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SPEAKERS

Harvey Milk, Buddy Johnston, Jimmy Carper, x

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Whoa, girl. Whoa, here we are again.

J Jimmy Carper 00:09

What's going on now? It's

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two o'clock. Two o'clock and I'm looking for that letter from. You can't hear. Can you hear that? We're clear. Have you heard that? We're keep talking Mary.

J Jimmy Carper 00:25

Oh, I'm just still all excited about the parade today. That's so much fun. And I have a special girl. Oh, no one could hear me. Yeah. I have a special outfit.

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That's the only way to shut you out. But just don't push your button. You have a special outfit. What are you going to wear in the parade?

J Jimmy Carper 00:44

It's a secret, but I'm gonna shine and sparkle. I have a pair like an all Queen shirt.



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I have a flaming pair of pink shorts to wear.



J Jimmy Carper 00:55

Me too.



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Oh, girl, please.



J Jimmy Carper 00:57

Are we going to be twins?



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I have How long have I known you? years? I've never seen you in a pair short. Well,



J Jimmy Carper 01:07

it's hot pink. But I don't know what's going to be brighter. The hot pink shorts are my white legs.



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Legs under those jeans.



J Jimmy Carper 01:14

They go all the way up to.



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Anyway, this is after hours radio celebrating live from the heart of Montrose. We're here. And we're queer. We certainly are. And this program is dedicated to a friend of ours in San Francisco, but the name of Alan Blackman. And the reason it is, is well why is it Jimmy



Jimmy Carper 01:25

J Jimmy Carper 01:55

because Alan sent a letter to us. And it was a part of the it reminded us of a part of the gay and lesbian family that maybe we hadn't thought about, or we we we took for granted are so many things about our life, we take for granted that we didn't realize maybe that people had it a little bit tougher in some older, older times. And that makes sense here.

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Yeah. Can you tell me just a second though, maybe why it's important that we get letters from people like Alan and from people like you as you listen?

J Jimmy Carper 02:14

Well. We don't get paid. I think everyone out there who listens to us regularly knows that. What we do, here is what it is what we do for the community. It's very important to us this show, and that we get out the information and let everybody know that if you're gay or lesbian, black, white, whatever. We are all part of humanity. And we all we all can stand proud with each other for the differences we we are. And I say buddies brought in a fantastic article from Sunday's post. Isn't this wonderful? What section is that? This is the Sunday Style section of the Houston Post and not only for teenage it says there's a big picture Section F for big picture. Wait a minute of last year's Pride Parade a man and the picture.

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You give this queen a microphone and you can't shut her up. That's

J Jimmy Carper 03:24

the whole idea. Why

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is that thing? Well, what we're talking about before Alan, it was so funny. I got everything scattered in here, because there's so much I want to do tonight. And I know you've only got four hours to do it.

J Jimmy Carper 03:40

Alan is an older gay man.

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Yeah. Oh, that's right. You're not talking about Alan though. Now. Are

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Jimmy Carper 03:48

we still where he's in his 60s?

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Okay, I'm gonna read the letter from Alan but in a second. Oh, did I read it already?

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Jimmy Carper 03:56

You have not read the letter, but he was talking about in the old days. That

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have I done that? Yeah, grab honey. He hasn't done that yet. Okay,

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Jimmy Carper 04:10

okay. I will shut up now. What are you doing anyway? No, I was just talking about Alan growing up when he there was not this radio show just talking there was there was not books, magazines, pamphlets on gay and lesbian lifestyles. And so Alice true. Alan grew up thinking he was all alone and that there was not really a community out there for him. But you know what? There are

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gay and lesbian people today June the 24th 1990 in places like Van Buren, Arkansas, that will not hear a program like after hours or pick up a copy of this week in Texas or the Montrose voice or the Pride Week Guide or the Sunday paper from Houston and see something in Section F is that f is in Frank Yes. See, that's, that's very clever. I was looking for Section F of the post is that f is in Frank. Yes, it is.

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Jimmy Carper 05:11

And these are things we take for granted. What's that? The twit, the voice, the pride guide, all of this information that that is out there and the gay and lesbian community we tend to take for granted. We must never, never do that. Look at this.

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This is this is section. This is the Houston Post Sunday. June the 24th 1990. The Sunday Style

section F is that f is in Frank. Yes. And it says this is a this is a source the Houston area survey done by Dick Westbrook of the Houston Post. Our attitudes toward homosexuality, changing Houstonians oppose laws against homosexual relationships. But they're evenly divided on whether homosexual should be granted equal civil rights efforts to guarantee equal rights to homosexuals. In 1984 50%. Were for it and 41% against 1984 1985. The year the referendum 27% for granting us equal rights 27 are 59% against 1986 43% for 47% against let's get up to 9090 48% for 42% against to regaining a little ground. Should homosexuality be against the law? As it's remember, this is Dick Westbrook of the Houston Post. This is their survey section. F event F is in Frank Sunday, June the 24th 1990. Homosexuality should be against the law. 1987 35% agreed that it should be against the law. 56% said no. In 1990 Yes. 34% of Houstonians polled said yes, I'm a sexuality should be against the law. Yeah, 62% disagree. And homosexuality should be against the law. And you got to understand I'm openly gay and working for the Houston Houston Police Department. What I do in my bedroom is a crime. So figure it out. Well, then again, there's not any Saturday they're married, then again, it is a

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Jimmy Carper 07:31

crime, but it's it's along the same lines as littering. It's the same type of crime. Did you know that? Yes, I

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know. We don't even get into that because I'll go crazy and shouting obscenities and get in trouble. Okay. The Pride and Prejudice. That's what the this story is titled Pride and Prejudice by Clifford Pugh of the Houston Post staff. And it says whenever buddy Johnston returns from vacation, he always shows his photographs to his co workers at the Houston Police Department. But one time a fellow employee looked at the photographs and ask Why aren't there any people in them? I don't want to go on and read this. But it talks about him openly gay and you know what's wild about this story? What? Most of the people that I work with know that I'm gay? I mean, how could they not? Well, girl, it's just something that you don't hide. I mean, but everybody knows now. Yeah. I am going on. I'm going on a little trip this week. To go from Pride Week. Yes with Roger. And here we're going to come back next week a week from with new pictures new pics. Ya have to take them to work after this. Sure do. Isn't that wild? This is a wonderful article about Houston pride and

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Jimmy Carper 08:54

prejudiced it's hard to miss it because it's on the front page of Section F Yes, that's F as in Frank. With this great picture from last year's pride parade of the gay and lesbian switchboard. Several folks I know there. In fact, as I mentioned earlier, you can see the scalp of the blond bombshell if you look closely, is that his scalp? That's it and there's

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the dancing tongue. Sign. But you can see all of these folks tomorrow at the parade,

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Jimmy Carper 09:27

either with the switchboard or with after hours. See, that's the problem when you're an activist.

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Buddy Johnston 09:33

Oh, you're gonna march with Yeah. Where are you gonna march with? I'm marching with after hours. Okay. And if you'd like to march with after hours, please call us right now at five to six 4000 Or five to six KPFT and say yes, I want to be there and I'll march with you. And you can you can show up here tomorrow afternoon today this afternoon at two o'clock. We're going to be lining up right here in front of KPFT and KPFT, of course is in the Montrose. For girl I have to get up early. Oh Christ to be up earlier. Mary, I just haven't given you the rundown. Oh, I see. But this program this morning is dedicated to Alan Blackman. And we received this letter June The 20th 1989 says dear friends last week, I was visiting Houston. I turned on the radio at 3am. And to my amazement, I heard your program recalling the history of gay liberation. That voice of enlightenment in a city famous for its homophobia was very thrilling for me, you have my highest praise for your courage. I've now reached the age of 60. My early years were grim, hopeless and suicidal. If people like you had dared to speak out as role models, my life would have been positive and creative. Please don't give way to burn out or despair. Believe in our cause and keep working. It's so important for those who are out there and haven't found their voice yet. My thanks, and my love Alan Blackman. And that's what the gay movement is all about. The gay movement in Houston is all about Larry Rodriguez, listening to this program in 1987, calling me saying I love what you're doing. And I'm so excited, but no one can find out that I'm gay. And then little are Larry Rodriguez calling back a few months later and saying I listened to the Pride Week broadcast and it was so wonderful. And then in October of ADA calling and saying I listened to National Coming Out Day information, and I came out to my sister and she accepts me and life is so wonderful. And then when we were planning the celebration of life rally in Houston in 1988, with little or no help from the gay community. Unfortunately, as Ray Hill said a few minutes ago, there are a couple of people that think they have the whole shebang. But married that's not the way it is when we were planning that March. That rally on city hall. Little Larry Rodriguez called and said, I want to do something I want to I want to be a part of this. And I said, Well, Larry, are you going to like campus park cars? Do you want to make people there? And he said, No, I want to speak. And I thought, oh God, here's this kid that doesn't want anybody know he's gay. You're gonna get up on a live broadcast, because of course we broadcast live on KPFT. And you're gonna say something, I thought what am I going to get him to say? But we had Harry Britt here from the city of San Francisco who had sat and Harvey Milk's chair for 10 years, Harry Barrett had just been elected openly gay, as the President of the Board of Supervisors. So we're like 2425 of the people. But a little Larry Rodriguez got up in front of the folks at the rally, he read part of a poem that Harvey Milk spoke to us in Dallas. In fact, in Dallas, when he was debating someone by the name of Ray Hill, they were fighting on whether to have a National Gay Lesbian Congress or whether to go to Washington for a march and Harvey thought it was more important for us to be seen together than it would be to sit around and fight about the politics of what we were going to do. God knows he was right. But little Larry Rodriguez got up on stage and read the words of Harvey Milk about how we must come forward and set the example for you. Not because we're anything special, but just because we're there. And they not mainly because no one else is doing. But Harvey looked around the room and sit in you and you and you and you. You got to give them hope. And that's exactly what Larry said. And as Larry read those words, I don't think there was a dry eye on the steps of Houston City Hall. And Harry Britt,

who had sat in Harvey Milk seat for 10 years came over and put his arms around me. And he said, kid, you put on quite a show. And I said Harry, I didn't do anything. All I did was give a community already full of love and energy and life, a place to go. And that's what it's all about. It's not about the fact that we do wonderful things. And people try to slap us down happens in our personal life happens in our business life. And God knows we as gay and lesbian people face our share of hate and bigotry and homophobia. It's not that I or Jimmy or Ray Hill, none of us have done anything special. You can be the next Harvey Milk. Because I get news where you kids, there's not going to be another Harvey Milk or another ray Hill, your it, it's not going to get any better, no one's going to come to lead us away. Once we begin to understand once we begin to understand that 1000s And millions of us have shared in a history and a legacy of life and love. That's so precious or history is so precious. Once we begin to understand that, we don't have to be so stingy to have our name, the only name in the history books. We're not the hottest thing going kid. When we begin to think that we don't become good leaders anymore, as Harvey Milk says they're not gay leaders. They're offensive. And I come to you this morning, because if it wasn't for you, listening and coming down here today, to march with me in the parade, I would have nothing to do with it. Because there are a lot of self centered, greedy, hateful, stingy, homophobic people who want to act like they're the big leaders, and they're not. We're the leaders in this parade tomorrow, this is going to be our parade. Just like there are a lot of people in Washington that think they run this country wrong. The Constitution says we're the people. And that's what this is all about. One of these days, kids, I'm going to tell you some stories on my last broadcast, which may be about what what where this show came from where the community came from, where we're going, I want us to do is work together, I always thought that we could do that in the beginning, oh, we can just all get together and have a wonderful time it didn't work that way. Is everybody has their pride, and everybody has their egos. And unfortunately, some of our egos are bigger than others. I'm so surprised that those hot air balloons would not get off the ground down there. Because I'm sure there was a lot of hot air down.

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Jimmy Carper 17:30

This is the day we put all of that aside and just have a ball because all

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of that doesn't matter. That's right, we're gonna all be out there together. And it's gonna be one big party. And I know that you may be a police officer listening and wanting to call a child, I just hope you find the courage to do that. Life's too short not to tell us telling you this morning boys and girls, I would rather go to my grave today than to take one step back to where we came from.

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If I could change any of it, I wouldn't change any of it. Does that make any sense?

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You know, I have such wonderful friends. I'm openly gay at work and president of the Houston

YOU KNOW, I HAVE SUCH WONDERFUL FRIENDS. I'M OPENLY GAY AT WORK AND PRESIDENT OF THE HOUSTON Police support personnel union. Putting together what we think is a wonderful program every year every week for you. I really work hard on this. And I think that you enjoy it. I don't know whether you do or not. We're very hard at what we do. And we, as human beings, don't have to always be on top. Or we can stop once in a while and pat ourselves on the back. And that's what we're going to do today. As a community. We're all gonna get together. We're all gonna pat ourselves on the back. And we want you to be a part of it. Listen to it on the radio, watching it on television, looking at it in the newspapers. It's not gonna mean diddly.

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Jimmy Carper 19:24

Certainly not as good as being there. And getting in that excitement. Watching people enjoying themselves. People of all persuasions holding hands, hugging, having a good time. And the floats and the spectacle. Hey, nobody can put on a parade like some queens and the lesbians.

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Girl you want to you want to be a part of the parade with us. Five to six 4005 to six KPFT cause now Jeff

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Mine eyes have seen coming out of queers homophobes have trampled on our rights they've done so out of fear we have lost our rising anger it's plainly clear that gays are marching on clothes

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gay man go homosexual I was marching in our homes and honestly God we were murdered in the Holocaust by this lies AIDS is killing all denies but gays keep marching

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go glory glory glory glory I'm Sasha marshy



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that she loves



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Marjorie



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got me you wealthy man have to work at all around



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after hours radio celebrating life from the heart of the Montrose we're here and five to six 4005
to six KPFT if you want to come have it with us in this parade today yeah it's gonna be great
you're short and hairy calm



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there's not a sold out



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Ciao



J Jimmy Carper 27:11

gave version



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a brand new from the flirtation yeah which happens to be Michael Collins new group



J Jimmy Carper 27:20

Well I hate to say that it's because only because Michael Carolyn is the one person we know out of that group because it's it's five young men with a lot of talent. They'd gray it yeah it's a it's a new CD they do 16 different songs



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Jimmy Carper 27:40

that's yeah, they do that there they do a little insert there from remember Diana Ross's ain't no mountain high enough where she does. Does this real dramatic reading in the middle. Yeah, they do that it's a little tongue in cheek. It's kind of fun.



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Who is this again?



Jimmy Carper 27:57

The flirtations and you know him is to love him.



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Brand New Music i Hi, I'm the flirtations. That fun. Isn't that great?



Jimmy Carper 28:14

You know, they do a lot of serious stuff on there, too. They, you notice that there's a cut called on children that Hearthstone has done recently. It's will play that



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did today, or do they seem tomorrow? Oh, they sank today? Right? I always miss everything. I hate working evenings.



Jimmy Carper 28:36

They did a 30 They did a 30 minute show. Top stuff. Oh, really? Yeah.



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They think fight back? No, they



J Jimmy Carper 28:44

didn't get that one.



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Well, we got it right here and we'll play it in a little bit. Oh, good. They did. That is some pretty serious stuff in it. Mm hmm. But sometimes you gotta get serious. Yeah.



J Jimmy Carper 29:01

Thank you, man.



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And thank you, Matt, for calling in and saying please play something for all those who have marched in past parades that can't be here to march with us today. Yeah. And there are lots of I think about Bruce Cook. That Oh, yeah, he didn't we certainly didn't censor him on the steps of City Hall. Too fast.



J Jimmy Carper 29:25

And he made that famous speech. We can't even tell you the title of that famous speech.



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It's true. Hey, you want to win some tickets to Torch Song Trilogy?



J Jimmy Carper 29:36

No kidding. We've got tickets to give away do we? Well, let's say Yeah, right here. Okay. Torch Song Trilogy is playing its stages.



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If you're listening this morning, obviously you are and you heard what color my shorts are going to be in the parade tomorrow. Call us up and you can pair tickets to Torch Song Trilogy if you're calling Number Five

30:00
yeah

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celebrating life from the heart of the Montrose we're here

J Jimmy Carper 30:09
and work we're we are Yeah.

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Okay girl did we give away those ticket? Wait,

J Jimmy Carper 30:16
did we did Linda is our winner? What color the shorts? Hot Pink? That's right. She's a winner. Yeah. Can we give away something else? Well, we've got lots of things to give away. We want to give away a set of random haul.

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Around in romanovski and Phil Yeah. All their albums.

J Jimmy Carper 30:39
All three. We got an entire set. Okay, we got hired this guy graphy Yeah, we have

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the complete works of romanovski and Phillips. And if you're a caller number 12. Yes, and five to six 4000. And you have to know the color of my shorts. No, that's not fair. You have to tell us what was write this down, right? Because it's gonna be a trick question. Oh, there's 69 questions. Oh. Write it down girl. Yeah, right. What's the name of the song we just played from Torch Song Trilogy? Okay. That's the first question. When Harvey Milk's as Harvey What do you think about the turnout? What does Harvey always say? And what Alan from San Francisco always saying every week. Yeah, those are the three things you got to answer. What's the name of the song we just played from Torch Song Trilogy? When Harvey Milk as Kay Harvey, you got a few words for KPFA What do you think about the turnout? What does Harvey always

say? And what the hell is Alan always saying every week from San Francisco. This is a three parter. And you'll get the complete works Romanovsky and Phillips five to six 4005 to 6k P F T that's the number to call. Call on number 12 We're waiting for you.

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Harvey Milk 32:20

I think that's Robin Tyler on the stage we miss Swensons Rosh shatter them. We must continue to speak out. And most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must come out you must tell your immediate family. You must tell your relatives. You must tell your friends if indeed they are your friend. You must tell your neighbor you must tell the people your work. You must tell the people the story you shopping once they realize that we are indeed their children and we are indeed everywhere. Every every lie, every new window will be destroyed

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Okay, girl, we have a winner. Not yet.

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Five to six 4005 to six KPFT. We want to know the name of the song we just played from a Torch Song Trilogy. We want to know what Harvey Milk says when he's asked. Hey, Harvey, you got a few words for KPFA What do you think about the turnout? Yes. And we want to know what Alan that queen from San Francisco says every week when we just punch that button. Five to six 4005 to six KPFT we get to march in the parade. Look, it's three o'clock. 12 hours from now and we have a winner. We really Yeah. Carry carrying. Uh huh. From spring is the winner this morning.

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Jimmy Carper 34:18

I will be sending those albums out to you personally is

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Carrie gonna come march in the parade? Well, I don't know. We could deliver those albums to Carrie right away. Mm hmm. Carrie says we just played from Torch Song Trilogy. dame's we did, right? We did that.

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Jimmy Carper 34:37

And when that guy says, Hey, Harvey,

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that guy. That guy is Phillip martyr. He's the AFL is with the gay radio collective in San Francisco. Oh, yeah. That guy has been doing gay radio longer than God. Yes, even longer than some people we know. Yeah.

J Jimmy Carper 35:00

And you're desperately looking for that CD for that while for that little is it

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in any other time Mary it'd be laying right here on top of me how? Oh? Hey, Harvey once you got a few words for KPFA what?

J Jimmy Carper 35:16

LA is Terry's on the phone.

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Line one she see Mary She is uh, she, Carrie. Hi. I'm sorry. I don't think this is gonna work. Hang on one second. Okay. We have got

J Jimmy Carper 35:32

this technical problem with this telephone. Yeah, it really is awful any

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better? Not really. Oh, well, we'll

J Jimmy Carper 35:40

have to muddle through.

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Pick that phone up Mary. Yeah. Great. Oh, great. To have your albums here at the station for you don't want me to get girl. Okay. Okay. Bye. Carrie, she she married?

J Jimmy Carper 36:05

How embarrassing is going to be marching with this. Yes. Now that second question. Well, I can't find the tape. Well, we'll just have to tell them.

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I've got some scattered everywhere. Why don't we have to tell him? Why can't I just play it?

J Jimmy Carper 36:19

Because you can't find the damn thing. It's it's the one where they were fill fill up. comes up. Just sing a little ditty Hall if Harvey and he really want me to sing a little she still can't find it. It can't go that far. I mean, well, it did.

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It's right here in front of me, girl. Oh, of course.

J Jimmy Carper 36:53

And here we go.

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We wanted to know when Philip asked Harvey. I already have a few words for KPFA.

H Harvey Milk 36:58

Come on out. Join us. Bring a friend. What do you think about the turnout so far? Well, it's never enough. Never enough. Never enough. There you

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go. And Carrie was the winner. She had it just right. That's right. There were no yes. Also, what is it that Alan always says in San Francisco? Or does he say we clear?

J Jimmy Carper 37:24

It Yeah,

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I mean, you've been listening and we will have those albums for you. Today. I gotta go. You do? Yeah, I gotta push this button because we need to play this tape.

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Jimmy Carper 37:35

Oh, this is the Stonewall thing. Now this is this is i I've done a lot of reading a lot of listening on Stonewall stuff. And I think in my opinion, this is the best tape on what really happened at Stonewall that you're ever going to hear. Yeah,

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we got to take a break and we'll be back in just a second. Hang on. Okay.

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can see all the things in front of me? I'll open my arms and I hope this welcome.

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Hi, I'm Kevin Harrell, I asked to show called beat box and beat box we play the latest and industrial year OB house and all your favorites. So join beat box every Thursday morning from 230 to 5am. The only alternative priority KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. There was a crippling disease that no amount of medical research can cure. No amount of fundraising by telephones can prevent a disease most often transmitted from parent to child, and unchecked in its early stages can be fatal. The disease is called racism. Its early symptom is the belief that one's racial group is somehow superior to others. In advanced stages, the symptoms of racism are violence, death and destruction. A cure however exists. It's a nonsurgical change of heart It takes time, effort and understanding compassion, forgiveness, respect. Let us agree today that in our homes, in our hearts and in our lives, we will all promote and encourage racial harmony, unity and understanding. This message in support of race unity was brought to you by the behind faith