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Chris Harrison, Jimmy Carper, Dean Becker

 Chris Harrison 00:02

Warning. The following program contains subject matter that portrays gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people as first class citizens deserving of an equal share of the American dream. Topics like this are known to piss off televangelists, backwater preachers. Some talk show host blue haired biddies, several members of Congress and other socially unacceptable outcasts like radical right wing nut jobs listener discretion is strongly advised.

 Jimmy Carper 00:44

You have tuned into after hours queer radio with attitude a continuing tradition here on KPFT 90.1 FM. The crew of after hours is ready to bring the news interviews, discussions and music here to the gay lesbian, bisexual, transgender community and our allies. We are a diverse group here but we all have one thing in common we are out of the closet and urge everyone to come out of his or her closet as well. That means recognizing who you are standing up for yourself and your rights and being proud of who you are. We understand that this might not be possible due to age job or frame of mind. But remember, we are here especially for you. So kick back and relax and get ready for this week's edition of after hours. Low Houston and Galveston in the world. And welcome to the November 27th 2004 edition of after hours queer radio with attitude. I'm Jimmy Carper. And I'll be your co executive producer for the evening.

 Chris Harrison 02:31

And I'm Chris Harrison. The other one ha Yes. And

 Jimmy Carper 02:33

what a show we've got lined up tonight first, before our regular segment we've got some folks from the Houston pride band. And as you as you heard that last song that we played was from the Houston pride bands 25th anniversary concert strike up the bands before that we had

Noreen Braun with conformity 451 And it's kind of interesting about the conformity 451 Because Noreen had emailed me and said, Gee, have you received that CD? Are you going to play it? And then she emailed me back about a day later and said Oh, I heard from one of my fans that you that you played it. Oh, yes. So they got it. They got it anyway. After the Houston pride ban we've got hatch coming up and they are they are just raring to go Yeah, chomping at the bit. They are yes they are. And after that we've got the leather line coming up. And Mr. SMax rules ask for extra time tonight so hmm I wonder what she's got planned. I always tell her Don't tell me first because that i You surprised me that way I can't say no.

 Chris Harrison 03:52

Yeah true. You're going a little scared sometimes.

 Jimmy Carper 03:57

Wow. Yeah. When they get those ball stretchers in here and all that kind of stuff. It's just kind of weird. Especially when they weren't wanting to do when demonstration.

 Chris Harrison 04:06

Well that's what we got Stacy and Matt for Exactly.

 Jimmy Carper 04:08

Exactly. Well onto some things going on around the area. But see it's time to deck the halls and jingles some balls. There's a show coming up Friday December 3 called the jingle my balls co host Sarah Solange injure vi Countess of IC o h space city empire and Miss Montrose ginger Vitus. That's going to be Friday December the third at EJ is of course at 830 a variety of entertainers are lined up. This is a ich direct benefit for the Lazarus house. And there will be a raffle and lots of Christmas cheer. Come out and join the fun. And also another show coming up. You got to work you can't just for the show's folks because December is a pretty tight month for everybody. So this is December the 18th. It's called wings over Houston. It's a Christmas show celebrating Angelique Andreas birthday, new member of IC O H, and her husband, Alan coal. So that is going to be at the outpost at 10pm. On December the 18th, there's going to be priests please bring things for the tar drive, there's going to be a 5050 drawing silent auction items and great performances. And he wants everybody to know that he spent two and a half hours at the outpost with Mondo and the sound person and hurray the system is fixed. So their new sound system is ready to go.

 Chris Harrison 05:51

That means they don't have any excuses. Right. Right. And do you have something else there for the 18th?

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Jimmy Carper 05:56

Well, the other thing is, is that there's something there's some doings going on at the outpost because they are going to change their whole format over there. They're going to become a piano bar starting December the eighth. Yeah, isn't that great? Isn't that great? You know, you can't have too many piano bars.

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Chris Harrison 06:21

You didn't have anything about this. Anything about what the second annual Judy Garland Christmas special sing along?

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Jimmy Carper 06:28

Oh joy.

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Chris Harrison 06:30

Nancy Ford and the Texas triangle present. The second annual Judy Garland Christmas specials sing along. It's 1963 it's live TV. It's Judy Garland at her most toxic it's oh Christmas. Sing your favorite Yuletide tunes with Judy as she celebrates the season with her children, codependent Lorna. Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Joey and Liza with her original hips to host a special guest. howlingly funny.

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Jimmy Carper 06:59

Yes. Well, I just watched Judy stagger across the stage trying to finish those Christmas carols. Yes, indeed.

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Chris Harrison 07:05

That's on Saturday, December 18. Is it at Club 1415. There'll be a light buffet and silent auction at eight Showtime is at nine o'clock. So

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Jimmy Carper 07:17

I guess that's in lieu of the usual goings on there every Saturday night, the Dyke Show with Nancy forward

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Chris Harrison 07:24

while she's doing this. Oh, it's Nancy Ford and the Texas triangle present.

J Jimmy Carper 07:27

Okay, so they're gonna do this thing alone instead of the Dyke Show.

C Chris Harrison 07:31

And all proceeds of the event are dedicated to the Montrose clinics women's program. Oh, good. And the lesbian health initiative and who collaborates who collaborative sponsor to annuals health service free health fairs for women. And that's brought to you by Nancy and the triangle. I guess that's the last hurrah for the triangle before they

J Jimmy Carper 07:54

become the text. Yeah.

C Chris Harrison 07:57

They have a special appointment for that

J Jimmy Carper 07:59

you got to say to you.

C Chris Harrison 08:03

Well, that's because you're not on all the same group. Well. There's an event.

J Jimmy Carper 08:09

I don't think we can talk about. Whatever they advertise on most of the groups you're on.

C Chris Harrison 08:13

This is my cleaning email address. Oh, there. How about the ICAO H cold 45? World AIDS Day? EJ is on December 1? Yes. Where you have that that's on later on. Okay. All right. I highlighted that one. So I guess then that's it on my part.

J Jimmy Carper 08:29

Until later, why you gotta get some stuff. Oh, I

C Chris Harrison 08:32
thought we're doing that later. Later.

J Jimmy Carper 08:33
You said later. Some other things there.

C Chris Harrison 08:36
Okay. You said later and I

J Jimmy Carper 08:38
ever comes to rehearsals, folks.

C Chris Harrison 08:42
He who pops in at five minutes before showtime.

J Jimmy Carper 08:46
That's why I have you honey.

C Chris Harrison 08:49
Let's see. Don't forget that Tuesday is World AIDS Day. Yes. I'm sorry. Wednesday is well, Wednesday. The first Yeah, the first.

J Jimmy Carper 08:59
It used to be called the day without art. How it was originally built. And now you

C Chris Harrison 09:07
and now you know there's a bunch of people wearing red T shirts. Yield in the form of a ribbon

J Jimmy Carper 09:14
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block without falling over some art.

 Chris Harrison 09:18

Starts off with the AIDS Memorial Quilt names Project Foundation is going to have an unfolding ceremony on Tuesday, November 30. At 8pm At the rice Memorial Center grand hall. The Quint will be on display Tuesday through Friday, starting at 11am on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and closing on Wednesday and Thursday at 11. Friday at five. For more information, check out the website on the World Wide Web at rice.edu/service. Don't forget on December 1. There'll be a city observance by the Health Department at its life Building 8000 North stadium dry

 Jimmy Carper 10:02

oh my god to help the tour department don't give your right name. Speaking from

 Chris Harrison 10:08

experience, yes. Tree remembrance. The Thomas Street Clinic will advise people to bring ornaments to honor in honor of friends and family lost to AIDS at a tree decorating ceremony at 10am. The Houston GLBT community center, we'll also be having a tree spelling Oh, there'll be an HIV information fair at Thomas Street from 10am to two

 Jimmy Carper 10:39

big righteous burnin coffee.

 Chris Harrison 10:42

And he pedaled on your pad.

 Jimmy Carper 10:45

That's brown piddle, you better see a doctor about

 Chris Harrison 10:48

somebody gave me a rolled up newspaper. But then again, yeah, he'd enjoy it too much. I know. There'll be a Latino information event. Fundacion Latino Americana quanta LLC that will host at 10am to 2pm event at the Mexican consulate. And I don't see the thing in there for the the event at EJ is I was trolling

J Jimmy Carper 11:18
we'll find

C Chris Harrison 11:19
Chris they're also doing a tree of remembrance I apparently at E JS Yes, they are as well. And that's part of ich and Nicole 45 Yeah, you should

J Jimmy Carper 11:28
have that in there somewhere. I just skimmed okay. I think it's on bring on guests. They've been waiting long enough. The I gotta pee. We've got to get gay man for

C Chris Harrison 11:42
the second segment. Yeah, yeah. Wait till our leather people come in.

J Jimmy Carper 11:50
I already talked about playing strike up the band from your 25th anniversary concert CD, which you graciously gave to after hours. And I want to thank you.

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No, thank you. We heard you played it after our last spring concert. I heard you were there Jamie.

J Jimmy Carper 12:09
Yes, I was. Hello, Troy. Hey,

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this is kinda Landry. Hello. Great to be on. KPFT once again, I

J Jimmy Carper 12:19
you know, it was a sad day, right? Yeah. So it was I usually in fact, I normally don't go to events on Saturday night because I'm, you know, gearing up for the show. And so I just kind of hightailed it out of there to get back in time to



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snuck in and snuck out. Something like that. But we saw we saw the detail, but that's another story. Oh,



J Jimmy Carper 12:41

I'm sorry. You said you've got a Christmas show coming



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up. We certainly do. It's called Christmas on W and that is not a misspell if you see one of our flyers that we've posted all over town tonight. It is on December 16. And that is a Thursday because we figured everybody's going to be primping and getting ready for all this fabulous holiday parties. And there are so many this year yeah, we wanted to give a special gift to the community. And that our gift is this concert. The members of the band have been working extremely hard on this to pull this all together. And we're very, very proud for the first time ever to welcome to the stage with us. We will be staying sharing the stage with vocalese vocalese is about a 12 to 20 member portion of the Gay Men's Chorus Houston. Yes, indeed. And this is something I really have to give credit to caller for this one he has organized he his pimped, prodded, poked, protruded, and begged, begged, borrowed, stolen everything to help this come together. Super Yeah, we're really really looking forward to it is going to be a first time ever event and it's definitely going to be an honor to share the stage with that kind of talent that we have right here in Houston. Yeah,



J Jimmy Carper 14:05

they Yeah, they have really, really grown in the past several years.



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Excellent organization. Excellent. And not not only with the Gay Men's Chorus, I'm also a member of the Gay Men's Chorus and I want to give a plug out to them. They're a great, great organization. But when I went to Eric first and requested that he asked him if he would be willing to have vocalese come and be part of our concert. It was really a stretch for him because they're so busy especially around the holidays. They have a concert coming up themselves.



J Jimmy Carper 14:37

They have one coming up December 4, two, two shows three and eight and December the seventh coming up at Wortham Center



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and for for any of those, any people out there who have not seen a Gay Men's Chorus of Houston, especially a holiday show for them. It is just fabulous last year for the holiday was the first time that ever sang with him and it was Just amazing. It's just



J Jimmy Carper 15:02

like we mend ously professional group. Exactly.



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And we're striving, we're striving to be half of what they are right now. Because they're just so grand and everything with them. It's just so big and just, we just want to get to where they are. And we're hoping that this bridge that we're getting we're having, between the two of us is just a start to belong together. Yes, it's a between the two, we want to be as big as the game. And of course, we're only 1520 25 members, and they're 100 150, strong.



J Jimmy Carper 15:34

Concert 15 and 25.



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Well, absolutely, it's baby steps for us right now. It's like we're starting a new with with our band, but we're heading in the right direction, to say the least. And we're really proud to have vocalese to share the stage with us. Absolutely, I think it's gonna add a lot to our concert. And it's kind of mentioned, that's one of the things that we're striving for here at the Houston pride band, is to live up to that expectation of professionalism. And we know the day will come very, very soon that we're going to pack a house the same way we do. So again, we want to thank on the radio vocalese and the Gay Men's Chorus, for sharing the stage with us at our upcoming concert, we are very, very excited about this, we're going to have a lot of surprises, we're going to stretch ourselves a little bit. And as I mentioned, yeah, you've seen that stretch. And we're going to stretch and stretch and push and pull and do whatever we can bend over backwards, if you will, right, there's gonna be a few other surprises. You might see some local politicians up on stage helping us out. We've had some exciting things happen, Carla has really gone through to great lengths to contact a lot of local city officials. Now we don't want to let the cat out of the bag and let it run who we're talking about. Okay, but you are gonna see, you're gonna see some some local celebrities, some high name, celebrities, some some big name, big names, people celebrity politician type, oh, you just never know mattress Mac is gonna get up there and save you money. No, you're gonna see a lot of things. We're taking this into a new direction, and it's never been done. And the Houston broadband unfortunately, hasn't had a holiday event and quite a few years. That's right. And then they made the mistake of letting, to Louisiana boys cheer the holiday concert, which is, we're gonna make it even even more, it's really, really hard of this, you know, come on, it's really going downhill, we have just gotten carried away, because we were having such a good time with this. But as I mentioned earlier,

this is really we're taking season the opportunity to make this our Christmas gift to the community in the past. A Houston pride band concert was \$10 per person, we're reducing the price to \$5, or an unwrapped gift that will be given to a local HIV youth charity. In the last time, we were on the show, we mentioned that we received a very generous grant from the Roth I Desinger. Foundation. And one of the specifics of the grant really made a stretch and made us think about what we're doing. And that was to increase our presence and bring music to the HIV community. We've talked about that at board meetings. We talked about that at rehearsal, and that can take on so many meetings. But I think everybody listening should know that, you know, this is a battle that we have not conquered yet. This is something Oh, well, I know, I understand. And this is something unfortunately, after a 20 year battle, I lost one of my best friends just two months ago. And the day he died. We actually had a concert that night, it was our fault concert for 2004. And the band graciously let me dedicate our closing song to him. And Jimmy really made me think you know, this is a battle that's not over with and even though many people close to us are surviving and even thriving, it's not overwhelming it is and we want to bring that message out. So as musicians, what can we do to help remind people that this is an ongoing battle? It's an ongoing struggle. And we think that joining with MCC are in their toy drive for a children's HIV charity is just one of the very small steps that we can take. We've been contacting organizations this week. We've contacted Don Gill, we've contacted Baron and mega Community Services, a fabulous organization and said how many tickets can we give you to do you need us to go pick up people we want to bring as many people or share our talents with as many people as possible in the community. And I think this is a good time to mention this is not just a gay event. This is a gay this is it is pretty gay. In the other sense, but this is an event for the entire family. Bring your mother bring your brother bring your in laws your children, bring your children because we think we're going to have a very special As your guest, at the end of this one, we've been in close communication with the North Pole. And we think that we might be having a guest at the end of the Thank goodness for emails because it's cold up there. Let me tell you getting that getting that information up, there was no small task. And I want to talk real briefly about something that we did tonight, we did a little bar run. So we're sitting here smiling. But we started at eight o'clock. And what we did is we went to a lot of places that have supported the pride band in the past. And we want to thank just to mention a few. We want to thank the folks at the 611 Those two gorgeous bartenders, Shawn and rich, oh my goodness, rich, and together, they weigh 315 pounds and have a cumulative age of 77 years. And we only know that information because we did some ticket giveaways. And we you know, it was really a lot of fun to get out. People get out there with people. And we would ask the bartenders to stop the music and they'd hand us a microphone and the first thing that came out of our mouths was kind of where we went with it. So we gave him when it was scary at times. It was scary. We're entertainers say yeah, but we also want to thank the folks at EJ we got to share the stage with IC o h they were having to benefit tonight. Yes. And Africa show. Right. And during their intermission, we gave away quite a few tickets. And we want to wish belated Happy birthday. Did you add? That was one of our trivia questions there. Thanksgiving. It was 63 years old on Thanksgiving. Yeah, happy birthday. Happy birthday. We've been Miss especially our last stop right before we shut up. We say oh, are you talking about Jimmy's age.

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Jimmy Carper 21:45

I was talking about. He unfortunately was agreeing.

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We especially want to thank the wonderful warm welcome that we received at the briar patch and the wonderful song stylings of Warren at the piano tonight. And he was mighty gorgeous, too. I must be having missed some of that.

 Jimmy Carper 22:05

He didn't mean that David.

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Was it was it was it was the smile that just lit the room who could turn the world on with a smile. He weren't good warranty. But anyway, we want to thank all those people. Because we really had a good time tonight. We just went out in the community. We gave away lots of tickets. And Jamie, we just handed you a handful

 Chris Harrison 22:26

of these suckers. How many envelopes since the Academy Award and the winner is? You? You like me?

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And that's my last name Sally Sally Field. Whoever she was, yeah. Gadget gadget. Gadget girl. One more thing I want to mention real quick. You mentioned World AIDS Day earlier. And that's gonna be a Grace Lutheran church right here in the beautiful mantras. We will be performing at that function. And we're going to do a selected piece from our last concert. That's great. It's called somewhere out there. Oh, that's a nice song. From an American tale and it's beautiful, beautiful song and appropriate to the theme of the evening. Very much so yeah.

 Jimmy Carper 23:14

Okay, so let's give some tickets away. Great.

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Give some away Jamie.

 Jimmy Carper 23:20

They have to do is give us a call at 713526573871352 6k PFT. We will give away tickets to ever wants them. And David, how many's in an envelope for in an envelope or two pair?

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We are being bred, like I said, bringing Mothers Daughters laws, tax laws bringing them on

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Jimmy Carper 23:48

and we'll be we'll be giving those out throughout the show throughout next week's show and the week after that.

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Excellent. Excellent. Yes. Okay, no, okay.

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Chris Harrison 23:59

If we give the number 713-526-5738. I don't know if we did or not.

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Don't forget that. 713 JM KPFT. And we're not

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Chris Harrison 24:11

going to ask you for your credit card this week. No, that's right. I got him.

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Jimmy Carper 24:17

We've just got over a membership drive. So people are a little giddy about calling

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Oh, yeah. Well, this will get them back in the mood. Right, right. We're

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Jimmy Carper 24:24

not asking for money anymore. And one other thing

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that we want to mention, please after our concert on the 16th of December, we're going to have a fellowship and the back hall of the church. And we have actual band members that

have a fellowship and the back hall of the church. And we have actual band members that's going to be bringing in desserts and cookies and cakes and pies and things like that. So that's and it's free to anyone who comes to the concert. So we want to mention that and hopefully just for that, right? You may not want to come from music but you definitely don't want to miss the food. something different that we're having this year in our concerts instead of just the band sitting there. We're playing and we're gonna have the Gay Men's Chorus vocalese come in, they're gonna sing a few selections. And we're also gonna have several solos and duets and brass ensembles. And we have so many wonderful musicians within our organization. We're gonna be doing some duets and solos and other things. And we'll have some readings done. And just so it's gonna be so different from what we're what we're used to perform a stretch, if you've ever been to Houston, broadband concert, they're always excellent. A lot of heart time and effort and patience is put into that. We've been under the direction of some very talented people over the years. And this will be no exception, but we're trying to stretch this time and you're going to see a different face of the Houston pride band. And like I say, color, and I've been graced with this responsibility, and we've been having Yeah, well, I'm trying to be noticed. But, you know, it's been a lot of work and it's been very rewarding, but we've got some people that have more heart than you can possibly imagine. We've got people like Trudy that plays the trombone plays the heart out on the trombone, we've got Jr. and percussion, we've got Debbie on drums. We've got Kevin on the sax, excellent, excellent sax player. Now my session I played trumpet, so I cannot go any another step further. If I don't mention Paige and John, who am I on trumpet with me? They're just wonderful musicians. And Russell over on baritone always 120% Every and this guy has been in the band, how many years forever and a day? Yes, yeah. The use of property. They were just in Fort Lauderdale with LPGA, which is lesbian, LGBT, I'm sorry, lesbian and gay Bands of America, which and Russell is the past president and national organization. Right. And another thing to mention, a lot of people don't realize that the Houston pride ban has played many, many events in the past. They were at the Gay Games at 2004. They've also played for both Clinton inaugurations. Unfortunately, we will not be playing for the next inauguration. Yeah, we were actually invited. And they said declined. They requested they asked me personally if I would attend, and if I would support one, and well, my email back to them wasn't all that nice. So I guess you could say we won't be there. Leave it at that. And I also want to one more person I do want to recognize is Scotland on flute This is somebody that we actually do a few gigs together and I accompany him on keyboard and we're hoping to do it do what if all goes well, nobody had this concept of W L on flute also and Ron and Michael on on clarinet. And grant we have we have now an oboe player. Oh, just something that we have not had. We needed tissues this week. We haven't. I got I got a little teary eyed

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Chris Harrison 27:52

Peter in the wolf is going to be soon in your repertoire where

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we were actually hoping to have that this year. But it may not be a stretch for next year. We'll get it out and find out and try to work it out. I can't think of anybody other than Lisa and Saks and Aaron on French horn. We excellent musicians we I mean, we're really blessed to be surrounded by such a talented bunch. Our instrumentation right now is so great. I mean, we have the instruments that we need it. We don't have just two clarinets, a trumpet and a French horn. Now we actually have a balanced band we have Andrea on tuba, who is she? Isn't she's semi professional. Sonos is totally, totally professionally professional. I think the woman plays

72 instruments total covers too, before us, because we needed one at the time. But she's actually you've probably seen her on the Houston circuit, many jazz performances, though the woman is absolutely incredible. We have asked her to do a solo on sax. And she said, covering that many instruments in one evening and she's so busy during the holiday season, that she wanted to save her chops. Now, I'm not going to go down that road on what that might have meant. Yeah, well, it was something to season.

 Jimmy Carper 29:06

Your mind wrapped around that.

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Yeah, use your imagination. Okay, some very, very talented folks.

 Jimmy Carper 29:12

Now you're back here on the 11th. Right. Absolutely. Yeah, we're gonna talk about this again, because you know, what we didn't talk about was the location,

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the location color taken away. The location of our concert will be at resurrection Metropolitan Community Church on the corner of TC jester and 11th Street. Every time Troy says that he flips the words all around, so he'll always send it over to me and I don't mind at all saying it. But again, resurrection Metropolitan Community Church at the corner of 11th and TC Jessa. That's just north of it. And in the heights, that would

 Jimmy Carper 29:43

be 2025 West 11th. You are correct, Jimmy, reading what's behind curtain. But I've been there many times. Absolutely.

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Again, the admission for this concert is for only \$5 or an unwrapped toy to be donated to a local children's HIV charity understand are absolutely free. You know, we can't stress enough. This is a holiday event for the entire family and the entire community. So please come join us on Thursday, December 16. At 7pm.

 Jimmy Carper 30:15

Okay, thanks for being here, guys.



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Thanks for having me. It's always a pleasure.



J Jimmy Carper 30:19

I know Hatch's waiting in the wings when All righty. And we're gonna we're gonna take a little break with a little piece of music, kind of an early Christmas music. And it's a favorite, but I want to remind folks that they can call in right now for tickets free tickets for this concert at 713-526-5738. And this would be Venus envy with I'll be a homo for Christmas. And you're listening to it on after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM 89.5 In gal.



c Chris Harrison 31:07

Venus envy envy with alvia homo for Christmas. And it's time now for Hatch.



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Okay, this is that segment on KPFT 90.1. FM. And hatch is the Houston area teen coalition of homosexuals. Our phone number is 713-529-3590. And you can also contact us through our website at WWW dot hache youth.org. And I'm Brian. I'm Colleen.



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I'm Jeffrey. And I'm Brendan. I'm the adult facilitator for the hedgebrook



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make sure we don't say naughty things. So tonight's topic is, well, Jeffrey, would you like to?



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Well, tonight we're going to be talking about the ex gay ministries, which is very interesting. I've actually become very interested in the ex gay ministries pretty recently. For personal reasons as well, my dad's been really pressuring me to attend one of my ex gay ministries. Yeah, it's been. Yeah. So Well, I mean, he's always encouraged me to you know, explore the life of heterosexuality or option it but even though I've never, you know, not exist. I've never had, you know, an attraction to somebody of the opposite sex ever. But yet, you know, anyway. But anyway, we were going to discuss this phone number in the phone book, which this is this is going to be appalling.



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Well, let's talk about what the ex gay ministry is first. Yeah. Okay. Search may not know what that actually involves



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the ex gay Ministries is basically what they do, is they supposedly help change people that are homosexual, or bisexual or bisexual or transgendered. Come out of that and become straight and heterosexual and non transsexual anymore. And, but they fail. That's what people don't understand. Well, like,



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what are some of the Are you familiar with some of the tactics that they use? Yes,



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Colleen and I were actually discussing this today before the segment. And one thing they do at some of one of the ex gay ministries, what they do is they actually because a lot of the thing with the ex gay Ministries is they believe that people become homosexual, because there's a disconnection with the same sex parent. That somewhere down the line that there was this disconnection. Of course, this is a very old fashion. Yes, it is,



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like as old as dirt 1950s.



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Even then, because he's older than



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you're right. It was from the for that



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it's from for its time. Yeah.



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So anyway, because they believe this. They see one ex gay ministry decided that okay, well, we need the gay people to realize that they can have platonic friendships with people of this, you know, a big thing sex but not eroticized. So they started this tactic of having gay people hug and associate with straight people have the same gender. They would actually have straight people come in to the ex gay ministry and help with gay people hugging them and everything and you know, and so that they would get over their fear.



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So I'm wondering if the straight people volunteered for the service. It's the



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fun that's the funny part. They couldn't find any straight people to come in and help apparently. So I mean, Of course, they found some strange people to do it. But I mean, it was like they were having a hard time finding them.



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Did they allow the ex gay ministry, students or whatever, clients, whatever they want to call them to hug each other?



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You know, I'm sure that's happened. The book that I read is called anything but straight and unmet unmasking the scandals and lies behind the ex gay myth, and exposes everything that goes on.



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I wanted to get in really quick when when you're talking about like, what to call them? I recently Yeah, I recently, I became a member of this message board, because I was really interested in what they had to say. And it's a message board that it has different students and youth under the age of 25, I believe was the cutoff. And these people would go on and talk about their different struggles with SSA or same sex attraction and the term that they use for themselves with strugglers. So that is the proper terminology, apparently is strugglers turned on they like you know



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what, even the ones that are the leaders of these ex gay ministries ex International is the biggest one. It's the biggest one in the world and organization. They're a Christian organization. Even the leaders won't even say that they're completely healed. I mean, they, they might come

out and say that, but it's very apparent, they still struggle with it. One of the most biggest leaders of the excess International, his name was John Polk, and he was involved in it for like, I think, 15 years. Well, back in 2000. Families him he wasn't



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a leader. So he was a spokesperson. Well, I'm sorry. He went through the program. And he was the spokesperson, but he was one of the US was in the news. Ally was



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one of the years yeah, he was one of the you guys they use. Whenever there was a gay rights issue coming up before legislation or something, he would say that he was their poster boy. Anyway, back in 2000, they found him in Washington DC, flirting with gay men and gay clothes in the bathroom. No, oh, no. Bathroom, and even exes international got disgusted with him. And they made him resigned from the organization



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for that. I remember when that was happened.



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Yeah. Another thing I wanted to bring up was if you go to exes International, if you go to their website, they claim that they have helped over 155 million people come out of the homosexual lifestyle. 50 million throughout the world. But one thing you need to understand is every single person that walks through the door, whether or not they returned to a gay lifestyle, once they leave the organization, they count them as a success story.



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So even if 90% of them go back to being gay, yes, they still counted at 115. And



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even some of the books that I've read 90% of the people that go to these organizations, were returned to a gay lifestyle. So they're not working.



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The the guy that you talk to the on the Kinsey scale.



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Oh, yes. I actually talked with a guy who is an ex gay. And he is from homosexuals anonymous, which is another ex gay ministry. There's there's a real organization, homosexuals anonymous, and I talked with him for about a good hour. This must have been about a week and a half ago. And I you know, I talked with him and he said, Well, I used to be a Kinsey six. Now for our listeners who don't understand what the Kinsey scale is, the Kinsey scale is like, Okay, if you're, it's on a scale from one to 6060, excuse me, zero to six, zero, it's



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absolutely heterosexual. And six is absolutely homosexual. Yeah,



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and so three is bisexual.



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Yeah, but apparently only a very small percentage of people are either zero or six. Right?



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So, right, the majority of people straight people or may actually be a one, right? What



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do you buy curious.



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But most people fall somewhere on the spectrum. Sorry,



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no. Anyway, I was discussing this with him. And he said that he used to be a Kinsey six. But now, you know, and he says he's an ex gay, completely overcoming homosexuality. He told me over the phone and these were his exact words. Well, I went from being a Kinsey six. But now I'm about a Kinsey four. Well, you know, I'm sorry, but can you still have same sex attractions? I mean, it was just



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technically three is bisexual, so anything above that is gay. He's still admitting that he's gay.



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Yes, it was. It was very interesting talking with him. And another thing about the ex gay ministry, I was talking before we came to the segment today. I was actually talking with a person that used to attend hatch that before he you know, before he started coming to hatch, his family forced him to go to x International. Yes, for a whole year.



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I'm cured. He's about what suicide rate is for. For people who have gone through that program,



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I would imagine that it would be higher.



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Yes. And even the guy that I talked to with homosexuals anonymous, even told me, he told me a story, a personal story of of that happening. It was just interesting, you know, the things that go on, you know, the whole idea of the ex gay Ministries is okay, the Bible says that it's wrong. And that is their whole basis. And I'm sorry, but they've completely misinterpreted the Scripture. And



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think you should talk about the man here as if he wasn't Christian. About that guy.



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Oh, yes. This is a perfect example. Okay, in the book that I was reading, and this guy is wonderful, because he actually went undercover for five years or four years and went to the ex gay ministries, and he's very familiar with, you know, with the organization. And anyway, he was telling a story of one guy who was not a Christian person, I think he was a, he was Jewish. And he went to the, but he wanted to change he wanted to, you know, not be gay anymore. So he went to exes International. And he told him, he said, I want to change my homosexuality. But I'm not interested in being a Christian. And the response from exes International was, well, then we can't help you. Because if you don't want to become Christian, we don't, we don't see the need to change your homosexuality.



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Basically, if you're already heathen, then you can just stay here.



Chris Harrison 41:36

But let's put it this way. Exodus global alliance is the parent organization. And their website says global Exodus Global Alliance is a worldwide Christian organization, helping people affected by homosexuality, and promoting the message that, quote, change from homosexuality is possible through the power of Jesus Christ, unquote.



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Well, I guess if you're if Jesus Christ, in their opinion, is the only way to overcome homosexuality. So I guess,



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what do you do with the John pokes in this world who are the poster boy for this organization, and they've supposedly come out of the gay lifestyle, but yet, 15 years later, you're seeing them in a gay bar flirting with men. I mean, it just doesn't make any sense



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that people who do say that they've changed, suddenly, they have no love life,



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become asexual, excellent, I think they actually promote that even if you can't be if you can't have a relationship with the opposite sex, then they, they want you to become,



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but they don't say that, though. It's very misleading. They say you actually change,



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you know, I'm going to say something about that message board that I went on, one of the things that I thought was really interesting, I went on there to see if I could talk to people about their doubts and the sort of issues that they were going through. And they sent me an email that said something there was somewhere to if you have a really big struggle or a big fall, as they called it, you're you're not allowed to discuss it on the message board. Because you might affect other people and cause them to fall too. So basically, you know, I could not give them

statistics, I could not discuss anything with them, because they were allowed to censor any of your postings, anything that you say, they can change it and edit it and twist it around. And it really upset me to see all these teenagers that were struggling with this. And you know, I read several posts by this one girl that basically said, Well, you know, I don't think that I can ever have a real relationship. But Jesus is the love of my life now. So that's all that matters. And that's basically the message that I was getting from all of them, like none of them thought that they could actually have a relationship with opposite sex. And it just broke my heart to listen to these people.



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And for me, personally, being a Christian person, I think that's wonderful. I think it's wonderful that she wants to be part of her life. But I'm not saying that. It's a tremendous disservice to her. I'd have to go through self hatred.



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Yes, exactly. That she's trading that in over a misinterpretation of Scripture, right? She's, she's trading that in and she's just, you know, she's becoming completely celibate, which I don't think she should do that out of self hatred. You know, some people choose to be celibate, and that's fine. But she's doing that because other people tell her that the way that she feels is wrong and evil, and that I don't agree with so I mean, I'm sorry, I just don't



Chris Harrison 44:25

know there are so box now. Exodus is one of the organizations. P Fox is



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one that the parents and friends and families of ex gays. They came up with that world so that hatch PFLAG world. For those of the listeners, listeners that don't know PFLAG stands for parents, families and friends of lesbians and gays. And so, the ex gay ministries wanted to come up with something to counter that. So they came up with P Fox, parents, friends and families of ex gay, not funny, but you



Chris Harrison 45:00

So they have a billboard in Virginia, that somebody, quote unquote vandalized with red paint. I had to go to the high resolution picture of it to actually see where the red paint got splattered on it. Basically, it's hard to tell, even from there, but that's an organization. I was looking at the Exodus. I was hoping they had a Houston branch, I'd be interested in contacting them for the show.



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They have a couple of local groups that are there. I don't know if they're a part of Exodus International, but they are ex gay ministries. One of them is the main one is sexual wholeness ministry. I've been referred to them my whole life. You know, once I started coming out, only everybody's been referring me to a sexual homeless ministry.

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I think that one's only for men.

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I'm not sure if it I think it is. I read I think it is about local groups.

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And for some reason, a lot of them did not allow lesbian,

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probably because they're still in denial. They probably still don't believe lesbians exist. Or that's true.

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Chris Harrison 46:01

There's still that there's still that straight boy mentality. Like I said, even pat robertson one time there said, you know, gay man's 1% lesbians or 2%. So?

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Well, one of the things we haven't talked about is the money issue. Yes, ex gay ministries.

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That's what I was gonna bring up with. I was talking with that that guy who went to the X Kx, a National Match lane. He's a former hatch attendee who has since he shot Yes. And anyway, he was telling me that for, I believe, if I'm quoting him, right, he said, for every session that they went to, they had to pay a fee. And I think he even said it \$5. So, Tim, so much as \$45

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per session



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\$45. And that was just for him to go. Now the parents had to go for counseling to they had to pay a fee, because to support their children, he told me, he told me that it was it goes on a sliding scale. So even if you don't make a lot of money, you know, you can pay less, but you still have to pay. I wanted to ask them if they had ex gay scholarships, but I'm not sure how that we know. I'm sorry. But these people if their son so gung ho on Jesus saying that being gay is sinful and that people need to change. I'm sorry, but I don't think you know, it shouldn't be about money. I'm sorry that that is just a disservice. Oh, I



c Chris Harrison 47:26

like this. Your Exodus will let you stay at their house. Yeah, they'll give you they have a live in programs to interest I guess, I guess I can't say any more than those groups that they don't care for pickets, once it gets tossed out on the street.



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This is the way I think of it. Somebody has to pay for all those posters. You know what I'm saying? All the message, why not?



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Why not? Franchise poor people who, you know, can't come to terms with themselves. Oh, that's disenfranchised gay



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Oh, well, sorry. Go out and get a job part time job. And then we'll try to save your soul. Why thank



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you putting into both Hack and PFLAG. Our cost absolutely nothing to attend. does ask for minimal donations to help defray costs, they pass one basket, but other than that, it costs nothing to attend. And you're totally free to not give it people like to say i This isn't for me, you're you're just not sure yet. You know, you can or you just can't afford it, you know, you just don't give and that's entirely your choice. And so, you know, we pay for your nations. And that's how it works. And, you know, it certainly doesn't cost \$45 For someone to attend Hack. Hack is totally free.



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You know, I would love to know what they do with the \$45 I wonder if they put that back and



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tell you what they do. I'll tell you where the money goes and goes to right wing organizations that are going to help stop gay legislation for you know, for gay rights. It that's where it goes. All the money that these people give to that organization goes to stop me and other gay people in this country have the same civil rights as everybody else.



Chris Harrison 49:09

Do you need to step in now a moment we're at the top of the hour that we have to step out for just a second here and let you know you're listening to after hours queer radio with attitude here on Pacifica radio for the Gulf Coast linstor sponsor commercial free KPFT 90.1 FM Houston 89.5 in Galveston, and always the World Wide Web at KPFT dot O R G KPFT is in the process of democratizing the the station on how it's around as a network and as a station. So we need to give you this little reminder



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like your aid is almost over, but we still need your help. In order for the elections to be valid. We must receive at least 1000 ballots. Voting for your LSP delegates is an important part of membership in your station. Last year KPFT members returned On the highest percentage of ballots among all of Pacifica sister stations, we believe our members will take the lead again, if you haven't already mailed your ballot to national election supervisor has granted permission for KPFT to receive ballots on Monday, November 29. At the KPFT studios, located at 419 Lovett Boulevard, we will be on hand to receive your ballot from 10am to 9pm. Again, you can bring your ballot by KPFT at 419 Lovett Boulevard on Monday, November 29, from 10am to 9pm. Ballots will not be received at the station before or after this time and day. Please, don't let your vote go to waste.



Chris Harrison 50:40

All right, we are back. It's back to you. Okay. Unless you want me to play a song.



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Oh, no, we're still talking about the X game. And



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I just wanted to jump on a slightly slightly tangential topic. We were looking at the phonebook yesterday. Yes.



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This is actually a very interesting story I came face to face with the ex gay ministries,



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we might want to mention, this is how we found those numbers or the organization you were talking about.



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Four years ago, when I was coming out, I was having a real, you know, difficult time with it one night, and I just wanted somebody anonymous to talk to about the situation, somebody who didn't know me, you know, and just discuss, you know, my situation with, you know, struggling, you know, to accept myself being a gay person. And I actually went with the advice of someone, and I called a hotline from the phonebook, and the Southwestern Bell phonebook. If you look on the front page of it, it says National Youth crisis hotline,



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it's under the alternate emergency.



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Yes, it's up there with 911, the FBI, the Centers for Disease Control all that it's up there with it.



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If you have new phone books, it's on the page, right below the 911 number. Yes,



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just front page, first page, you will find it. So anyway, I called them and I you know, there was a woman that answered and I, you know, started discussing with her, my struggle accepting my sexuality. And she told me that she really didn't know much about homosexuality, but she had this great organization to refer me to. And it was exes International. Well, at the time, I was little, I was educated at the time to know that excess International was one of these ministries that supposedly changes gay people. So I knew that that's not something that I would be interested



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in, you know, what a horrible disservice. I just think that's awful. It is a disservice. You know, all of the medical establishment, the American Psychiatric Association, the American physicians, association, everybody, with any scientific knowledge at all, regarding the social sciences or whatever, say that all the indications are that this is a biological thing that people are born gay,



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I think what concerned is most about this hotline is it's called the National Youth crisis hotline



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well, and I was gonna, I was gonna continue with the story because it even gets better than that. This past month, I had an argument with my dad. And he was very an argument, he was very much pressuring me to attend an ex gay ministry. And ex International was one of the ones he mentioned. And so from my own curiosity, I decided I was going to give them a call and just see what they thought of the situation going on with my dad, of course, I knew what they were going to say, you know, we you should attend Exodus. But I couldn't find the phone number to them in the phonebook. I couldn't find it on information.



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I'm quite glad it's not on the phone. But



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I couldn't find the I couldn't find the phone number anywhere. So it dawned on me that I had called that hotline four years ago, and the lady had given me the number. So I thought, well, I'll call that hotline and they'll have the number. So I call it the hotline. Well, lo and behold, I get a minister on the on the hotline. And I told him, I said, I'm, you know, I'm just interested in getting the number to excess air national. And he was more than happy to give me the phone number. But he, he asked me, I mean, is this something that you're struggling with? Are you struggling with being gay? I said, Well, I'm gay, but I'm not struggling with being gay anymore. I've accepted that. And I've come to the realization that you can be gay and a Christian at the same time. You know, and we debated for a good hour. And after our debate, I got really curious and I asked him some questions. I said, you know, he told me within the course of our conversation that that organization, the hotline, was there to help kids in crisis, come to know the Lord Jesus Christ, and I thought it was interesting because nowhere in the phonebook did it say that it's a national youth crisis hotline, didn't say anything about being a Christian organization. So anyway, I asked him some more questions. And he said, I asked him, I said, you know this in the phonebook it said, National Youth crisis hotline. So I guess you'll have a lot of callers call in and he said, Yes. I said, Well, y'all must have a lot of them call in dealing with, you know, being gay. He said, Yes, we get a lot of callers in on that. And I, he's, and I asked him, I said, What do y'all do with these callers? I mean, how do you help them? Well, we tell them, the Bible says that it's wrong. And we refer them to ex gay ministries Exodus been Exodus International being one of them. And I said, Well, that's very interesting. And I asked

him, I said, Well, wait a minute. I said, What happens when you have a caller call in, and they've heard their whole life, that being gay is a sin, being gay is wrong, you need to repent from this lifestyle, or you're going to hell, the Bible says it's wrong, and you need to go and change this. And they've heard that their whole life, and they're running on their last hope. And they decide that they're going to call this hotline in the phonebook. And maybe just maybe they would get somebody on there that would be supportive. And they call your hotline, and you tell them the same exact stuff. They've heard their entire life, that being gay is wrong, being gay is sinful, and they need to change. And you give them the number two exes International. And after they hang up the phone, they, they just can't handle it anymore. And they commit suicide. What do you do in a situation like that? Well, you have to understand, the devil is in this world. And he he he, you know, he's doing this. And I was like, you know, I'm very appalled



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that they're able to wash their



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hands, your responsibility,



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corps total lack of personal responsibility. It really,



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I became so enraged by this, it was I, cuz, you know, there had to be a kid in this country. That was in that very situation right there that I just described. And they, they ended it all, just because somebody misinterpreted some scripture.



Jimmy Carper 57:03

I just wonder how many kids have ended? Yes. Because, yes, so



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it is a national hotline. So you have to speculate that at least 1000s call every day. I mean, it's right there. And that, you know, like the third page of the phone book, where emergency numbers right,



Jimmy Carper 57:17

why don't kids just, you know, I never thought about when I was younger looking for a national

number. I, I would always look in the phone book under gay right here to find some support groups.



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Although, you know, we do have to be fair, who's been switchboard? Right. We looked up the website for it. And it does mention on the website, that it's a Christian organization, our concern is that in the phonebook, it does not. And that's pretty misleading when it says absolutely nothing about being Christian. And you just assume that it's any other hotline, and you call it and they've



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already heard that non Christians who call this organization are turned away. So I wonder if someone calls a situation where they're hungry, or they're have no place to live, or they're being threatened? Well, I don't



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want to, I don't want to give the impression that these people are not helping people. I'm, you know, I'm, I'm certain that they do help people. But when it comes to this issue, they've got it all wrong, you know, they're going about it all wrong. They they're totally misinformed. And I was just appalled. I was just completely and utterly appalled.



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I think my main concern, like I said, is that they're misleading people who may try to call it the number. And that is our main concern, the fact that they don't have, you know, all they have are ex gay ministries, they don't have any other options. And if we call people that you're a Christian organization, in the phonebook, then you need to at least offer them other ways. You know, another way, we could



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have several of us from hache, we called at least 10 Different times 10 different times, each have a different person, not only have fact we call separately, we this is something we did separately. And every single time we called the only thing they gave us was exes international overcomers outreach here in Houston, and sexual wholeness ministries, all ex gay ministries, they had absolutely nothing actually, they had absolutely nothing. pro gay, no PFLAG nothing, just



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a national organization. Right. Yeah. And, you know, we did some research and we saw that it

was actually based in California.



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It was missing out this business San Diego. Yeah. And it is it is based it is a their their parent company is a Christian Fellowship. I won't mention their name, because it's not relevant, right. But um, but they have hundreds of hundreds of sub fellowships around the world, and 20 in this country.



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It does say that all the people who answered the phone lines are volunteers and that most of them are affiliated with a church. Yes, exactly. And



J Jimmy Carper 1:00:01

The phone company know this. I know I'm



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sure they will be now after I called them



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soon. They don't know now they'll find out soon, we're going



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to contact them to also from the show and Right. Right. And I may even contact that, that church and see their opinion on this



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because if they're going to continue to give that information out to people I would at least like them to, you know, describe themselves adequately, or you know, instead of,



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and I would also like to see the the phonebook list, maybe a PFLAG or gay lesbian switchboard numbers. I wonder if there is a gay lesbian national switchboard? No, we have one here in Houston.

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Jimmy Carper 1:00:44

I'm sure there is ordered in New York. I don't know if there's still going

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on it. Well, what I found interesting is even though that hotline was based in California, and it was a national hotline, we found the Texas youth hotline, which is also on that same page, and they

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just did this experiment. Segment.

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And not only was the woman who answered gay, but she gave the first number out, was hatched. And we thought that that was wonderful,

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because I told her that we were, we were doing an experiment to see that if you know if she, if you know, if they know it's gonna be accepted, and she's gonna send this to Exodus to, you know, further fuel our self hatred of ourselves. I'm really proud

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of Texas right now.

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I wonder what the affiliation is for that organization. I mean, I wonder

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nonprofit organization,

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I think that will have any religious affiliation. Right. And that's why whereas the other one did, but did not say so. Right. At least not in the phonebook they do on the website. But if you're

but did not say so. Right. At least not in the phonebook they do on the website. But if you're looking in the phone book, that's not going to help you.



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And I think we even looked on the website and not very many people have gone to the website. For that information. I think if you're an average gay kid living in Nebraska, you're not going to be able to find a gay and lesbian switchboard and Braska Brian, also on you're not going to have internet and the only thing you're going to have is the phone. That's right, you know,



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the website uses flash, right? Which isn't very accessible to people who are blind or otherwise visually impaired. And so I know it's a pet peeve of mine, but um, but it's also it's hard to, in some people just don't have it, their computers don't support it. They're too old or whatever. Some people actually use dial up on old computers. So it's, it's, it makes it hard to use.



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And while on the website, they mentioned a number of issues like teen pregnancy, runaways, STDs, AIDS, but they don't say anything about homosexuality. So I mean, it's I'm not sure it's it's one that



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hit home. This is this is the switchboard that you called



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the national crisis hotline, see



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in the phonebook. When it just says national us crisis hotline, it only has the number.



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Yeah, it says National Youth crisis hotline. And here's the number 1-800-448-4663. That is the number



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but on the website, it's one 800 hit home. And so it almost looks like it's not the same thing

but on the website, it's one out the name. And so it almost looks like it's not the same thing. But

 Chris Harrison 1:03:05

it's a letters court. Yeah, that letters correspond

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to the numbers. But it doesn't it's not readily apparent. exactly correspond.

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Exactly. It looks like two completely different things. But we encourage people to write down that number. And if you feel the need to call and find out for yourself, I just

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thought it was interesting that they spent an hour with me on the phone, trying to convince me that being gay is a sin, and I've already gone through a whole life, you know, long self hatred of myself, why do I want to go back to a, you know, to the time when I did not accept myself and you self load myself and thought I was gonna go to hell, because because people misinterpret Scripture. Well, that

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way you won't be able to donate your \$45 to the session, a session,

 Chris Harrison 1:03:53

the Texas youth hotline that you were giving out? are the good guys. Yeah. 1-800-210-2278 is actually a state agency. Okay. Okay. It is part of the Department of Family and Protective Services for the state. Oh, that's nice. That that is a that is a government agency of the state of Texas.

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Now see, now we and the state of Texas have that wonder in states like Idaho or Nebraska or you know, some states like that. I wonder if they would even have something like that

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tend to be slightly more conservative. Yes. Even the Texas which is,

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you know, we're live Okay. California, Texas. You know, I was actually really surprised by the results there because when we call the Texas hotline, of course, I was expecting something like what we had just gotten and of course, it completely was just, it was great. Yes, it was a very pleasant and I

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told the lady about the National Youth crisis hotline and she was appalled. She just couldn't believe it. She said something

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we need to this needs to be changed I think I think that they do mean well, but they're not going about it in the right way. And that's what needs to change. They need to inform people about what they're actually trying to do.

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And this is a privately run Christian organization. I mean, they have an agenda, right? I mean, it's they're doing, they're promoting their views and their beliefs. And that's certainly their righteous,

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right, which is fine, but they don't need to be misleading about it, I complete it.

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And Southwestern Bell has the right to publish whatever numbers they want their phone book, however, they shouldn't be misleading about it, because they are pretty much the monopoly phone company. Yeah.

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I mean, I'm sorry, but National Youth crisis hotline should not be the name of national that would imply that everybody has union should be incorporated. But it's not that way. You know, if



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they had the word Christian in the title and mentioned something about, you know, how they feel about homosexuality on their website, I will not be



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it should be called the Christian youth crisis hotline.



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And, you know, when we know that there are gay youth out there who are going through Christ and going through a crisis, potentially, and maybe looking at suicide as their only option. I mean, we know that there's certain segments of the youth in the gay youth that this is an issue with them. And they're looking at



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the statistic 1/3 of all gay youth are suicidal. I mean, it's enormous.



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I mean, we know that there's going to be times when the gay youth reach out and try to find help. And you know, instead of getting a message, it's okay, you're not bad. There's nothing wrong with you, you don't have to hate yourself, which that is the message that leads them and pushes them over to begin the self loathing that leads you to suicidal thoughts.



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See, the ex gay ministries don't see it that way. They see it as the gay lifestyle makes it that way, being gay makes it that way, they don't see that, you know, it's society, pressuring you, and oppressing you, that causes people to want to commit suicide, that's they don't see it that way.



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Being gay, you have the potential of losing your family support, you have the potential of losing the support of your church, you have the potential of losing the friends that you have to possibly be ostracized from the circle, the support circles that you've built around yourself, when you're first realizing that you have the potential to have this door slammed in your face of all the areas that you've gone to for support. I mean, what other issue? Can you think of where you have that much of an opportunity to dig, get rejected by the people who love you and care

for you and the closest to you? I mean, this is a real danger. I had, I'm blessed with the family that I have very understanding, very loving, very open minded wasn't an issue for me. But there are and we know people where this isn't a real issue for



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I mean, I'm going through and on a daily basis, my dad is completely unsupportive. And he encourages me on a daily basis to go to an organization. He gave me a book that a lot of the ex gay ministries use for, you know, for their purposes, you don't have to be gay is the title of it. I was given this book. And yeah, if you're straight,



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you don't have to be gay. Well, you know, that's a no brainer,



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right. And, you know, I deal with this on a regular basis with my family, you



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know, you call the ex gay ministry, your dad made a suggestion for you to make the phone call what you did, did you suggest to him to make a call to PFLAG. So you know that I did what you did? I wonder if he did?



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I don't know if he did? I don't know. That's an ongoing battle with him



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earlier. Was that other time that you call that hotline? And the reaction of the younger guy that answered?



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Yes, I called. I called another time, and I got a young man on there. And we talked and he actually didn't have the number of exes International. But he encouraged me to call back because he knew that if I called back there would be somebody would pick up and would have the number. And we talked for a good hour, they seem to want to talk to you for an hour trying to convince you.

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If we can't, if we can't turn him in 60 minutes, and it's a lost cause.

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So, you know, I talked to him for an hour. And he said he was, you know, he, he used to be an alcoholic and he overcame that. And he was equating the same same thing with being gay. And it was very interesting talking to him, you know, and he made it very clear that the Bible says it was wrong. It's interesting that every single person that we called, they reiterated the fact that they thought the Bible was clear that homosexuality is a sin. And that's a whole nother topic we could talk about. And they're misinterpreting scripture when they do that, but I just found that to be interesting. Another thing I would like to mention about the minister that I talked to on the phone, he kept trying to equate my being gay my homosexuality to a 16 year feud he had with his mother in law. And I, I told him in the, you know, in the middle of the conversation, I said, you know, I just don't see the, you know, the similarity here, because, you know, you just can't equate my sexuality with a few you had with your mother in law, it just doesn't even come close. You know,

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I think the sad part is how they, they basically refuse to accept that, you know, the possibility that you can be both gay and Christian at the same time.

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Oh, it was they completely and utterly refused it. And that was very sad to me, because I, you know, I went through a whole period where I struggled with this, how can I be gay? How can I be Christian at the same time, and I've come to the realization that yes, you can, after thoroughly reading scripture, and thorough prayer, and, you know, talking to other Christian people, I have come to the understanding and in my heart, I know that it is okay to be gay and Christian at the same time. I find it very interesting that every single person you turn on the TV, you hear ministers like John Hagee on Channel 14 on the religious station, and they're all preaching against homosexuality. Not a single one of them has ever gone through the gay lifestyle. They don't even know what it's like to be in my shoes. But yet, they're so quick to tell me that I'm wrong. You know, it just doesn't make any sense to me.

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Well, you know, what I thought was interesting was the second younger guy that you talked to when he asked how long have you been gay? Even though you would just told you I've been

gay my whole life? Yeah, this is not cheese.

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I remember he did ask me that. How long have you been eating?

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The reason that happens is people actually believe that it's somehow a choice in the gym. And I don't want to ask people when they say that, at what point did you decide to be straight? Did you actually intellectually say, hmm, I can make out with Paul or I can make out with Amy? Which 1am I going to do with anyone? I think I'm gonna just go for it. You know, you don't make that decision. Is that

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intellectual decision? It's a It's instinctual for you. It's, it's something that says, your brain says this is right.

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You know, it almost makes me think that people who say that are actually bisexual themselves. Possibly, because, you know, theoretically, I guess a bisexual could decide, you know, I'm, well, I'm attracted to both. Well, you know, I think I'm gonna just concentrate on the opposite sex. So maybe people who pose that position are actually bisexual.

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One thing that was interesting that he kept talking about, he kept equating homosexuality to alcoholism. And I said, Well, you know, you just can't do that. Because being gay is different than alcoholism. Because when you're gay, you mean that you don't have a choice in that, you know, you're just attracted to Joe Blow, you know, here I am in class, and I'm having a crush on, you know, the the guy sitting next to me. But when you alcohol, alcoholism is different. Because to become an alcoholic, you have to make that decision to go and have that drink, you have to make that decision to first and do it before you become addicted to it. With homosexuality, it is completely different. You don't make that choice. You know, it's just a part of who you are.

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You know, I think he kept saying that is because alcoholism is considered an illness, and in his eyes, so is homosexuality. And I think that's why he kept equating, then,



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you know, he won the argument that he said was the same with his mother in law, if he's taking the position with the Minister, the Minister, if he's taking the position that homosexuality is caused from a disconnect from the same sex, same sex parent, then perhaps in that world, they are somewhat similar. But that's not the



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minister was he was ignorant. He didn't know much about being gay, only that the Bible says it's wrong. That was all he had to say. He didn't know anything. One thing I might add about the ex gay ministries you brought up about the illness. One of the things that the ex gay ministries are really trying hard to do now is they're trying to return homosexuality to being an illness. As we all know, several years ago, back in the 70s, I believe it was 7319 73 was when they took it out of the



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Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. He knows only Yeah, he



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Brian is good with the you know, with all this information, he knows it all. He's telling him but yeah, they you know, they took it out, and it's no longer considered an illness but the ex gays are really trying very hard to return it back to being an illness.



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One thing that we forgot to mention about the younger man that you spoke to, is that he ended up hanging up on you. Oh, yeah, that was really terrible. He got so frustrated that he hung up yeah, he Yeah. It's like if you have someone suicide Oh, call in They're trying to talk to you about something and you hang up on them. That's not good. I don't know, I can understand how he might have gotten frustrated because you were trying to argue with him. And perhaps he felt like he was kind of out of his league, because you



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were the thing was, is I brought up a number of issues. You know, they, they say, the Bible says, that's wrong, and then I'll just bring the Bible right back at them, you know, and then when I do that, and I try to be logical with them, they can never, they can't ever counter what

I'm bringing to them. It's always well, I don't know, I don't know. You know, well, if you're so against homosexuality, you need to know, you know, you need to have a backbone, you need to know what you stand on. You know,



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I think if they could at least listen, that would be the most important part. Yes, you know it, because sometimes, you know, a lot of what we say makes sense. And I really wish the people that told me things like homosexuals have no right to exist, which, you know, like the one girl in my psychology class, but I won't get into that right now. People like that, if they would just listen and reconsider what they've been taught. You know, that's all we're asking, really.



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And I'd like to point out that while we use term gay lifestyle, there is no one gay lifestyle. No, it's like, you know, right. Away sound was a personal thing. It's real, independent, you know, that's fine.



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I don't believe that there's a gay lifestyle. I mean, I get up and brush my teeth, make my bed, comb my hair, take a shower, just like every straight person in the society, you know, is what makes me any different. You know,



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and, you know, with this whole gay Exodus, trying to switch people over to becoming heterosexual, I do think that there could be a possibility or a scenario when you do have somebody who is bisexual or someone who is a one or two on the Kinsey scale, who might go through a program like this, who, who's not truly gay, and be cured from something. Right, which they're not cured. Of course, we know that, because that's why it may never work



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actually was confused in the first place. And and I



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and I, and I think that happens. And I think that there may be situations if there are success stories from this, I think we're looking at that pool or population, rather than someone who is truly a gay or



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one of the things that the ex gay ministries use against gay organizations like hatch is that we come in and we brainwash people into believing that they're gay and to accept it. But hatches never stone that we ever, ever said that, we say that we're a safe place for people to come and find out who they are, that we're not going to force them or change them or make them to into anything that they're not. That's right, you know,



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you want to come and you're straight tax and you're straight. That's cool. That is we're not going to make you gay, because we can't make you gay. You know, if we had that power of people, we'd be very, we're much more powerful than you. You mean. Now, you



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know, as as a gay person, we are required to recruit a certain percentage in order to maintain our gay card status. Everybody knows that, right?



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But people I mean, the gay community, the gay America needs to understand that the ex gay ministries, they are like, they're at the forefront of, you know, stopping us getting our civil rights as Americans as gay Americans. They're trying very hard to do that.



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So talking Oh, okay. Yeah.



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We're going towards wrapping up. Okay. So Oh,



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Brian, was going to talk about the United Way, right. Oh, yeah.



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Well, you can say that, Brendan, no, no, no, you know, anyway. We're gonna give shout outs now. And I'll give a shout out to my mom and my dad and my family. Even my brother who's very ordinary right now. And especially my mom who brings me all the time to all the radio segments. And, and drew who's up in Kalispell, Montana, where it's probably below freezing right now. Okay, nice.



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I'm gonna say hi to my dad, who's not listening to Monica, who hopefully is all right.



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And I wanted to give out a shout out to my cousin's, I hope you are listening, because I really encourage you all to listen tonight. And I would also like to give a shout out to John



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to give an announcement hatch is partly supported by the United Way, kids way grant in the different things that hatch participates in. So there's that there's that shout out for this stuff for them. That's right. There's the stuff and that's it for me. Okay, all right. Thanks for listening,



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have my contact information for hatch so that they can get a hold of you because we've been we've yet we've given them the phone numbers of people who not to call. They can



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call us and make it very loud and clear.



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We want you to call us at seven one 35293590 that's 713-529-3590 or you can check us out online at www.dot.hack.youth.dot.oRG.



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Okay, like I said, we're not gonna kick you over to Exodus or HP Fox. I wish I could have found a local chapter so I've been fun to contact them and have them come in and you know, that's how much we want to talk about the ex gay movement come on down on our show and then we'll know what type of people with sexual wholeness we've surrounded you now you're going to listen to the program we're gonna put Stacey through the program and see right



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pay that see this week? Yeah. Pay the money to get him his toaster on when he gets done. All right, thank you all hatch. We're gonna put the music in your ear and hopefully we'll have a phone call when we get back. We're gonna go to a little Lea de Leiria and sleigh ride

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I hear those slur those wiggling Ting Ting tingling loudly when they ride together which now is common in Fox a Colin you. Was there it together with you? Giddy up, giddy up. Giddy up. Let's go. That's the snow.

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wonderland of snow. Hello. Giddy up. Giddy up. Giddy up. It's grin just holding your work life along with the song to a tree fairy. Very cozy and comfy goes your way. We're glad together like birds of a feather should be. Let's take our robe off. And of course they're running out there with you.

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Ride with him. Getting out to the app. Katie. Let's go. Let's look at the stone. We're on through another land of snow. Oh. Giddy up, giddy up. Giddy up. It's grin just holding your hand. We're gliding along with the song. wintry married man. It comfy cozy together like that. Better suit be. Cars are to ride with us. They ride when they ride. They ride with you.

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Li adularia there with a sleigh ride and that was off of the Broadway Cares. Christmas CD. Oh, here it is. Yeah, Broadway Cares home for the holidays. It's time now for Dean Becker with the cultural baggage. Dean. Good evening. Hi.

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Dean Becker 1:23:19

Good evening. Yes. Thank you. Yeah, I'm wanting to let y'all know. I'm rather excited about the show. I got this coming Tuesday. I was excited. First off when I got Dr. Todd Mecca Ria. He's perhaps the most marijuana recommending physician in America. He's out in California and Oakland area. And he's had his squabbles with a medical association out there. But he's quite

straightforward in his thoughts in this regard. And he's going to share his thoughts with us and perhaps give some hints on to Texas doctors on how they can better serve their patients needs and how they can be a little bolder and recommend some of this medical marijuana. But secondarily, I just got word yesterday from Diane Monson. And she and Angel rates are headed to the US Supreme Court this Monday to present their medical marijuana case so that based on the prop 215 fact that they don't do interstate commerce, they're all interstate growing it within the state no sales made done on a doctor's recommendation. And they're trying to trying to quash that federal effort through this appearance at the Supreme Court. We'll be hearing from Diane the next day while she's still in DC and perhaps have her lawyers on hand to give us a in depth look at how it went. And other than that I wanted to alert folks this coming December 12 at Walters we're going to have the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws will have its fundraiser party. I don't know what have you. It's gonna be a lot of fun. I think we'll have guy Schwartz and the new jack hippies a couple of other bands and The admittance price is 420. And hoping folks will come on out. And I guess that's about it for this week. Oh, short one this week? Well, it is I'm kind of caught with that I'm away from my computer. So I don't have all the data that I normally would. But I think we all see that, you know, with that recent Houston Chronicle report, 75% of Texans are for medical marijuana. The writing is truly on the wall, the Texas Medical Association, as well has come out in favor of medical marijuana as well as the Texas cancer center right here at the MD Anderson area. And I don't know who's going to stand against it. I would imagine a bunch of cops who have no medical license and no experience other than, you know, locking people up feels good to them. Yeah. And I think that'll probably be what the legislature here is some cancer doctors and cops fighting for, you know, this medicine that many people rightfully need and has never killed anybody. I, I work hard to, you know, end the harms of all the drugs. I consider myself as I say, a legal iser, because I'm for ending the whole damn thing. There's no common sense to it. But the beginning does come through medical marijuana because the evidence is so obvious. As I say, so often the truth is evident in that regard. And we're going to we're going to be soon, just as soon as people think about it, three out of four people you talk to, and all in Texas, are for medical marijuana. It's not something we should be afraid of any longer. Yeah, I urge people to talk about it to their parents, to their family to their co workers. It's okay. And it's the right thing to do.

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All right. Thank you, Dean, then I thank

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you for this opportunity to talk to you guys next week.

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All right. Dean Becker is the host of cultural baggage heard here on Tuesday nights at 630 on KPFT and 12 other stations around North America. You can also hear him at 420 in the afternoon on Monday through Saturday with the 420 Drug Report. We have a show. We have an

expert here yet. Not yet. Okay. Well then let's put a little more Christmas music in your here so please, please think we think we need to get a little bit of the s&m theme here. Let's go a little bit of temptress go ahead and light Christmas. Oh there you go.