B Buddy Johnston 09:52
I'm here on a Saturday. Oh, are the nights

J Jimmy Carper 09:55
the week I say

THE WEEK I SAY

B Buddy Johnston 09:57

but what is it is it you don't want to do it's what is it? Do What? What's the price of surprise? What's the present? It's in the it's in the box. Yes, it's still elaborately in this bags. So I just like open it. Oh, please

 10:16

I know don't look first you pull them out and then you pull it out.

J Jimmy Carper 10:21

Oh, I show them show them to the audience. You see he has this wonderful. I'm sure his audience doesn't know. Mickey Mouse. Where's Roger at? Hold it up to the microphone. So everybody comes out is wonderful. And see now the oh, this is wonderful. Yes, they are.

B Buddy Johnston 10:42

It's a happy day in the neighborhood. No, it's

J Jimmy Carper 10:45

Mickey Mouse. slippers, right? Yes, it is. Yeah, they're making slippers and Becky is looking up at you as you

B Buddy Johnston 10:53

everywhere you go. He's staring at you saying why are we going this way? Look that wonderful. Isn't that wonderful? I wish you could see this because it's it is Mickey Mouse slippers. Yes

J Jimmy Carper 11:05

to

B Buddy Johnston 11:08

say no. Say this is last. He's never seen my bedroom. You can last year's and this is this year's. He was complaining how

J Jimmy Carper 11:16
in time for this. Okay, one is very, very late. And when there's kind of early.

B Buddy Johnston 11:20
Yes. This gift has been like coming forever. Oh, yeah, I keep promising that I would come up here to the station. He would come up here to the station and they have the sword. But it's alright, now I'm here. And here it is. Well, we're

J Jimmy Carper 11:35
here at work where? Yes, we are. Well, that was a really wonderful, fabulous. It really is. It's just like made my day. I have never met anyone in my life who has more Mickey Mouse in his collection than this one.

B Buddy Johnston 11:48
And you don't have slippers? I'm sure No. Have everything else.

J Jimmy Carper 11:52
Oh, almost almost everything

B Buddy Johnston 11:55
anyway, it's that's wonderful. It is I really appreciate that. Oh, oh, I do tell them.

J Jimmy Carper 12:04
I mean, he's, this boy is into that style. I know.

B Buddy Johnston 12:07
That's why the moment I saw I was like those are flawless. Thank you very much. I appreciate that. And we'll be back in a minute with the guests from interact, right? Yes. Okay. This is after hours. On KPFT I'm gonna go try my slippers. Oh, this is all right. There's a wonderful, all right, baby. All right now after hours radio celebrating life from the heart of the Montrose. We back in just a minute. So stay

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tuned

B Buddy Johnston 12:58
I forgot to tell you that

J Jimmy Carper 13:00
this way, it's not gonna be Oh, what happened to this way? Yeah,

B Buddy Johnston 13:03
well, the feeds back there, but there's only like, it's a half hour show. And there's only like, 15 minutes. I mean.

J Jimmy Carper 13:12
That happens a lot. You

B Buddy Johnston 13:13
know, speaking of happenings, there are happenings going on in Houston. There

J Jimmy Carper 13:18
are happening group. Not a new group, actually. But it's kind of a pretty nice, unique group. I kinda like a group of over 40 men.

B Buddy Johnston 13:29
I'd like a group of over 40 men.

J Jimmy Carper 13:34
No, no, no, no, no, no, not that kind of group. Why don't we have Carl and David interact? Yes.

B Buddy Johnston 13:41
What's interact, Carl will interact



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is the leftover name from an organization from years ago. This group was an outgrowth of another group and you go back several groups that way. I think one of the original people was Carl Hayes, who was one of the early members of the acting community in the sense of being active. And I don't like the term, and I call it over 40s. Because that is understandable. And the other one isn't, I don't know how David feels about that. You don't like the term interact? Nobody knows what it means. Oh,



Buddy Johnston 14:20

yeah. So what is it? What's the group what well interact. It first was integrity and integrity. of it. Episcopal group wanted to use the name integrity. So we changed our name to interact. And then a group of us wanted to change the name again, and it's now 40 Plus,



Jimmy Carper 14:45

Oh, okay.



Buddy Johnston 14:46

So you had the wrong name.



Jimmy Carper 14:47

I'm a name behind is that yes. Wow. Okay.



Buddy Johnston 14:55

40 plus.



14:57

Well, it's an organization With no redeeming social values



Jimmy Carper 15:03

sounds great.



15:05

When we, we started to get organized as a over 40s supper group, we decided that everyone in the room belonged to some other organization or several, where they were able to be active politically and socially and in funds, and

J Jimmy Carper 15:24

I was gonna bring that up. It's not a political thing. No, but I know, Carl, you're involved in a lot of other groups. And David, I've seen your face around a lot, too. So I was gonna ask if this is like, just social, rather than

 15:38

that. That's it. It's once a week. I'm sorry. Once a month, we get together and let's get together and do dinner, honey. Yeah, that's right. And we had a meeting tonight. Just happened to be tonight. We generally meet about the third Saturday of the month. And we might talk about that and maybe David one would want to tell us what happened this evening.

B Buddy Johnston 16:07

Nothing unusual. We just got together and had a potluck. It doesn't sound like there's anything wrong with that. It sounds like an environment away from the bars and away from all the other places that were all right.

J Jimmy Carper 16:18

As a matter of fact, I get calls all the time at the switchboard from people wanting just to get in just eight rooms like a great item buddy knew from out of town is over 40 looking for people their own age.

B Buddy Johnston 16:34

How long is how long is interact? How is what's the what we call in the group from sorry, 40 Plus, my mind is like thinking about there's no this way out. There's no yeah, how long is 40 plus originally been around then the whole lot that concept been around in Houston than it's been around in Houston since since about 1950. This is not an a baby. That's before

J Jimmy Carper 16:57

me baby

B Buddy Johnston 16:58

out of the original integrity was formed the G GPC and the gay switchable. Right through Carl,

Carl Hayes and Richard Burkhart. That means there was some Oregon organization in the community back as 3538. I was born in 54. We're going to give away my age

 Jimmy Carper 17:29
we're talking 40 years. Okay, what

 Buddy Johnston 17:31
are the years so four years ago, there was an active community in Houston.

 Jimmy Carper 17:35
Oh, well, I'm sure more than that. It's just that whatever the saying that after, through this kind of supper club or potluck club or social club, a lot of Houston major organizations were formed.

 Buddy Johnston 17:55
That's what it sounds like.

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The President organization is not been around that long, though. And it has this historical background. But there's not much similarity because all those other organizations were formed. And the one thing that was left was sharing food. And I, I think it ought to be said that quite a few people in our community are very good cooks. Ah, and everybody brings something sometimes we have old dessert, not enough vegetables, but it kind of balances out if you take several months and average them out.

 Buddy Johnston 18:31
Sounds like fun? It does. It really does. I used to when I lived in Nebraska, there was a small group, just friends that got together once a month like that. We didn't really call it anything but it was fun. It was nice to be in an environment away from the bars and away from all we're always talking about how we feel like that we're trapped in a rut. And it sounds like a nice way to get out of the rat and meet some folks.

 Jimmy Carper 18:55
Well, here's proof positive that these there have been organizations around for longer than you and me and all you have to do is just reach out and grab

B Buddy Johnston 19:05
something, David that you have that? Yes, he's passing you notes. Now. PWT 40 Plus and the name is Jack and the number if anybody would like any information is 5278647.

J Jimmy Carper 19:24
Okay, that five to 78647. And if you get confused about that, you can always call up a switchboard. They've got that information.

B Buddy Johnston 19:34
So when's the next dinner? Tonight? When should we be there?

J Jimmy Carper 19:39
Yeah. Can I bring the Diet Cokes because I don't do cooking you know, I just in my kitchen once a month.

 19:46
Oh, some folks stop off if you can pop by. I don't think that's the name of it, but it's something like that. Yeah, that

J Jimmy Carper 19:56
cheat a little bit to me, Mary.

B Buddy Johnston 19:58
I think it's a great idea. Yeah. And if someone has interim error if someone would like information, the number again is 5278647. What I found remarkable is that the group's been around for so long.

J Jimmy Carper 20:12
There's a lot of gay Houston history in that group, honey. Now there

B Buddy Johnston 20:15
are two men sitting here. Are there also women involved in the group? No, no, because I had a woman call earlier and I said. we're havina these auests and mavbe she's lookina for a

woman's group.



20:26

There is one, which I'm sure you're aware of. Oh, yeah.



Jimmy Carper 20:29

The left group? Yeah.



Buddy Johnston 20:32

Oh, yeah, we've been trying to get those loafing ladies on here.



20:35

We have not explain what loaf means.



Jimmy Carper 20:38

Oh, lesbians over 50 over age 50. There we go.



Buddy Johnston 20:45

All right. So it sounds like a good idea. And we'll be there for dinner. We should have done the night I'm still hungry.



20:54

We're not?



Buddy Johnston 20:56

Well, thanks for coming by. I think it's exciting because of all the history. Yeah, as the people that were there in the 50s even though they weren't probably on the radio, we're still I'm sure taking a chance by even gathering together large numbers. Yeah, that time. So those are those are some of our unsung heroes.



Jimmy Carper 21:23

Right? Yeah, you can jump in, jump us out there and get involved with these

right? Yeah, you can jump up, jump up out there and get involved with these

B Buddy Johnston 21:27
groups that that number again, David is right here in Houston. 5278647 Sounds good. Thanks for coming by. We back in a minute.

H Harvey Milk 21:54
We must destroy the myth Swinson was shattered. We must continue to speak out. And most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must

 22:08
come out

B Buddy Johnston 22:17
isn't that flat? Just fabulous Gladys Knight and the Pips on CD. They just reissued this.

J Jimmy Carper 22:25
That's their visions album. Yes, that came out in like 83 or something. But it's got that in the

B Buddy Johnston 22:30
song hero heroes. Yeah. AKA Wind Beneath My Wings. Trying to sell it I

J Jimmy Carper 22:37
guess. I guess. It's a good thing. Yeah. So interact. 40 Plus or over 40 or whatever they want to call themselves. They're out there and

B Buddy Johnston 22:51
sounds like a good idea. Let's have lunch. Hey, speaking of having something. The blonde bombshell is going to be here at one o'clock with the news. A lot of folks have been calling asking about my computer date because I'm still trying to get a date.

J Jimmy Carper 23:03

I know. That's right. It matched me up with the news guy. Can you believe? I'll tell him buddy and the blonde bombshell.

B Buddy Johnston 23:12

Yeah, but we sent him whatever it was to this dating thing. And we got matched together. Also got a guy that that murdered his mother and is in. No, I'm kidding. I'm kidding. I didn't mean. True.

J Jimmy Carper 23:28

Well, the thing is, you wanted a short hairy man. And as the last time I looked Jeff was a little on the tall side and no hair nowhere. Oh, no. Nothing out. Did you ever get matched up with adult?

B Buddy Johnston 23:40

No. Speaking of how do you ever get through things? Do you remember that celebration of life rally we did in 1988? Ooh, short do and Harry Britt was standing on the steps to City Hall. And he said,

H Harvey Milk 23:51

I'm here partly tonight to say some good things about Texas. I'm proud to be a Texan. I know that I could not have heard Harvey Milk's challenge to me, had not something in my life in this state prepared me to hear the word of freedom that Harvey spoke to us. I am here tonight. Because it is time that all of us who love this state that gave us life and has nurtured us and taught us our values to stand up and claim the history of this state for freedom and justice and human respect, away from the forces of narrow mindedness and bigotry. That too often dominates the politics of the state of Texas.

B Buddy Johnston 25:00

I can't believe it match me up with Jeff. After hours radio celebrating live from the heart of the Montrose five to six 4005 to six KPFT. That's the number to call. And if you're like the 10th Caller, I didn't say it was a bad guy. But I did say if you're the 10th Caller, you'll get a copy of the Yazoo album wanted, and five to six 4000 Or five to six KPFT that's the number to call. Call it number 10 I was gonna grab that album and take it to the beach splash days coming up. Anyway, this is after hours when we teach you every week about gay and lesbian love and the natural way that's what it is because we're here and we're queer. We certainly are. And in case you don't know, I'm the fact that that works for the police department, Mary so get a grip,

J Jimmy Carper 25:53

and I'm the fact that he doesn't work at all.

B Buddy Johnston 25:54

I hate you. I love you.

H Harvey Milk 26:05

We must destroy the myth. Once in Canada. We must continue to speak out. And most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must come out. And I asked. I asked people all over this country to do one thing. Come out. Come out America come out.

i 26:33

Do you know me? I have appeared in hundreds of Warner Brothers cartoons with that squirrely wabbit who always does drag. Yet whenever I travel, homophobic troublemakers are always telling me that there's no wombs and no hotels. No they will see to the west ones and no cause to wind. It gets downright frustrating. At first I wanted to cry. What's my sexual orientation got to do with my being a good customer. Then I got a game that can express cod. Now I use it everywhere. From crepes and flans to tropical foods in Honolulu to pick up chicks in Australia. My good American Express card does it all get oh can express Don't be home. Oh without it

B Buddy Johnston 27:23

is that CD just to think of one that's so hot. Jimmy Somerville and this is the domestic release now of his album

J Jimmy Carper 27:31

cake. And I've got the other woman.

B Buddy Johnston 27:34

This queen from England. There's just like two queer. I love it. Hey, who won the who won the album?

J Jimmy Carper 27:40

Oh, a regular listener? listener of ours. And,

B Buddy Johnston 27:44

and yeah. And be my friend. Oh, thanks, Sam for winning. And thanks for

 Jimmy Carper 27:50

sending that sucker out to you, honey. You send what I'm sending that thing out to

 Buddy Johnston 27:54

Okay. Read my lips. After hours radio celebrating live from the heart of the Montrose just coming up with the news in just a second. And we'll be back to talk about Earth Day.

 Jimmy Carper 28:09

Look at that. Big Earth.

 Buddy Johnston 28:11

I'll tell you all about in a minute. Hang on. We'll be back in just a second. 90.1 FM that's who you're listening to KPFT Houston. Hang on. We'll be back in just a second. This is almost as much fun as dispatching for the police department, except I can say we're here and we're quitting. And I don't say that at HPD. almost want to.

 Pokey Anderson 28:57

We find it out. Hi, I'm Cherie Wolf. And I'm pokey Anderson, we host a show on Friday mornings called Breakthrough. It's a show about women and the things we hold most dear, including our love for each other. Tune in to break through every Friday morning from eight to 11 and hear what you've been missing. Through my head or lights

 29:27

the woman in your life is you

 29:36

heard much about AIDS lately. asked me if I've heard about anything else. Really? So your friends talk about AIDS. No, no one does. But you said you haven't heard anything else. That's because it's in the paper and on TV all the time of AIDS is so important. Why don't you friends talk about it. I guess they're embarrassed. Are you embarrassed? AIDS isn't exactly what you'd call party conversation. It's no party. But how are we ever going to prevent AIDS? If we can't even talk about it? But how do you talk to someone about AIDS? Just like this.



30:19

Talk about AIDS, because talking will help you understand. If you'd like more information, call your local aids hotline, or call one 803 428 This has been a message from the US Centers for Disease Control.



Jimmy Carper 30:35

And locally that number is five to four AI d s.



Pokey Anderson 30:42

This Sunday is Earth Day 1990 the 20th anniversary of the first Earth Day ecology teaching will be gigantic celebration in Hermann Park with concert speeches and