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Roy McCarthy 00:01

gay men wore a pink triangle lesbian women were issued a black triangle. But lesbian women were given the option if they were of pure German blood. Of course, they were given the option that they could become breeders for the Fatherland or suffering the camp. So most of the German lesbians opted to become breeders and your gay men had no choice had no jobs, right. And she was so impressed that you knew that I that I knew that. And she said, this is such a wonderful thing.

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I did not know that you would know that so many people, they do not know what they're doing. But you know, well,

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Jimmy Carper 00:40

you see, well, she probably doesn't spend any time in the gay community because in the gay community, the pink triangles very common and everybody in here in the community knows what it's about.

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Roy McCarthy 00:54

No, believe it or not, they don't really they know it's a symbol of gay pride. But how it came into being

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Jimmy Carper 01:01

they don't know it came from the German constantly don't concentration, Nazi concentration.

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Roy McCarthy 01:07

Okay, do not know that. I've had many gay friends of mine. have asked me about it. You're kidding. And they don't know. And a lot of them who do know about the pink triangle, like to wear the pink triangle with the point facing upward? Yeah, which is incorrect. Believe

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Jimmy Carper 01:25

it is incorrect. But actually, that's how in the very beginning of Act Up and coordination and actually another one called guts, it was, it was with a pink triangle with the point up rather than the point down.

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Roy McCarthy 01:43

Anyways, getting back to the museum. Yes, please. One.

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Jimmy Carper 01:48

We how was it? Oh, it

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Roy McCarthy 01:49

is fantastic. It is you'll you will leave with a sense of gay pride. Oh, one of the very first exhibits inside there. One of the very first exhibits that you will see, unfortunately, it is not part of the permanent exhibit. It is part of a traveling exhibit. No, it is a strip of cloth about an inch and a half by about four or five inches in length. Yeah, it has a pink triangle. Now the left a real one a real not a photo. Not a remake. But the real McCoy. I've never seen a real one. And the camp number. Oh, yeah. It it really is very impressive. Just to see that. I mean, this is the real thing. Yeah. And when you also read about all these pogroms and whatnot that they had brought against the Jews throughout Europe, if you take the word Jew out of there and insert the word, gay or homosexual, you've got exactly what the political and religious right of today are saying about us. Oh, and it is so god awful scary.

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Jimmy Carper 03:07

Yeah.

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Roy McCarthy 03:09

And, you know, gay bashing, being on the up and up. And it's almost like there is a silent approval by the powers that be in government, education and religion. There's a silent approval to this. Yeah, just like there was in pre World War Two, Germany. And throughout Europe, we

got to be honest. What about anti semitism, that it was not just in Germany, but it was a disease that was throughout all of Europe, and even into the

J Jimmy Carper 03:50

United States? Yeah. Yeah. Well, earlier on the show, we had the lover of Fred man, God, the man who was slain back in January, Ken stern, and things haven't changed. Things haven't changed. We still can be killed, beat up. Just because of who we are who we are. Yeah. For no other reason for no other reason. Yes. Which is

R Roy McCarthy 04:21

why I feel that everybody gay and straight, should get to the Holocaust Museum, Houston. And go through and take a look.

J Jimmy Carper 04:33

And it's free, isn't it?

R Roy McCarthy 04:34

It is free. It does not cost a

J Jimmy Carper 04:36

penny. It's amazing. And the architecture is absolutely magnificent. It's, it's reminiscent of the ovens

R Roy McCarthy 04:45

of the camps. In fact, on the outside right at the property line itself, you have the structure reminiscent of the barbed wire. Oh, yeah. Right. I mean, it's not barbed wire. It's it's wire. But that's where the electrical shirt, barbed wire was at. Yeah. And then you have a makeshift model of as you walk through, it's like walking through the older ostrich train depots. Oh really. And they have actual all the uniforms, Camp uniforms and actual memory.

J Jimmy Carper 05:27

Let me ask you what, what is in the museum, you have displays, you have displays

R Roy McCarthy 05:33

and you have permanent and pardon, you have permanent displays and you also have the traveling display, okay. The Traveling displays are the uniforms and the pieces of uniforms. Okay. From the camps. The reason being there's so few of the camp uniforms actually left, right I can a majority of them were, were incinerated by the allied forces because of so much disease. That was rampant in those camps. But a few were kept for posterity. And these few and even the fewer triangles, pink triangles, but you also see in their big you have videos being played, that were shot during World War during the Nazi era. videos shot by the Nazis showing the actual persecutions No, really. You see the dead bodies, and you see the ovens and you see all that memorabilia, you see? Diaries, and wow, that people had captain. Of course, you see the German uniforms?

J Jimmy Carper 06:38

Yeah. I'd heard that. They also had interviews with camp survivors. Yes, that's on video.

R Roy McCarthy 06:46

Right. You have the day that I was in there. Not all the bugs were worked out. Oh, I say okay. And they had a little bit of technical difficulties with it. But I'm sure by now the bugs have been worked.

J Jimmy Carper 07:00

It's interesting. I've read quite a few articles on the opening of the Holocaust Museum, and several of them had interviews with camp survivors who Houstonian camp survivors. Yeah, yes, that's right. And it one struck me. It was because all of the interviews there was like a half a dozen interviews with different people. And in each interview, they talked about the person who was in the camp. And then they talked about that person's family, either spouse or children, and all of that, except for one man. They never talked about his spouse. Right. And then they showed a picture of him when he was about six months after he got out of the camp. And he posed for a picture in the camp uniform. And I don't know, maybe it's just me, but he looks pretty gay to me. So I'm thinking that, that we do have definitely have a gay voice in the Holocaust Museum.

R Roy McCarthy 08:13

Right? Oh, we definitely do. And in their brochure, that they handed out the program. It was mentioned on page one wow brochure that we too, were part that the homosexuals were rounded up. Wow. And the estimate? I

J Jimmy Carper 08:30

mean, I'm not surprised. I mean, because that was part that was part of the history. But so often, we as gay and lesbian people have been written out of history. And it's nice to see us included.

R Roy McCarthy 08:43

Right? And I don't know, I know the person that you're talking about. And he was there at the ceremonies. Oh, yes. And it if you're out there, and if you're listening, please call us here at the station because we would love to have you on there if we could. Sure. Because it's very important to all of us.

J Jimmy Carper 09:10

years ago, on after hours. Roger Kinzer, who recently died and read from a book called The Man the men with the pink triangle, which by a man named pseudo named probably Hans Hagar wrote the book, and it's about his his life in the camps and he survived it. That's the only book that's ever been written from a gay perspective about the camps and one of the reasons is, because so many of us weren't really liberated from the camps. Right? When When, when the when the allies came and freed everyone And many homosexuals went to jail because it was still against the law to be gay.

R Roy McCarthy 10:06

Everyone was freed. But the homosexual

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Yes. Yes. And we also, when they had the trials and rep reparations from Germany, everyone bought every one but the gays got reparations.

R Roy McCarthy 10:25

Yeah. And you know what? A little bit of a pre war history. Yeah. Before Hitler took over between the period at the end of World War Two. Why in the world war one, and Hitler coming to power in 1932? There was a very large we weren't we'd call it a gay community. Oh, yeah. called homosexual community. In Germany. Yes,

J Jimmy Carper 10:50

there was the word applications.

R Roy McCarthy 10:52

In fact, the word homosexual was coined there in German. Yes, I think it was. And there were gay bars and gay clubs and gay coffee houses and all this stuff. But it was a society. Yes. And it was members only. And that's how, by this members only list that's how the Nazis were able to

round up. Yes, people from those lists. Those people were forced to turn in names of their lovers and Associates and acquaintances. And those people were rounded up, and were forced to give off more names until the estimate of death. Gay men, gay men dying in the camps was estimated between 100,000 to a million. Hmm, yeah, depending upon who's taking headcount. We didn't we didn't count.

J Jimmy Carper 11:43

I've, I've read lots of different books on the subject. And they, depending on who's writing it, it ranges from 100,000 to a million. Yes. And

R Roy McCarthy 11:55

we just didn't matter. We didn't. And the sad thing was that we, we still haven't learned because we still, I'm seeing the same things today. Right here in Houston, and in the United States, the exact same words and phrases?

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Sure. Well, because it's it's been used for centuries upon centuries for whatever group that successfully the ruling class wants to get rid of. Yes, but we ain't going we ain't going. We ain't going. And but what we are doing right now is we're going to go to a piece of music and it's off of a compilation that I've been playing the last few weeks called free, and I sure wish that they would put this on the market because it's really good. And this is a cut called why it's by Andrea Katz ka tz. And you're listening to it on after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston, and ke O 's College Station.

J Jimmy Carper 13:15

Andrea Katz, and the tune is called why this is all about our love. Yes, it is. And this is Jimmy Carper. And I'm back with Roy McCarthy. That's right. And you've got some news items.

R Roy McCarthy 13:31

Right?

J Jimmy Carper 13:32

What's the deal?

R Roy McCarthy 13:33

Okay, we have a report here that gay bashing or being more violent? Oh, yeah. And a report

was released this week by the National Coalition of anti violence program. And their records show 2212 hate crimes were committed in 11 major cities nationwide. And 1995 2212.

J Jimmy Carper 14:01

And I can tell you that that's that's underestimated because only a fraction of those get reported. Right. And there are two problems in Houston that I can tell you about. First of all, if an incident has anything, first of all, an incident to be characterized as a hate crime, when gays are involved has to be the person has to say derogatory terms and do whatever Yes. Now if there's a robbery involved, then it's considered a robbery. It's not considered a hate crime.

R Roy McCarthy 14:45

Right. And but there's also another problem in this in these in these numbers as well.

J Jimmy Carper 14:52

The other problem is reporting. Right and I know in Houston you can report that to the hate crimes hot line, but hardly anybody knows that. And they certainly don't know the number and the hate crimes hotline doesn't have the money to advertise. Now, Q patrol will let you know, to report a hate crime to the hate crimes hotline, and that's at 5299615. But we just we just don't have the money to advertise it enough.

R Roy McCarthy 15:23

And then there's another problem with that, too. Yeah, that many victims, gay and victims of gay bashing. Gay hate. They don't want to report it. They don't want to report it because there is a lot of internalized homophobia within our gay community. People think well, I deserved it. And I'm saying that it was something that I did

J Jimmy Carper 15:52

that, depending if somebody got bashed when they're out cruising in the woods or something like that, oh, I deserved it. Because I was no no one deserves it no matter what. And, and the other. Another problem can be is that people are there we go. All right. I lost my train of thought here. Now. People are just afraid to short because because they don't know what the kind of treatment they're going to get from the police.

R Roy McCarthy 16:34

And unfortunately, we have a lot of homophobic police.

J Jimmy Carper 16:37

Yes. So most of the time, I you know, I can report that the police have been very good. It just depends,

R Roy McCarthy 16:46

right? I'm very thankful to the police here in the Montrose they are very, very sensitive. Absolutely. But police in other parts of the city

J Jimmy Carper 16:56

may not be right. If you if you know a policeman, then you can you know that that helps.

R Roy McCarthy 17:05

And anyways, this 2212 reported crimes. There's also another thing too, which Okay, your listeners out there? You don't know me personally, but

J Jimmy Carper 17:18

if you've called in in the last year and talked with him,

R Roy McCarthy 17:23

but still many of you don't realize that. Okay, at 45 or 45 years old. My profession? I am a certified protection officer. Yeah, I have been highly educated and trained in this I've I've had to go through immense amount of university and studies in other seminars. So I didn't know that. In order to get my CPO designation. I had to take an eight hour 500 question exam at UVA. Chuck, Criminal Justice Center. Wow. And they had to in that was the term papers and everything. And then they had to give grading on that. And then, but they did not make the determination for CPOE that had to get sent to Washington. Now what a CPR certified protection. Okay. That's like being a certified public accountant. Oh, this is the designation that will follow me for the rest of my life. Oh, and so

J Jimmy Carper 18:17

you are Ryan McCarthy? Sama? CPOE. Right. Okay.

R Roy McCarthy 18:21

And Washington had to make that designation decision, of course, they will pretty much go with the way the university feels. But there's always that out, you do have to go through their review board as well. So what does this mean? This means that I get some extra initials out to

my name and

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Jimmy Carper 18:45

paperwork to do it means you're a professional. Right.

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Roy McCarthy 18:49

And I can tell from the National Institute of criminal justice, that on just about all violent crimes, whether it's hate crime, or rape or spousal abuse or any violent crime. It's easily easily three to one, or one to three, one reported case for embroidery unreported Oh, easily, easily. So this number here does 2212 can easily be tripled. Yeah. If you want a more accurate reading, you can just triple that.

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Jimmy Carper 19:28

And since it's a we're talking about gay and lesbian hate crimes, I'll bet it's a lot more than just tripling

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Roy McCarthy 19:35

Oh, yes, definitely. Because, well, like I was saying in the last segment here, there is an unofficial silent approval by the powers that be in government and education and in religion says it's okay to do this. Right. Yeah. I mean, if you listen to a fairy Joe, I mean, Jerry Falwell, and his moral minority and on Never get his name. I can't get anything straight. And if you listen to people like Pat Buchanan, and Jerry Reed, yeah, they quote

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Jimmy Carper 20:12

the Bible with hate with Now, anybody who quotes the Bible with hate, it's not a good person.

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Roy McCarthy 20:21

Right? And if they want to get very fundamentalistic about it, Jesus hated the fundamentalist. In fact, Jesus was crucified by the fundamentalist denominational church leaders. There you go, and Jesus took a whip to them. And all their little money changes. Don't just go

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Jimmy Carper 20:41

it's just no, it's just when anybody uses the Bible to spout hate, right? And that's the time to step back and say, Well, wait a minute here. What's, what's the real reason? What does this person What's this person's agenda?

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Roy McCarthy 20:57

These people used the Bible when I was growing up to spout hate against the Jews and the black and the Black and Latinos. Yes. And the Cubans, the Asians? Yes, yes, it's whatever is easiest to persecute us. And the day is coming in which it will not be acceptable to be persecuting us, but then they will be persecuting someone else. And I pray that we, like the Jews of yesterday that the gays of today will do the same thing as the Jews are doing today. I hope that those of us that are around tomorrow, when the new group is hated against that we will step forward and say, Oh, we're not going to allow that to happen. That's

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Jimmy Carper 21:42

right. And you're listening to all of this on after hours. A continuing tradition on KPFT Houston and ke o s College Station, and since we've been talking about religion, let's have a little piece of music from Jeff crasner. Who does a cover song of Oh, what

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Roy McCarthy 22:06

a cover. Oh,

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Jimmy Carper 22:08

it's really good. And I'm so glad that a male has finally done this.

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Roy McCarthy 22:13

He can cover me anytime.

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Jimmy Carper 22:16

Jeff crasner, son of a preacher man and this is for James who's at work right now listening to after hours and

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oh, yeah, legendary children, all of them. Quiere. That was by Holly Johnson. And that was requested by James who called in at 5265738 with his favorite queer music, and you can do the same operators are sitting by

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Jimmy Carper 23:06

that's 52657380 You're impossible. I'm Jimmy Carper. And Roy McCarthy is with me. And he's

got some more news items.

R Roy McCarthy 23:16

Yeah, we got an interesting thing coming in out of Tyler here.

J Jimmy Carper 23:20

Stay Tyler, Texas, Tyler, Texas, what's going on there?

R Roy McCarthy 23:23

Well, according to the Associated Press, a state district judge and Tyler has ordered a Louisiana man with AIDS to obtain written informed consent from all future sex partners lot as a part of his probation, and a concept conviction of all things.

J Jimmy Carper 23:44

Now, why would he do that? What did that what does one have to do with the other guy with a PWA? Or a man with? Does he have AIDS or just HIV or what?

R Roy McCarthy 23:59

Okay? Doesn't matter, actually.

J Jimmy Carper 24:01

So he's he's involved in a car theft. And as part of the probation, the judge says you have to have written permission from anybody you have sex with.

R Roy McCarthy 24:10

That's correct. In fact, the signed consent form states. Here's a word for word of what it states says. Thomas, Paul McDevitt has advised me now I'm quoting here, that he has been diagnosed as positive for the HIV virus in his body, and may be symptomatic for the disease of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. Although I realized I am potentially risking my own life, I nevertheless desire to engage in sexual relations with the above named individual. That is ridiculous

J Jimmy Carper 24:46

number one that shows you what's wrong in this country because if you don't assume that

NUMBER ONE, THAT SHOWS YOU WHAT'S WRONG IN THIS COUNTRY BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T ASSUME THAT everybody you have sex with is HR Have you positive? Right? And then then, then you're really not a real smart person. Now, you just got to make that assumption. Everyone you have sex with is HIV positive. So how would you have sex with everyone if they were HIV positive?

R Roy McCarthy 25:20

Right? With lots of protection. There you go. And but this judge says, and I'm quoting him here, according to the Associated Press, quote, I really first started thinking about it when a friend's son died of AIDS. I know people feel compassion for those with AIDS, but nobody really wants to do much about stopping people from spreading aids. Now, this judge said that he will order similar conditions in future probation and parole cases involving defendants he knows to be infected with HIV, the conditions would be self policing, he said. Now, I think that this is just the most ridiculous and offensive to be very honest, and I really don't think that this could really stand up in court, probably not,

J Jimmy Carper 26:12

probably no,

R Roy McCarthy 26:13

I think that on appeal, this would probably be shot down. Yeah, at least I would hope it would be. And that's what we got coming out of from Thailand. And talking about sex. There's one other issue, I

J Jimmy Carper 26:30

want to say it's sex. Let's see, what do I have to say about sex just about everything.

R Roy McCarthy 26:40

Oh, my, you know, we have tried in the community for a long time to educate people. And we've done a pretty good job, I think of educating many adults on the dangers of HIV and AIDS. And we have tried for a long time to reach the younger segment of society. And we have been fought tooth and nail.

J Jimmy Carper 27:06

Well, you know, we always talk about sex in a positive manner on this on this show, because sex is a fact of life in the gay community. Sex is a fact of life in any in any community, right. But for some reason, the gay let gay and lesbian people seem to be able to be a lot freer with sex. And even in this age of AIDS, we are still sex positive. Right? And one of the best places to have sex. I mean, if you're gonna have a lot of sex, and if you're gonna have promiscuous sex

or sex with people you don't know very well, one of the best places, is that the tubs, right? For a lot of reasons. Number one, it's clean environment. Number two, there's lots of condoms and safe sex information around and let's say and the fact that after hours got a plug in the Midtown journal news. Oh, we did? Yes. Oh, yeah. Midtown spa puts out a journal every month. And they gave us a little plug. After hours, a weekly program that provides news interviews and music for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community airs on 90.1 FM. The show was entertaining and the topics are enlightening. We encourage you this is to support KPFT in their endeavors, for they provide a community service that is beneficial to our community as a whole. Not nice. Oh, that's

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Roy McCarthy 28:49

fantastic.

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Jimmy Carper 28:50

But if we're going to be sex positive, I mean, it's so much better to go to the tubs than even to an adult bookstore or places like that, where or a club or a club. You know, we're condoms and safe sex information is not available. And see. One of the other things that's going on at the tubs number, Midtown AIDS Foundation, Houston will be doing free HIV testing and safe sex seminars on the 27th of March. Right.

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Roy McCarthy 29:27

They in fact, the AIDS Foundation Houston and the safe sex education is is a regular feature at the tubs at the Midtown.

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Jimmy Carper 29:36

Oh yeah. Yeah. And and so our dancers ride. I know you go you go to a bar to see a dancer. And that's all really nice and all of that but when you go to the tubs, oh boy. They don't leave those those little posing straps on

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Roy McCarthy 29:59

I will Know about gold lead lightning strike? And tell you what, you know what I'm really concerned about though, Jim.

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Jimmy Carper 30:07

And they have let's say, When do they have dancers? Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays? And a dance contest on Monday?

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Roy McCarthy 30:15

Hmm. But you are really concerned about what? It's the young kids. The gay and straight young kids? Yes. You know,

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Jimmy Carper 30:26

I really well see gay kids, through through shows like this can find out where to go right clubs, or the tabs or places

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Roy McCarthy 30:41

like that. But they're too young to go to the tubs.

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Jimmy Carper 30:44

Some of them are, but some of them aren't. But straight kids, they don't always fit. They don't always get that safer signal education.

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Roy McCarthy 30:54

They won't be most of the street kids will not listen won't be listened to a show like this.

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Jimmy Carper 30:59

And let me tell you why. AIDS is really growing in the in the youth, and especially and in the straight youth. Right? Okay. Do you know why? And do you know why lack of knowledge? Not only that, but there's this mindset, that, okay, if I can't contract AIDS today, it's really not going to affect me for 10 or 15 years down the road. And by that time, they'll have a cure for all,

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Roy McCarthy 31:30

it'll affect you. In fact, if you contact the virus now, and you don't do anything about it, you won't have 10 years.

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Jimmy Carper 31:43

It depends on your system. Some people go pretty fast,

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Roy McCarthy 31:49

right? There was a friend of mine back in the mid 80s. who pretty much for by and large, for the

most part was Asus, a symptomatic, didn't have any kind of symptoms. And he did not know that he was HIV positive. He came down with pneumonia went into benchtop got the penicillin shot and was dead within 24 hours. Only after he had died when they did the autopsy did they find out this guy was HIV positive? Right.

J Jimmy Carper 32:21

I've heard that. I've heard that. And I've seen it. I've seen it I've seen friends of mine who who

R Roy McCarthy 32:28

died show didn't they were bad, shriveled up and died 10

J Jimmy Carper 32:32

years ago, people who have lasted a lot longer.

R Roy McCarthy 32:38

Anyways, according to the Center for Disease Control, okay, a report issued by the Associated Press, teenagers are contracting the AIDS virus at an average of more than one an hour. And the White House again urged the nation to this last Tuesday to teach them how to protect themselves. But to some disappointed young people, the report and its medium fanfare were just more government talk and no action. They're saying that the report really isn't doing something for the youths. And there is a need for accountability. And we've got to have sex education of some sort. In the schools and yet the religious right fights the school boards. And they fight the AIDS foundation from presenting this sorely needed information. They they keep saying that what we need to do is just teach them abstinence. Well, I got news for you out there and radio land. I am 45 Ever since I first started attending public school that I can remember back in the 50s. Abstinence was taught and it didn't stop us then. And it's not stopping us. Now.

J Jimmy Carper 34:01

I don't understand it. Weren't these people ever 15 or 16 years old and have raging hormones?

R Roy McCarthy 34:09

Oh, they probably did. But it was all right for them. And you know, Jim, I remember you and I were talking a few months back how that we were Jim and I were talking off the air back how that I know this thing is gonna we were talking about AIDS. And I said, I know this thing is really going to explode on the, in the high schools in the junior high schools age bracket, because there's so many of these young women that are getting pregnant. Now women do not get pregnant by themselves. That just doesn't happen. You need another guy. Yes, you need a

guide to get a woman pregnant. And if a guy is having sex with a woman, he's having unprotected sex and with such a high rate of children having children. There's got to be a corresponding one I rate of not just aids but other STDs. Sure, sure. There's got to be, and don't tell me that it's not. And don't tell me that abstinence. I'm not gonna give you the name of the school I went to, but I went to a private Roman Catholic boarding school. I had more sex and that Roman Catholic boarding school than I ever had ever tops. And it wasn't just, in fact, I was voted by the powers that be in that Roman Catholic boarding school when I was a teenager. Yes, I was voted as one of the 10 best kids in that school. I want to say some my grades weren't that great. My Grades and that kind of board of schools see these a couple