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SPEAKERS

Jimmy Carper, Bobby



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Which in Hispanic culture and is when we open our presents? Oh, we don't do it on Christmas Day we do it on Christmas Eve. Everyone gets together, eat open presents exchange gifts, or exchange gifts and open presents and go to Mass. That's what I'll be doing in the evening



Jimmy Carper 00:19

as well I'll be doing on Christmas Eve. Yeah. Nice.



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Nice. And I don't know if you want to do another reading or some more music or



Jimmy Carper 00:30

you want to do the Loris Rodriguez Yeah.



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I'm gonna read a passage now by the Lotus Rodriguez. King described the Christmas celebration in her parents his home village in Mexico. where my parents were born in preparation for Christmas festivities. It was accustomed to celebrate the birth of Christ with songs of praise. My mother told us that for the Catholic Church in Mexico, those are the days of greatest importance. From among the people of the Hacienda on which she lived were chosen the Magi, the angels, the virgin and the Christ child. During the nights of the Posadas nine day celebration of Christmas, everyone gathered at the edge of the Hacienda and singing went to the first house. There they asked for lodging, but those within reply that they had no room for

the Christ child for their from there they proceeded, still singing their songs of praise. Everywhere they stopped, they received the same answer to their request, as they had at the first house. Finally, they arrived at the place that had been prepared to receive the Christ child. And that house, everything was now ready for celebration. And the parties began before Christmas and continued until January 6. Each night. There were dances, food and songs. When he came to the Garden City, Michigan. My father's my father's uncle organized Posadas there, for several years, they continue to celebrate them as they had Mexico that I would I wasn't I'm not Catholic, I was raised Catholic, but I think that's when they passed the ninyo the ghosts, the god child from



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ash, Taos. Yeah, apple cider, sort of it's I haven't seen one actually in a while here, but there was one, actually, and not that you need anything special to have one. But what it is, is that celebration over several days, where I'm going to take me to see in the Christ child as I passed from house to house and eat stay, that the person who's I guess, has the Christ Child hosts people over for dinner. And sometimes it's just now I guess, here in Houston, I guess it becomes, I guess, influenced by geography here. And here in Houston, for example. I know there was like, a section of an apartment complex. Over in the Gulf area, they just all had it at one night, and they just opened their doors and, and this whole row of like, an apartment complex and a Posada. And people were you know, going from home to home and they had decorations up. And all along the complex, sort of,



Jimmy Carper 03:07

I've always thought it's very important to keep tradition. Yeah. You know, they may change along the way as as your as as society changes, and as technology changes us, but it's nice to have those roots.



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Yeah. In any community. Yeah, yeah. Yeah.



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And so there's a lot of like, interesting sort of aspects to always sort of been interested in all the differences in sort of our culture celebrate Christmas, but sort of the similarities as well. So it's just a lot of ways to do that.



Jimmy Carper 03:41

Okay, let's go to some music. Yes. And this next set will be



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this is actually a couple of different various artists the first one is going to be switched off combiners which is Jingle Bells by sale and the nail which is Sleigh Ride and loss, loss bestest and do which is more of the last one is gonna be more of a traditional Mexican song. Like it's a little Translation The literal translation is fish in the river, but it's has to do more with it's actually the birth of Christ.



Jimmy Carper 04:14

The fish being the symbol of Christianity, and you're hearing this on after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke o s College Station Okay, what did we have there?



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Well, I think that was Francisco in drag singing when he was like six years.



Jimmy Carper 04:41

Yes, that when I pitch thing what was bad.



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The early years



Jimmy Carper 04:47

that tackle radio. That was Ricky Martin's first album. Oh, that's funny.



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I seem to have gotten the city from talking about Christmas to wrestling. Wow, how



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do we get on that topic? Ricky




Jimmy Carper 05:07


Martin is reporting in wrestling networks. Hey





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what about wrestling? Francisco?


 Jimmy Carper 05:19
Yes. Tell us all brought it up?


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I don't know. All right, you're the one talking about wrestling people in San Antonio.


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We're trying to keep the theme Latinos.

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Whoa. Well, so that was a nice little selection.

 Jimmy Carper 05:39
It certainly was a segue

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that wrestling is not a Hispanic Christmas tradition.

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But we can make it one it was what we get now Hispanic wrestlers. That's the Latin wrestlers are very different from the oh, they do. Yeah, they do for real they always wear masks. You know, I've

 Jimmy Carper 05:58
seen that.

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The what Lucha Libre?



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The free wrestling? It's like It's like the W. W. Kinda. We, you know, it's interesting. The one of the Lucha vote is ran for president in the last presidential elections. And he said, Well, why not? You know, they said why do you want to run for president? You're not even American. You're You're Mexican. And you're a wrestler on top of that. So why not? You know, the presidency affects my country, you know? Sure. Why shouldn't I run? And I thought that was interesting. You know, a little masked man running for president.



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Wow. plausible deniability. I guess if you're wearing a mask, you would say you didn't do it and people wouldn't really know for sure.



Jimmy Carper 06:43

The show is out I guess. With that attitude on Jimmy Carter, Bobby is here. Hey. It's really friend Cisco show Francisco Sanchez. And we know about you. Well, I mean, you've been here a couple of times. But Terrence has not been here in a very long time. And we just you know, gave out his name and didn't give any credentials here so



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well, okay, I am Hispanic, despite.




Bobby 07:14


So I had a nice Spanish boy like you get a Irish Irish





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name Mike O'Neill. My my mom. I don't know. I was the milkman. I don't my mom's not listening. My my dad, of course, is Irish. And my mom is Mexican. She was born in Monterrey, Monterrey, Mexico. And she still is Mexican national refuses to become an American for some reason. But she very proud of her for her culture. I'm very proud of my co culture and Mexican culture, Irish culture. Both share I have I have a lot in common actually, you know, both the Irish and Latin cultures. For some reason that when people you know, look at me, and they they hear my name, not only look at me, like you know, just look at my toes and in my head and look back at my toes and worst hair and stuff in the middle. Oh, boy, but they also don't get the thing that I wasn't raised Catholic. So if you're Irish and you're Mexican, you know, you got to be Catholic. It was no choice. Yeah. Pretty Southern Baptist boy


 Jimmy Carper 08:18
here. Wow. So


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it speaks Hebrew that can read and write Hebrew. Correct. It helps get those Jewish boys.

 Jimmy Carper 08:27
I caught 121 years ago. Boy, by advise for it. Yeah. Good. Good, guys. Yes. Very good


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guy. Yes. Yes. And good. Excuse the Hanukkah and Christmas good excuse to celebrate throughout the month, nonstop.

 Jimmy Carper 08:43
So what do you do?

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I mean, I do radio shows for friends. In the morning.

 Jimmy Carper 08:51
You were involved in organization, you get a

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phone call three, three this afternoon will tell us what are you doing tonight to?

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At least Terrence is here. We just had a call from Dan to see who was supposed to be here that she supposedly overslept. We had three different excuses from her like five minutes. And whispering in the background. Yes.

 Jimmy Carper 09:18

She hung up in and did it



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some more did. Probably. She's got her own Christmas celebration.



Jimmy Carper 09:25

Well, maybe I hope it was as a result of her appearance last night. I said we have like almost half of our listeners are straight. So I mean, there's a good possibility she could get some action out of that.



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Yeah. And I don't know we saw



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so don't book me up for the next time.



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And I don't know if we ever solved the guy's problem. They called him last time but hopefully you found someone



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you're involved in to ask Do question. Yes, I am. I am the Vice President and the chair of the Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus. And vice president and the chair and the chair of the board. Oh, okay. Gotcha. Chair of the Board, okay. For the oldest gay and lesbian political organization, not just in the city, but in the entire south. Yep. It's a great organization. I encourage everyone listening to us to come and participate.



Jimmy Carper 10:25


New Blood always welcome. Absolutely. You know, I'm gay, lesbian,





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bisexual, transgender, you name it. If you want to get politically involved and make a difference in the world. Come over to HTL PC. In fact, we will be having our first meeting. First Wednesday of January will be it will be first meeting. The first meeting will be the first meeting of the first


meeting, talking about the caucus. I let my words just go somewhere


 Jimmy Carper 10:56
this quarter of three and


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thank you. And the only caffeine I've got as a Diet Coke. But But yeah, the first meeting of the millennium for the HDL PC is going to be the first Wednesday of January. Were at the love it in 7pm. So I'm back. Oh, I love the love it. Yeah. Great little, little place.


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Been there. Speaking of these holidays, who's taking their pesos out of the bank? I am.

 Jimmy Carper 11:24
I see what you mean. Yes. I'm taking some out. Yeah,

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I'm taking enough cash. But I figure you know, the way my bank account is, if they screw it up, I went

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over that word, it's not enough to worry.

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If something goes wrong, I can only benefit out of it.

 Jimmy Carper 11:46
So what's next on your agenda? Well,

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we're gonna do one more reading. And then we have some more music. This one is just to give give you a little bit of background in the late 19th century. So clearly the God these

give you a little bit of background in the late 19th century. So clearly the God those grandparents heard that a ranch was for sale near the town where they lived in Arizona. The gobbles grandmother gave her husband \$200 that she had saved in the household funds. Then she prayed to those doses numbers, which basically is Jesus Mary and Joseph that the ranches owner would accept the money as a down payment. Their prayers were answered and a century later socoto the gods were recalled how her grandmother would have a special ceremony every Christmas Eve to give thanks into we're going to do a little brief reading here. She had a very last one which is a visual in thanksgiving to those little says notice, because they had granted her prayer when they wanted to buy the ranch. She had the villas yawn from the first year they moved to the ranch. My mother told me they would be a whole week in preparing it. So Christmas was always special to her. She always had this little altar, a little statue of loose little says notice, which I still have into candles. But on Christmas Eve she would dress it up special. She covered the little table with beautiful crocheted and embroidered cloth and my great grandmother had made for many years I helped her decorate. We hung sheets on the wall and pinned a lot of paper flowers on them. She made the flowers herself. And then she would buy for big candles at the Cathedral and put two on each side of those little says notice. I used to buy things that Chris store little birds and little bells, anything to hang to make it more colorful. And her grandmother would supervise and make sure that everything was done just so that everything matched that nothing was crooked. When we finish she would say that a mosquito net loss glove is fitted frescoes, we must have fresh carnations. She would always buy six fresh carnations to put on the altar. It was big spending. My parents, my sisters, Carmen Andrea and my brother who say my uncles and aunts and cousins and neighbors and friends also came to my grandmother's house early on the 24th Christmas Eve was a day of absence. You don't eat meat. So they made enchilada, some potato salad with egg. She made Pisco trellis, which are like cookies, and wine out of dried figs. When people arrived, they had a little snack and then we went to her room to pray. The rosary was important thing. The waiting was still 12 and then it been night everybody went to see the baby Jesus in the middle of the table. She had a cute little manger. And we went to buy to starting with children to adore the Baby Jesus. Under the little altar table. Grandmother had hidden little gifts, a little doll or little car or some candy from the dime store. She told us that baby Jesus had left it there because he had because we had been good. We didn't know Christmas trees. We didn't know Santa Claus. Wow. And so that was one of my favorite ones.

 Jimmy Carper 14:45

That that yeah, I've never heard of that, that tradition.

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And actually think probably in I guess I can correct me if I'm wrong, but I guess sort of distributed my perception I think in Latin culture. More than that. There's religion still remains the larger focus I think of Christmas.

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Yeah, I agree. Yeah. I think though that that I think all cultures in a way, know that or should do that. I think you always hear people always saying things like, Jesus is the reason for the season or, you know, it's family is that, you know, families should get together and you know,

during the holidays and celebrate those things that are, you know, non materialistic. We all get into this thing, this frenzy about you know, gifts and purchases and Christmas cards. I mean, some of us haven't even started that yet. Other people

 Jimmy Carper 15:41

know Well, so far this month on this show we've we've talked about the the Jewish festivities, we've talked about paganism, and and the real paganism that's the not devil worship, because that that's a Christian thing. And the real paganism came well before that. And that was kind of honoring the seasons and the Earth Mother and, you know, the solstice stuff and all of that. There's lots of different reasons to celebrate this month.

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Yeah, I think it's actually five American is gonna be a pretty phenomenal Solstice this year. I think. That's a full moon. Yeah. And I think it's closer than it's been in a long time, in terms of its distance from VR,

 Jimmy Carper 16:26

because I believe it's supposed to appear 14% larger and brighter. So we shall see. Yeah, yeah, and, and right at the end of the century, too. That's pretty new.

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Like I said, my pesos are coming out of the bank.

 Bobby 16:44

What really gets me is how many different holidays are celebrated at this time of the year. Hanukkah and yeah, Christmas and your and Ramadan and and ya know, the list goes on.

 Jimmy Carper 17:00

Yes, yeah.

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That's a great year. It's a great time of the year.

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I love this time of the year.



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Did you balance like, how did your family balance both cultures during Christmas?



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We did it that's why they got a divorce.



Jimmy Carper 17:18

Oh, well, well, at one point, we tried.



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So you get two Christmases that we get to go spend time with your dad dad's family mom's family and, and my gay family. Yeah, no, that's all



Jimmy Carper 17:36

different traditions going on.



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That's it actually actually Francisco and I have gotten into a tradition where after we're through with our families and the dysfunction and the people fighting and



Jimmy Carper 17:52

I love Mexican family because there's always some faction that are fighting but they all come together even though their opposite ends to house and you get the story from both sides you know it's great



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and wet in which batch of the monoliths you try first is a huge political



Jimmy Carper 18:17

tell you I want to go to another piece of music very quickly, or

ten you I you want to go to another piece of music very quickly, or



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yeah, let's we got a little drummer boy and, and silver bells in town, but really is town boy a little, little drummer boy. And let's go find his sponsor, which is silver bells in here. They come up with



Jimmy Carper 18:54

that was interesting. What was that one?



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That one was Ricky Martin second album. That was after puberty. That was companions that plot that which was Silverbell. And the first one that was little Little Drummer Boy. Yeah, yeah. So it's sort of we've gotten a little bit of two different things that a little bit of our traditional songs sort of trance created. And some more traditional folk stuff from Mexico. So it's been a good little mix of music. Hope people have enjoyed it. I know.



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Yeah. So it's been a wonderful Yeah.



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Actually, tariffs are bad to share. Like we sort of just have a tradition in terms of like, our friendship, if you want to talk about that.



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Yeah, well, I think what the third, I think this is like the third or fourth year this will be the maybe the fourth year where we will go to St. Ann's cathedral. I guess it's because it's a cathedral as but as a church compared to other things. Other Other cathedrals over on Shepherd and we'll go celebrate the Midnight Mass. I think they have what's called a novena or something. Yeah. Basically, a lot of people get together.



Jimmy Carper 20:10

Doing the isn't that doing the Rosary? The novena? Yeah.



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I think, yeah. I missed that. I missed that class. Yeah, but a lot of family they gather there too. And we all just get together and just enjoy the holiday enjoy each other. Then afterwards, we go in to a bar and

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well, we usually independent of standing, like for two hours. So need a cocktail at that point.

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Jimmy Carper 20:39

Okay. So you go stay into the bar for different. No, but that's it. It's really a nice tradition. Everybody has their own types of tradition. And this is nice, you know, okay, we did the family thing. And yeah, and that would slide off a lot of stress. And

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yeah, I think it's the first I think it's the only time each year that we go to St. Ann's for

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I think now the, the tradition seems to be to do everything in little blocks of time, you know, a block of time with these folks. And these folks, and, you know, if you have a significant other, you know, you had to go spend time with him too. Yeah.

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Yeah. So that'll be interesting. This is like, my second year spending Christmas with David. So that's gonna be interesting to see how

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you work that out. Okay. What are you enrolled during? Well, roll if you're listening, my ex boyfriend is going to he's going to be in New York for the holidays and I will of course we'll be here. celebrating with you. And David.

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That's okay. We beautiful people before his three o'clock it'll be his boyfriend again. I'm sure.

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Jimmy Carper 21:55

Wow.



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What are you going to be doing Jimmy?



Jimmy Carper 22:02

I am going to be spending Christmas Eve with my friend Bill's family. And Christmas day, I'm going to have dinner with which is a tradition for me. A woman I've known for 20 years when her daughter was one year old. And now her daughter is 21 We go out to eat because Stanley's my lover is not in town and my boyfriend is also visiting his family. So



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okay, so for New Year's, I haven't decided where am I looking like DC so that it's



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a white Christmas.



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It'll be a it's small enough that it's not a huge city, and plenty of stuff to do. Not stuff to do.



Jimmy Carper 22:48

I was thinking about doing to patrol that I have a I'm not a big New Year's Eve person anyway. And so I've done that a couple of years and it was really a lot of fun.



Bobby 23:01

I know what I'm planning to do for New Year's I have no idea what I'm doing for Chris. No clue.




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Well, whatever people do, I hope they will take care of themselves and be safe and have a good holiday. And Phil isn't happy though. At least Nabila. We'll see you next century.



Jimmy Carper 23:21



Thank you for being here. You've been listening to after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station on Jimmy Carper. And Francisco Sanchez has been here with the Latin segment, along with Harris O'Neill. Join us next week we'll have jewel gray and hatch. And right now Big Daddy j is standing right behind me because in 20 seconds, you're going to be listening to