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Oh yes, you've tuned into after hours Queer radio with attitude right here on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM.



J Jimmy Carper 00:48

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C Chris Harrison 02:27

Oh, and I'm Chris Harrison, being the



J Jimmy Carper 02:30

other co producer. And we'll be bringing you a nother wonderful four hours show filled with all

kinds of things tonight. We've got Gigi from by net. And we've got Vanessa coming in. Right. So become an engineer.

 Chris Harrison 02:47

Kind of the post mortem on the Unity

 Jimmy Carper 02:50

banquet.

 Chris Harrison 02:51

No, not the end of the banquet. The National lobby down. Oh,

 Jimmy Carper 02:53

okay. Okay, great. Great. Because we missed her last last month in April.

 Chris Harrison 03:01

Were to be surrounded by 1500 half naked men. That's it just didn't feel comfortable. I

 Jimmy Carper 03:06

guess not. Oh, well. I want to say hello to all my MBBS out there. David, I got your card and your letter. Thank you very much. And thank you for the kind words and thank everyone out there for the kind words that they they gave me while I was out in the hospital laid up so to speak, laid up so to speak. I'm back out. I'm on medication that makes me dizzy. So I may not last the whole show.

 Chris Harrison 03:34

But at least you finally have an excuse when you mess up the CD play. There

 Jimmy Carper 03:37

you go. There you go. Good idea. Hey, that works. Some things I want to put your ear before we get to Gigi. First of all after hours bla bla bla bla. Our email address is

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Chris Harrison 03:54

after hours at KPFT dot o RG Thank you.

J

Jimmy Carper 03:59

And we're located at 419 Lovett Boulevard 7706 and you can reach us right now at 713-526-5738. David is there answering the phone and he'll be there for some fold giveaways that we're gonna have Michael Williams is here in the house somewhere and who will be talking about giveaways for Melissa Etheridge and

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Chris Harrison 04:30

dealing with are getting ready for Melissa coming here to Houston.

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Jimmy Carper 04:33

Yes, yes. But some court news. Things that the court is doing IC o h and Imperial Court of Houston is Sunday, Sunday, Sunday Sunday. They will be doing a garage sale at 7am at the parking lot of Michael's outpost. That's it around the 1400 1500 block of Richmond. I am not going to be there. Sorry, can't do it. Don't be up too late to do anything like that. However, Thursday May the sixth as the general meeting at EJ is at 730. Saturday May the eighth, the Duke and Duchess show hosted by Christopher Prado and ginger Vitus. That's eight o'clock at EJBs. That's a fundraiser for rain two. And Saturday, May 15. The coronations are going on in Buffalo, New York and Albuquerque, New Mexico. That's for the the court system. We're not isolated is not part of it. But but you know, we want to promote that place. My goal is to hear running around and he keeps shaking his head so he doesn't want to do anything right now. Okay. Houston pride band will perform winds of change concert that Saturday, May 8 at 7pm. At resurrection MCC 2025 West elevens it's a \$10 cost. Tickets are available at our MCC or at the door. And after the success of their 25th anniversary concert. They are back for more. As spring changes to summer they will be celebrating change of all sorts. Come enjoy the music of the band, a special soloist and our own Saxophone Quartet. We will be featuring the music of Leroy Anderson. Ooh, Kurt while George Gershwin. Wow, nice, nice stuff. From Les Miserables to America the Beautiful. It will be a fun evening of music that Saturday, May 8 next Saturday 7pm at RM CC and excuse me, the prime committee of Houston is looking for volunteers and they're going to be having probably one did they call this? Yeah. PCUs produces the largest Pride event in the South West US. For pride to succeed. We need your help. Can you volunteer on parade day for a Saturday afternoon. Or for other items? Please consider attending one of our following volunteer recruitment sessions. And that will be one Friday May the 14th at 9:30pm. That will be at guava lamp at 2159 Portsmouth or Saturday May the 15th from noon until four at the pride office at 1415. Tao California. And Bobby's here. Hi, honey. I'm fine. It's nice to see you. back where you belong. Yes. It's nice to be here. Oh Roberts here to of course yes. drove me here. Ah. And don't forget Sunday May the ninth next Sunday is the mother of Montrose contests that always happens on Mother's Day. A lot of mothers in there certainly are and they need to join get in on this contest. Remember when your mother would put on a crazy, crazy dresses and do really weird and sometimes scary stuff. What she didn't? Well, you poor deprived child. Join us as we celebrate a high camp tradition. Blanche debris is stepping down and she's ready to do something with her hair. I can't read it. I know. Anyway, the point is

the point I know I know. These things make me dizzy. The points set up is 25 points for presentation. 50 points for talent and 25 points for camp q&a. Yes girl you will need at least three outfits. Oh my mind next Saturday. And I've got some some rather bad news that came by the on the internet to me this week. Robert Avalon 47 P pianist and composer has died. Bill White's brother or Mayer's brother has died. concert pianist, composer and brother. He was diagnosed with testicular cancer on Thursday and died from cardiac arrest on Friday. At Mallanna, who changed his legal legal surname created and ran the foundation for modern music from an office in the Montrose. His passion was blending traditional and cultural art forms. He also encouraged other artists to compose their own materials and improvise. His greatest gift was as a teacher. And so the modern music world has lost a guy another great composer. I see Michael is over there. Hi, Michael.



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I'm just hanging out. No, I was. I was looking at this the AMY GOODMAN stuff, it says an ounce every hour on the hour. So I thought we'd kick off. Why don't we do that? Why don't we kick that off with that? AMY GOODMAN host of democracy now in town, Sunday, May 2, that's tomorrow, actually today. And that's at 2151 westholme. At shamrock tickets are \$20. And that includes parking \$15 For KPFT members, students, seniors or fixed income to purchase tickets call the stage box office as 713-527-0123. And that's from 10am to 6:30pm. Monday through Saturday, for more information on sponsorship opportunities or details on a semi private reception with Amy Goodman, contact Donna Harris KPFT at 713-526-4000. Well, that's not gonna happen. Tomorrow, it's not gonna happen. But you never know. Yeah. And then they'll have to get tickets at the door. And you're gonna, I think you're gonna have to get tickets at the door as well. But she's also going to say that it's going to be at the Edwin Hornberger conference center, or Yes, I know, metal Medical Center. And if anybody doesn't know, Amy Goodman is the host of democracy now. She's got a book out with David Goodman. And the name of that book is the exception to the rules. You'll also be signing autographs. So that book, and it's Amy Goodman. And again, that's today, May 2 from 2pm to 4pm. Second on our agenda is Melissa Etheridge, get lucky. He's gonna be in Houston on May 15. And 16th. That Richard, I mean, scratches. And numbers gonna be a numbers number. I've got Riches on the mind, and we'll talk about riches in a little bit. Okay, that's tough, but okay, well, what's the average, I'm going to take the first call right now we've got to give. I've got to get eight more names in the pots throughout the night. So make sure y'all listen for the entire four hours about drivers, I want to take the first call, the first caller is going to be enrolled into our little base of names that we're taking, and we're going to have the drawing for those tickets on May 8, that's next Saturday, guys, next Saturday, next Saturday. So we're gonna keep taking names. And what we'll basically do is if you win, that includes a pair of two to one a Melissa shows either being that Saturday night or that Sunday night. And then you'll also be enrolled to win a Grand Prize, which includes a pair of two VIP access passes to the numbers show that includes getting to meet and hang out with Melissa backstage before the show, but it's so cool. And you know, for our winners, we're also going to include one on get we're going to include one brand new and Melissa CDs. And what's the name of the CD? Jimmy?



Jimmy Carper 13:19

That CD is called lucky lucky.



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Well, we're gonna we're gonna throw in one of those new CDs, and also for the grand prize winners to get the two VIP access passes. We'll throw in a CD for you guys as well. So you can take a CD backstage and get it autographed. Yeah, Melissa. Nice. So and that's thanks to AEG entertainment. They've they've given us these passes to give out. So we'd like to thank them as well and the venue for allowing us to do all this stuff. And then for putting it together. Oh, yeah, whenever.



J Jimmy Carper 13:51

I know it takes a lot of work to do that. It does. It does. It



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does a lot. And speaking of work. I was at Rich's last night for Boy George. Ah,



J Jimmy Carper 14:00

yes, because I played him. At the beginning of the show. I played Keith Lawrence. But before we get away, Keith Lawrence with leaving and Boy George same thing in reverse. That is my very best favorite song off of his album. Of I believe the same name. Yes, we let me Well, no, no, that was cheapness and beauty.



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Oh, okay. Yeah.



J Jimmy Carper 14:25

Try to remember these days. That is fabulous, fabulous CD. material. It



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is it is it is. So let me tell you about what happened. What went on last night at Rich's? Yes, including Boy George came rolling into town. He was a little late getting to the venue is supposed to be there about 12 o'clock. He didn't get there until 1240. But he didn't take that he wasn't scheduled take the stage until one he was on time to get on the stage and spin. I got I would say Paul, our photographer that always comes by KPFT here and don't do heart photography. to the stars. He was there, along with some other community people that we all see around. And we all got to meet Boy George backstage and I got to interview him. And he was a really great guy. His his whole entourage was really nice and friendly. He, Boy George actually knew of our sister station in Berkeley, he'd asked me about that. Oh, so he was really

shocked. And he was really shocked that Pacifica was in Houston. He didn't know that. But he was really down to earth really a great guy and gave me a very exclusive interview. Lots of pictures. He was really friendly. And I saw him signing a lot of autographs on while he was on stage and everything. So I really good impression of Boy George. And we were glad to have him he was really good. And the event last night was pretty good riches was pretty packed. They're one of our gay club icons. That's that's shrug struggling. So they're trying to build up their base again, got a new owner over there. So they're doing pretty good. But bringing in Boy George and his he's kind of doing a DJ circuit tour on the clubs around the country. And he's hooked up with some.

 Jimmy Carper 16:08

So he's DJing rather than Yeah, for me. Yeah, he's

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not performing. He's it's a DJ set. Wow. So he was spinning a lot of his stuff as well. And a lot of other stuff. He mixed in a lot of pop and hip hop stuff. A really good dance music. It was really good. And he brought in some VIPs with him as well. Some Richie Rich from Party Monster. Oh, yeah. And somebody else I don't recall her name right off the top of my off top of the head with a big lips. Yeah, the big lips. Lots of food we're not gonna talk about. Oh, no, but um, I guess we've got our number one caller for the Melissa Etheridge. So Y'all stay tuned throughout the show and your chance will come up to win. Okay, and next Saturday, y'all just make sure you tune in. But we'll also notify the winner by phone and mail that you've won your tickets and how to get all that stuff. Okay. Okay. Yes.

 Jimmy Carper 17:02

Now let's play a cut from Melissa's brand new CD called Lucky. This is one that she wrote about 911 It's called Tuesday morning, and you're listening to it on after hours Queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and 89.5 in Galveston. Melissa Etheridge, with Tuesday morning for a brand new CD, Lucky. Yes, yes. Then GCC or it's done. Yeah. Or by. And we have a bunch of folks in the in the talk studio to weave. Hello, Michael still here. Yeah, yes. And we got Stacey and we've got Bobby and, and Merlin's here. And Robert and David and Judy.

 Gigi 18:09

Hi. Yes.

 Jimmy Carper 18:12

We have a woman. We need a real one. Yes. Born born. Yes. Well, we've

 Gigi 18:20



Gigi 19:20

got a high pack show tonight. And I'm getting a little political. Okay, so basically, I've been reviewing Texas education law on what can be taught and sex ed classes and what has to be taught because of President Bush's changes and law, I mean, funding for any program that receives federal dollars in sex ed, now, they have to teach. Most of the class has to cover the concept of being abstinent until you're married. They cannot give out condoms. Oh, and basically, they are saying that abstinence is the only form of safe sex that's 100% safe, which is a total lie. Masturbation down six. Yeah.



Jimmy Carper 19:33

I mean, there's lots of lots of other ways.



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Of course they never masturbate. They don't go over that and sex ed either. So Oh, yes.



Merlin 19:41

Where do they come up with this stuff?



Gigi 19:43

I don't know. But I'm not blind. But this is what all schools in Texas have to teach in sex ed now.



Jimmy Carper 19:53

Yes, that changed in a while. We were kind of unaware



Gigi 19:58

of that. Yeah. lunch, I started reviewing them because I just wanted to kind of get a handle on this, then for some other reasons, but I won't go into those right now.



Jimmy Carper 20:10

You will bow I will.



Gigi 20:13

Matt, I want to also talk a little bit about some of the relationship myths that are out there. Because I think all of this kind of ties in together. And I'm wanting to kind of kick off the show,

talking a little bit about what myth is and what taboo is. Taboo is a form of psychosocial control, more potent than even the most rigid moral code. A taboo is a prohibition collectively shared by a society with the force so strong, that is rarely questioned or even discussed, it just is. A myth is a collective belief, or set of beliefs that are based on the ideology of a group rather than an analysis of fact. And I kind of bring those up, because that seems to be what's behind this bush policy. You know, there's many blocks to while there's many myths and taboos that act as blocks to healthy relationships, and a healthy sexual expression, either on a conscious or subconscious level. And I'd like to kind of cover a couple of them. One of them's the myth of romantic love. And this myth, it's believed that an individual will meet another person, fall in love and live happily ever after. It is usually assume that the two individuals are a male and a female. But this man also bounds in the gay and lesbian community. While it's true that people can and do fall in love, it does not automatically bring a lifetime of happiness. Relationships take work. Oh, yes. Really.



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I'm much happier single.



Jimmy Carper 22:08

You know, I'm very happy together. But I'm very happy together the way I am together. Yeah, we don't live together.



Merlin 22:20

And there's quite a distance. Yeah, distance, maybe



Jimmy Carper 22:24

half the time in Seattle. But I mean, it works for me. And of course, then I have a relationship with Jim, who's bisexual. Yeah. And he's got girlfriends and his play parties. Instance



Merlin 22:37

makes you not commit murder.



Jimmy Carper 22:40

You know, it just kind of works. Sometimes it gets a little dicey. Like when I was in the hospital. Yeah,



Merlin 22:46

yes. And you're not allowed to do that again for very long.

J Jimmy Carper 22:51

Believe me,

C Chris Harrison 22:53

people only left me for my hands. That's right.

M Merlin 22:59

People have loved you for a lot less than your hand.

J Jimmy Carper 23:04

But it was dicey with with Jim and Stanley here while I was in the hospital, giving attention to both of them and reassurances that I'm okay. But it works but it does take work. Yeah, Stanley knows about Jim. And

G Gigi 23:23

communication. Communication is key.

J Jimmy Carper 23:25

Yes, it is. It is and

G Gigi 23:28

that kind of brings me to the next math the Prince Charming complex. Yes. And this math people believe that there's only an only one Mr. or Mrs. Right. And that this Mr. And Mrs. Wright will make their lives wonderful forever

M Merlin 23:46

if there's only one I am so screwed you're not the only one

J Jimmy Carper 23:54

Mr. Brown for me I learned a long time ago that not one person cannot fulfill everything I'm in it

My Brown for me I learned a long time ago that not one person can do everything. I think just doesn't work that

M Merlin 24:04

I'll take Mr. Close enough to right.

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I'll just take Mr. Right now and right then. And next.

J Jimmy Carper 24:18

Judy is very quiet. Big Roy brought me my coffee. The next man. I am so thankful. Yes.

G Gigi 24:33

I'm gonna open the show up in a minute. But I want to kind of go over the last couple of minutes. And then we're gonna kind of discuss some stuff. Okay. The next myth is the myth of marriage and romantic love. And today there's a lot of debate going on about here can be legally marry. Some argue that marriage is the sanction union between a man and a woman based on love. But if you look at the history of marriage, it's clear that it's thought in the past marriage contracts were arranged by parents with no input input between the partners, right? In some cultures marriage was arranged shortly after the birth of a child, for the child. The concept of romantic love started out as a game that nobility played in Queen Elizabeth court, and basically is about who could become involved and romantic affairs with him. And once again, preserving a class system. It's interesting to note that originally, romantic love was about having affairs and had nothing to do with marriage.

J Jimmy Carper 25:44

Marriage was a political thing. It was Yeah. Uniting families that was keeping peace. That was, yeah. And so that that was done to produce children. Yeah. And your romance came from the person who

M Merlin 26:04

kind of grew on Yeah. And it was

G Gigi 26:07

kind of expected that you found romance on the side that you had your family. Which brings us to the next and last myth, the myth of family values, now often hear about family values, but never really have gotten a good definition of what family values are. Where do they come

NEVER REALLY HAVE gotten a good definition of what family values are. Where do they come from? Those who find the banner or family via us tend to be conservative and Christian. If we look to the Bible for examples, then would we men, we would be obligated to offer our daughters to our male business associates for sexual services as a form of good hospitality. We would also be required to practice incest, some fathers may be required to prove their faith by sacrificing their son on an altar. Certainly, these aren't the family values that they want us to embrace. Are they instead referring to the decade of the 50s? True, there's less divorce than there is now. But that doesn't mean the marriages were always happy. No women were expected to conform to their husbands wishes, men couldn't express any strong emotions. And children had no rights at all. And were often subjected to various degrees of what we would call child abuse today. Remember, Spare the rod and spoil the child? Oh, yeah. And that doesn't even touch on the experience of any one who wasn't white, heterosexual, and Christian, are these the kinds of family values we want to return to. And so that opens our show.

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Merlin 27:46

This is gonna be a fun hour.

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Gigi 27:53

And I kind of like to get some feedback from everybody. How y'all have experienced these myths and your lives what they've meant to you. And I'm just gonna throwing this out there, but

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Well, for me, I've always felt lucky to be gay, because I did not have to conform to anybody's idea of what my relationship could be, I could create one of my own.

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Jimmy Carper 28:25

And I actually, I still have a close relationship with my first lover. And that, that was many many years ago. He's he when we split up, he ended up married and now he's got grown children. So there's still a good there's a good feeling there. We like I've got this weird relationship with that I don't live with my lover or my boyfriend and and we have limited time together, but it works for us. Yeah. And I am able to do that because I am a gay man. And no one expects me to fit into yeah have any kind of there's no preconceived idea of what any relationship should be granted a lot of more middle of the road gay people expect to have one lever and live together and do all that kind of stuff. But

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Merlin 29:35

apparently, that would be my that apparently that would be my category. Because I despite the whole you know, wow. I you know, I grew up you know, while I may not look middle of the road to anybody, no, no, first, and I may not do a lot of things that are middle of the road. I, some part of me is still, if, if I took anything from my parents relationship, and they were at the point

at which my mom died my parents had been married for just short, just a few weeks short of their 40th anniversary. Wow. So, um, I still have this idea of, you know, being with somebody for a very long time, you know, falling in love with somebody being monogamously committed to that person for a long time. I'm sure that being HIV positive, also has an effect on that opinion for oh, yeah, I just, you know, it's just a thing I you know, but the again, being pagan. I, I realized that, not that that dynamic, that little box doesn't fit for all of us, you know, I know family, I know, families where it's made up of a household with, you know, multiple people who are all spouses, you know, in their own way. So, you know, I don't I don't expect everybody else to think the same way I do. I mean, and you know, it's a thing the as the funny thing is that today is the anniversary of the day my mom died. Oh, 14, but that was 14 years ago. Best thing. best thing that ever happened to my gay pagan life was her passing away. Oh, but yeah, made life so much easier.

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Jimmy Carper 31:54

Well, Stacy, I know that you have unconventional, conventional relationships too. You form very strong relationships with straight boys. And so we're not talking about a lover situation or necessarily a sexual relation sometimes sometimes it is sometimes not.

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Which brings me to the point of the line. The lines in my life have always been less than black and white. And usually in between black and white somehow there's some some different colors that don't even equate to gray I've been involved probably in several relationships with sexually bisexual relationships, mentally and emotionally. Probably slightly bisexual but in belief of themselves in an identification in society heterosexual men absolutely. And I say that happens in in the sense that and

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Jimmy Carper 33:02

it's you because the eyes would not have a relationship with us any right

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and and part of that is that my comfortability with myself the comfortability with myself that it's I'm very open about my life. I don't harbor any. Here's the deal kids. When you're out in public, nobody can hold over your head what is on the public table. If you're a fag if you're doing it in the closet, if you're doing it upside down in the shower hanging from the rafters. You like to wrap yourself in pink toilet paper to do it, then that is all out in the open. No one can go hey, I have a secret because people keep secret what is bad and at 14 When I started hearing Robin Tyler screaming you know 500,000 strong in the mix coming in and like anyway, I get choked up when I talk about it but but I knew my life was not going to be some bad kept secret. No one was going to paint the picture of my life that way. I have had gay relationships that have been monogamous. I have had. I have had polyamorous relationships with men and women. I have been in relationships with bisexual men who we've had another male partner, and I've had heterosexual loves of my life that were what I would call completely platonic boyfriends. And so

it's all about the identification to me of my heart. And the idea that gender lines gender roles and boundaries of what we're calling sexual orientation. don't exist in my life anymore. I mean, I call myself gay because it's the easiest place to put me but if I have to break it down, I'm how almost spiritual and I'm homo emotional and and probably more bisexual. Because, you know, a warm tree looks good on certain nights when you're all alone. As long as the knot is sappy I don't really care.

 Gigi 35:16

You did touch on something I'd like to comment on. I one time had a boyfriend and I mean, he was a friend. It wasn't a lover. But we're very intimate together and we'd take showers together, we would sleep together but not have sex together. And it was a very nurturing, loving relationship. A lot of times, we think, in relationships that it always has to be sexual. And it doesn't. It doesn't

 Merlin 35:47

doesn't always have to know my goal.

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Like I said, those are just my 15 minute relationships.

 Jimmy Carper 35:54

You've had very different relationships to because of circumstance. I of course,

 Merlin 35:58

I have Yes. Due to circumstances beyond his control.

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Let's not do jail.

 Jimmy Carper 36:07

Yeah, I know. You don't want to go into it. No, of course. But you do have have had relations? Oh,

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yeah. Just the best way to put it is they've had some limitations on that normal relationships would never have. And they're there. I've had a few of them that were really off the wall. Like what? Oh, who asked that? I couldn't see. I didn't see guys like I thought



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they were let's just put it like they were very guarded over relationships. And that's the best way to put it without having to go into it. Okay. Matt,



M Merlin 36:55

creative way a



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very creative way.



J Jimmy Carper 36:58

Our token straight man.



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Token hetero but



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But you have an affinity for gay and lesbian people. You hang out on the show? Yeah. So I mean, there is a kind of a kind of a, I don't know, an attraction or something there. So I don't know what kind of relationships you've had in the past.



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Mainly, most of my relationships with gay men or women are mainly friendships and acquaintances and so forth. Okay. That's it. Yeah. As far as sexual and otherwise? I don't think so. Yeah. And it hasn't gone that far.



J Jimmy Carper 37:50

You're still sexually heterosexual. Yes. Yes.

G Gigi 37:53

I'd like to speak to that. Because for its plan on the bisexual options website, has what he calls Klein sexual orientation grid, and it breaks down sexual attractions on many different levels. Oh, absolutely. And it's an awesome scale because it breaks it down on emotional sexual attraction, physical attraction, political attractions. And not all these necessarily have to do with sex. In fact, sex is a very small part of the whole package. It's

M Merlin 38:36

I wish more people understood that that sex is sex

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is fun. Well,

M Merlin 38:43

made me a basic human drive. But if it's the only thing about a situation, it's you know, you're missing some young I think in Yes, and even

J Jimmy Carper 38:53

me a professional

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genitalia doesn't define my orientation. Right. Like,

J Jimmy Carper 38:59

like about bisexual so I like I like the phrase that you fall in love with the person and you work out the plumbing later. Yeah, I agree with that, too. Yeah, I think that is, that is a really healthy way of looking at things. Because I've had relationships with women that were not sexual, but they were certainly more than friendship.

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You I think it's like love first, and then you work out the details later. Like you were saying, basically, yeah, I agree with that. 100% Yeah, totally. And then I also agree that you can have sex with somebody not love them, and and not affect your relationship at all. Because sex is

sex. That's right now when it's with somebody you care for then it's love. Yeah, I think sex is sex. That's, oh, I've had many and that's why I campaign for open relationships, though. I probably I probably wouldn't be successful. Like it.

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Gigi 39:50

I've had many, many occasions where I've had anomalous sex is great. I've gone to sex clubs and screen my little box Because off I mean, I went. So that's where we're in San Francisco one. One day, I went at two o'clock to the sex club, and had to leave at 10 to 11 Soccer catch the BART back to Berkeley. And the whole time I was there, I run to the smoke room to get a cigarette and then back up for another round. I couldn't even tell you how many times I did it. That

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Jimmy Carper 40:31

was fun. There was no love involved.

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I don't know. I think I fell in love in one night in Amsterdam about 10 times.

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Gigi 40:42

But I do have to say the whole time I was there I played safely. Yes. And use condoms and leaves and

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Jimmy Carper 40:51

you can be a safe toy. Oh, yes. That's a good thing. Oh, yeah. Oh, my God, Scott and I,

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Merlin 40:58

one of the things so it's about time you showed up. One

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Gigi 41:02

of the things that was brought up and policy is they are teaching that condoms aren't as reliable as the manufacturers make them out to be.

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Speaking of condoms, you



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know, I was in a new dollar store right down the street in River Oaks. They have condoms there. I was wondering, I'm wondering how we go, but



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we'll go. I'm gonna go buy some and bring them next week. If I if I use toys, though. It's easier than it's easier than boiling.



J Jimmy Carper 41:39

Yes, it is.



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So I was just dollar store. Condoms will work. I was just wondering how reliable they are.



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I mean, they're not even brand name. Yeah,



J Jimmy Carper 41:51

no. I mean, that's the new one. The new dollar store. That's like Shepherd shepherd in and Westheimer.



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strimer. Yeah, I was I saw those. And then by the case loads of them, you know, it's like, five for a box and you get like 99 cents. Yeah. And I was looking at Yeah, yeah, it's great. But I mean, how protected Are you?



M Merlin 42:11

Is it my imagination? You



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think I'd not pregnant using these?

think I'd get pregnant using those?



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If you do, can I adopt it?



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I'm gonna have an Asian baby.



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Even better. Keep it away from justice. Oh.



Gigi 42:31

question I'd like to throw around the room. Okay. For everybody. What if you're 14 again? Yeah. And you went in for your first sex ed class? Yeah, ouch. And they taught you that. Number one, abstinence was the only way. They did not teach you about condoms, proper use of or any other latex barriers? And then once you got married, then you could have all the sex you wanted? Well, when I was dealing with that last for you,



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Britney Spears?



Gigi 43:07

I had none. But I mean, just imagine that this is the sex ed that you got that you had to be abstinent until you got married?



Jimmy Carper 43:17

Well, first of all, I wouldn't believe it. I



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just can't fathom that the



Judy Reeves 43:20

14 network. That was 40 years ago. And that's what she believed. That's what everybody believed in.



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I think, I think I think the older generation didn't believe that. And they did. They did do it. Most of them. Well, I didn't,



J Judy Reeves 43:31

because I can't put me at 14 today. That means, you know, back then,



J Jimmy Carper 43:35

all of those things were geared towards straight people, and I wasn't straight. There you go. Yeah. And that just the whole dating thing. All of that just went by the wayside. My 14



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year old sex education was the health class and it was the first year they came out aids a guide to survival the books came out in the past amount in every high school. And we had a six week HIV and AIDS intensive. So there was actually in my suburban high school. Quite a bit more discussion about homosexuality than I was comfortable with as I was like, that turned around and every bit of like, so this guy knows. And, and you're just there's only so much of it that you want to know the answer to when you're 14 and in high school.



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We'll see when all the age stuff came out. When I was in school, I guess I was like in sixth or seventh grade, and they really didn't talk about homosexuality. So you know, at 14 I was hunting after boys at a Lutheran church camp. It didn't do me a whole lot of good we in the



M Merlin 44:40

sex ed class. Sex Ed cat classes confused the heck out of me. I didn't understand what they were trying to tell me about a woman's body. And I ended up with this idea that a woman had like two different orifices or Something that you were supposed to put things into. And I was like, if you ask most straight men they do. Count them out. I didn't understand sex ed class at all. When



C Chris Harrison 45:13

I had when I first when I had the health class, it was sophomore year high school. My school

district you had I showed you the puberty film fifth grade. Yep. And then you had the health class in the 10th grade. And my health teacher was one of the football coaches also had a Fellowship of Christian Athletes. So when it came time for the sex ed part, he took us to another teacher, who I believe is one of the lesbian basketball coaches. And we sat in her class to watch the sex ed film, no kid, which was this this cute little one that involves them showing. I don't know if it was actually if it was staged, but it showed what looked like a penis going into this squared off vagina, so that you can see ejaculation 70s Then a couple of days later, reefer man in the class and he put on a televangelist seminar to show us this is Vietnam that televangelist and it wasn't very religious. It was just one of those. You could tell it was the televangelists by the hair,



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the bulletproof hair out with



c Chris Harrison 46:30

the rich kids in suburban suburban area here in Houston.



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So good dose of biblical types of I love



J Judy Reeves 46:37

education classes when you're poor. Okay, a lot of them when you're 14, by the time you get there, your sex education class is actually something you've already had with the coach or one of the football team shower. So whatever they say in class, you can kind of ignore sleep through anyway.



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I found it really humorous, though. They call it justice test. And in seventh grade, they called it the reproductive. What was it the reproductive class and that was like six weeks of the reproductive systems. And I was the only one in the class that made 100 Plus girls



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because you did the bonus work. Right?



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Exactly. Who was cute.

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Jimmy Carper 47:20

I need to jump in here. remind folks that they are listening to after hours Queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM and 89.5 in Galveston. I think Michael wants to have another ticket. Yeah,

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let's let's take away chance.

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Let's take caller number one right now. 713-526-5738. That will put you in the drawing to win Melissa Etheridge for Houston's numbers concert at May 15 and 16th here in Houston. So call we'll take Colorado. Hey, we got two callers. There. All right. So we got our first caller. So y'all just keep listening got about two and a half more hours to give away six more chances. So most at three age. I'll just keep calling or listening for okay.

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Gigi 48:09

So why don't we go to music break and when we come back, we can do that we will get back into the depth of sex ed.

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Jimmy Carper 48:18

Okay, I haven't played this group in quite a while true soul, which is a local group with a straight guy and a gay man are part of this group. They they do have just a very nice mellow music. And this is from their first CD self titled it's called don't give up and you're listening to it right here on after hours

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Chris Harrison 48:58

Okay, we're back and apparently no one knew to push another button. Okay, I'm going to guess that Jimmy has played this next one so we'll just hit the next CD and see what's next

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Jimmy Carper 49:20

Yes, that's beautiful. Beautiful, beautiful, beautiful that God bless this child buys racy. A group to women from Scotland who make it over here just about every year to play some gigs. And stuff by the station. And before that was true soul with don't give up. Nice, nice. Nice. Okay, Gigi, we're back. Ah,

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Gigi 49:52

good to be back. Yeah. Well, we've been talking about our news. Well, it's not that new but the sex agenda in the public school system. And one of the concerns I have about it is that, you know, they're not really teaching much on how to practice safe sex anymore. It's all about abstinence. And we know how well that works.

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By the rate of seventh graders that are going to school pregnant, you can see how well that works. Yeah.

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Gigi 50:21

But one of my main concerns reading through all this, Texas code is that, you know, for most kids, I get kind of the education on the side, but there's a lot of kids that don't get the education through their friends. Yes. And that's the big concern I have is that we're not getting a message to the kids on how to play safe. And even though we have some wonderful, magical drugs that are helping people with HIV live longer, it's still not a cure. Right. And, and there's other forms of STDs. They are treatable, but not curable. You know, and there's some that are really nasty that, like chlamydia, that a lot of times men can get it, not know it, because there's symptom free, but when women get it, it can be really nasty. So anyway, I just kind of wonder, I don't want to be on too much of a damper here. But thanks to President, while President he stepped in bed shrub national policy funding policy to restrict sex ed to preaching abstinence, I really think we need to get out of religion. And

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that is so dangerous. Well, you know, once he outlaws gay marriage, abstinence will be the only thing to preach. Be almost as great as that move across the world. He's been making

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Merlin 52:06

the plays. These, it's just sex is a basic human drive.

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Jimmy Carper 52:16

Yes, it is.

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Merlin 52:17

And I mean, you know, so, and let's face it, once you've let that cat out of the bag, and I mean, we are way past the point where, okay, there's going to be a handful of people who are into the

abstinence thing. But you know, those of us who are ABS abs, not not for not necessarily of our own choosing.

 Gigi 52:45

You know, realize that this is not a good idea, this doesn't work. Also, when you're new, this makes you stir crazy. When the hormones kick in, just shortly after coming of age.



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I mean, I think it's a great thing to promote abstinence, I think I made some decisions at 14, sexually, that I probably should have waited for. But I wasn't going to no matter what you said, you know, and definitely abstinence was not on any luck being taught in my home or other I mean, my mother, I was raised by a very sexually liberated woman. And her idea of the talk was to lay sit my best friend and I down and lay out every form of male and female concert receptive now and demand. God, this is how much they are, this is how you use them, I will take you to get them. Both of you have fun, play safe, leave the lights on, don't be inhibited and have a good time. And that was my talk. And, wow, I commend her for that, because I played safe. But on the flip side, you know, I had one of the men that I dated about nine years ago, was 17 years old, and in high school, when he was diagnosed with HIV. And I mean, he's alive and well, and everything's good and whatever. But you know, he's in his 20s. And he's taking handfuls of medication and on every different program that he can get on, you know, to me, supplemented

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Jimmy Carper 54:13

dealing with the side effects of all these medications. I know. And I'd like

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Gigi 54:17

to jump in and say, I don't think abstinence alone works. You've got to give people alternatives for healthy sexual outlets. Like, if you're gonna have abstinence, what's wrong with the little masturbation? If you're gonna have as you know, you're gonna have some outlets and

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Jimmy Carper 54:38

we're talking about for men and women.

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Merlin 54:39

Yes. And let's and let's be clear about the fact that different people have a different have different concepts of what constitutes healthy sexual outlets, you know, all the straight laced, you know, Uber strict, whatever's out there or have their own idea of what constitutes that. And



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I'll see in plenty both end and why exactly.



Merlin 55:10

You can still you can still have healthy and have plenty of. I mean, you know, it's right in all kinds of forms. Forms Yes.



Gigi 55:19

Oh, yes.



Jimmy Carper 55:30

My age, I don't get that many chances anymore.



Merlin 55:32

What do you mean at your age? I'm 20 years younger than you and I still know.



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For the both of you, it's okay. To cover it. Well, I



Jimmy Carper 55:44

certainly he's gonna die



Merlin 55:45

before the end of the show.



Jimmy Carper 55:49

The share of 10 other guys



Gigi 55:56

I'd like to read one more time. What taboo is and then I have a question for every bad. okay?

...to have to read one more time. What taboo is and then I have a question for every... um, okay... Taboo is a form of psychosocial control, more potent than even the most rigid moral code. A taboo is a prohibition, collectively shared by society with a force so strong, that it is crush rarely question or even discuss. It just is. How do y'all have y'all kind of worked through some of the taboos she faced? Because we definitely faced them. In the alternative community.

J Jimmy Carper 56:33

Everything we do sexually, is

G Gigi 56:37

taboo. It's breaking and taboo. Really?

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I guess I didn't notice.

J Jimmy Carper 56:45

I've never been guilty about my sexual practices. For some reason, it just never it just never sank in. That I should be. Oh,

G Gigi 56:58

wow. For me, I got sexually active before I even knew that there's anything wrong. Exactly. Me too. And it felt so good. And then when people tried to tell me there's something wrong with this. I said, Where do you come from? Kidding.

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Ever. I just had that rebellious nonconformist kind of bone, the, you know, from birth on and so, I don't know, I just never felt that way either. And it was, you know, thank God for my mother being like, the woman that she was and single at the time, and actually really attractive. So she was like, getting her as I was getting mine. And we were both really happy. coursing, you know, I was mad because sometimes he had better looking boyfriends. But

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it was odd for me growing up because both my parents seemed to be from Grover's Corners. So, you know, it wasn't, I kind of had to fight the Tebu from, you know, both the public arena. And, you know, the parents arena, you know, my parents were the people they are, they were pretty open about the way that they broach the topic with my sister and I, because I got this,

you know, very tasteful, you know, broken down for young kids book from the library. And, you know, God, I think we were both still in elementary school at the time, you know, and they gave us the book, and, you know, my sisters, and I would open it up and point it to goofy pictures. And, you know, giggle for a little while, my parents were like, you know, but, you know, they, they sort of explained it as they went through the book a couple of times where they took us and they're, like, you know, if you have any questions, just come and talk to us, which, you know, given my parents upbringing, most of theirs. I thought that was pretty brave for the both of them. But I got a more detailed education in sex ed. And, you know, shortly after that, I was getting more detailed education elsewhere. And, you know, it's just a really kind of odd way to learn

 Jimmy Carper 59:06

my my way of learning was learn as you go. Yeah, I

 Gigi 59:10

was man.

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I don't mind you, to me, I don't think I knew to be afraid of any of it either. Like, I really didn't. I mean, I remember those experiences with the neighbor kids spin in the night. And then I remember the actual really, as I'm making the decisions growing into a sexual being understanding that this was sex. And like, it was, I don't remember being afraid of it. I remember thinking like male and female. At the time, were, you know, it was like, wow, you know, new toy kind of new toy kind of scenario. And I wanted it from everyone all the time.

 Gigi 59:49

I think the only time I was ever afraid of sex was when the AIDS epidemic first broke out and they didn't know what was going on. And all of us Sudden, you know, when we started finding out that it was transmitted sexually it all of a sudden put a big fear factor.

 Merlin 1:00:07

Certainly I was yes. I, as far as my sex ed, I was being the son of two doctors, I got a very, very clinical breakdown of what sex was, of course, I got it in terms of male, female, you know, which I was going like, I really don't want to hear this. Not from my parents, not from anybody, I don't want to hear this. And then I remember being really, really angry. I remember being that HIV was coming along and made the scene in my teenage years, right at like, 1314. Wow. And, you know, I'll be 30 Actually, that's all you ever knew that's I was sexual in the age of AIDS. Yeah. You know, or at least I was going to be, but the problem was, I wasn't sexual, with another human being, until I met the man who is now my ex. So, you know,

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Jimmy Carper 1:01:16

I mean, the only person you ever had sex with,

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Merlin 1:01:18

he's not the only person I ever had sex with, but he is the only person I had intercourse with and had it repeatedly. You know, I mean, he is the first and he's also the last in that regard. So, but in between there, I mean, I tried to learn everything there was to know about what what gay was, you know, and what and what gay sex was. And, you know, because that was not, you know, clinical, though my parents were they weren't about to explain that to me. Sure, you know, but yeah, I remember being really angry at the fact that Oh, great. Here I am figuring out who I am. And along comes aids, you know, and which, which turned everybody's life upside down. Certainly, the paranoia at the beginning was just insane. So, yeah, I

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didn't really associate aids as having to do have anything to do with my life until really towards the end of high school. I mean, never really heard of anybody that I knew who had it. And certainly in the, you know, short bits of sex education that was going around the schools. They never really talked much anything about you know, gay sex. The first thing that I really even got that really associated, you know, aside from the evening news, talking about it was primarily a gay disease. The first connection that I really had the I guess, association between gay sex and AIDS was when Queer Nation got booted off my high school campus for handing out condoms ah,