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SPEAKERS

Chris Harrison, Bobby, Jimmy Carper, Roy McCarthy



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Yeah, even the Axman is now starting to demand a special rate for killing off my wife. So



Bobby 00:07

he headed two of his wives.



Chris Harrison 00:10

So he started this church, so that he can and declared himself the head of the church, the Anglican Church, the Queen of England right now. And eventually the King of England, whether it's Charles or William is going to be the head, the titular head of the church. So he was able to grant his own divorce, divorce or annulment. So it's like, this is the basis we're talking. When we look at religion, you know, every religion has got the funny customs on that. And, you know, we can sit and we can debate and this is gonna be something's gonna be debated for years,



Bobby 00:46

at some time, decades, from the look of it.



Chris Harrison 00:49

Well, yeah, I mean, we've got San Francisco now up to like 4000 gay couples that they have issued certificates, marriage certificates to the lower courts are saying, you know, we're not touching.

B Bobby 01:03

I'm sorry, it's political poison.

C Chris Harrison 01:05

You didn't include a semi colon in this one thing. So we're not going to read your, your your, that

B Bobby 01:13

gets me. I was like, I couldn't believe that. That was the reason that the excuse they used not to make a ruling on that thing was they did put a semi they didn't put a semicolon or something in the wrong spot. Yeah.

C Chris Harrison 01:29

I missed that. What happened was one of the briefs that one of the the anti marriage groups, or were they are not one of the legal.

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No, lawyers underwear,

C Chris Harrison 01:46

they left out the semi colon. And the sound I call them was necessary for proper grammar for the sentence to make sense. So the judge said, you know, this isn't an improper form, I can't accept it. So I'm not gonna listen to your argument. There was another judge reaching another judge said, Okay, I'm going to say that they really shouldn't be doing this. But you know, I'm, if they, if they decide they want to keep doing it, then they've got to show up next month, and tell me why they should be allowed to keep doing this. So the judges are basically saying, Bring it on, we don't care. But why on the Lone Star activist group, their rainbow was put out a thing saying of the semi colon is going to be the new symbol of the queer community. We should put, we should put semi colons between all the floats in the Pride Parade.

R Roy McCarthy 02:40

But I'll say this, that is part of the churches are concerned, if you want to if you want to go if a person wants to go and follow the dictates of a particular church or religion, fine, go there and do it. But leave civil marriage, civil marriage, before a judge or whomever take place. And another thing too, is that not all marriages that I recognize, were performed in front of a judge

or in a church. Some of these marriages that are legal marriages are just plain old common law marriage, where, where the guy and the woman have lived together in Texas for six months. Husband and wife with joint bills.

 Chris Harrison 03:30

I mean, I used to think that it was I thought I used to think before that all you needed was the magic marriage certificate and a couple of witnesses you didn't even need just as a piece, but it's been changed around now. I mean, this past year, I've been to two weddings. Both of them were my brothers. One of them was a full blown Roman Catholic, church wedding.

 Bobby 03:52

That can be an event and I asked him

 Chris Harrison 03:58

where were I was the best man.

 Roy McCarthy 04:04

Best Man. Well,

 Chris Harrison 04:05

unfortunately, I had to fight and hurt the bride sister one. One matron of honor I read

 Bobby 04:11

to see you and

 Chris Harrison 04:13

oh, I look damn good.

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But you seen the dressing gown.

 Bobby 04:19

I hate tuxedos. I hate doing all that. I never wore one

 Chris Harrison 04:23

I have this is the first time I was in a tux and you know, it was good.

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It was kind of Dash I get a lot. I

 Chris Harrison 04:32

get a lot of columns. I don't care who you are. If you're

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in a tux, you look good. The

 Bobby 04:38

last time I wore tux to a wedding, I was a ring bearer. And, and it was 1979. And I and you remember what does anybody here remember what tuxes look like in 1970. With a ruffle thing happening and the pin and like the striping around the

 Chris Harrison 04:58

lapels, you can't complain You can't complain about the ruffles. You still wear them? Yes.

 Bobby 05:05

Oh my god,

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are you kidding? He deliberately wears them now.

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I was gonna say I went to an interesting wedding. I went to a druid wedding. When I went to the Renaissance, so much more fun. Yes, I was the sword holder. I nailed the sword. You know, I've

always hold my sword but I was the one is supposed to challenge the man to see if he was ready to be her husband. But

 Roy McCarthy 05:28

I'll say this though the whole thing about weddings. I can remember back in the 70s in the late 60s toying with that idea. That was one of the things that within the first week after Stonewall people were talking about now as far back as then talking about that I do have to make a correction on something that appeared last week and in one of the local gay newspapers, saying that the first gay pride rally happened three weeks after the Stonewall Riots malarkey it happened two days later. And the first gay pride parade happened one week later to celebrate. It was called the Gay Pride March. And to celebrate one week of Stonewall to

 Bobby 06:13

gain liberation March.

 Roy McCarthy 06:17

Get one week, exactly one week after Stonewall. But two days after Stonewall. We had our first rally at Washington Park not three weeks later, like this one person is going around saying that he knows what he's talking about. He doesn't. Okay,

 Chris Harrison 06:37

well, let's Anyhow, let's step out for a second. Let's let's put a little music in your ear here for a second and we'll be back with the rest of the round table.

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So stick it in

 Chris Harrison 06:53

Yes, we are back and you know I don't have a clue who that was but I'll throw the CD around. That was Justin Tranter and Jimmy had in there it was either blending or I won't stand I didn't see the number before I checked it out of the CD player. Jimmy just kind of reach over my shoulder and smack the thing. He stuck it you know,

 Bobby 07:20

I was we were just talking about swords and things like and what you do in certain rituals and stuff like that. And it's like, you know, in ancient tradition for pagan things, you know, if you

didn't answer as somebody held a, you know, sword to it at your chest or throat if you didn't answer. Yeah. How do you come into the circle and perfect love and and perfect trust? You didn't make it to the wedding night? Because you became a shish kebab. Oh, yeah. But now I mean, thankfully, weddings are a little tamer these days are a little more civilized.

 Chris Harrison 08:03

Slightly. Okay, let's let everybody know you're listening to after hours queer radio with attitude here on KPFT Houston. Coming up at the top of the hour is

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Rasta vibrations.

 Chris Harrison 08:15

Thank you. I just

 Bobby 08:17

he's so blanked on that right there. It was like, wow.

 Chris Harrison 08:19

The funny thing is I know that feeling the first the first show that popped into my head was that to go past Saturday, and I go inside to go Pasquale later on tonight and they originally when the show started, they were on after us. So it was like going, I know it's not so I had a couple sigh But I would Rasta vibrations. I think it just pulled in here just a moment ago. Zydeco

 Bobby 08:44

at that hour of the morning

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who isn't sciatica, what they do after esoteric adventures,

 Chris Harrison 08:50

well known. Officially it is the lead abolish show, which is Zydeco polka. You bring a Squeezebox and the

B Bobby 09:03

polka. Oh, that's Lawrence Volkow. Cajun. Yeah. Yeah.

R Roy McCarthy 09:08

Just wanted to see if we can just move on to another subject altogether. I wanted my sad passing of a institution here in the Montrose for for many years, the demise of the low. I remember back in the early 80s, how Larry Lingle would have these editorials and what was known at the time as the Montrose voice. And it was always on the inside of the front page. And it was and the guy was, yeah, it was pretty right on most of his stuff. And well, for whatever reason, they're gone. Lobos is gone and this will be sadly missed. I have various funeral services will be well,

C Chris Harrison 09:55

the downside is from what I've heard, is the fact that you know, there's not even gonna be going out of business sale?

R Roy McCarthy 10:01

I know. Yeah. That's really sad

C Chris Harrison 10:05

that that basically, you know, I mean, there's the story you heard in the voice, there's a story you heard on Lone Star activist.

B Bobby 10:12

And then the 4 billion rumors in between those. Yes. The

C Chris Harrison 10:16

downside with the community is the fact that you know, people have their different things what you have and you know, someone's gonna willing to say something different when they're talking to a reporter than when they're talking to a person on the street. And so the Lone Star activist goes a little bit more into what happened with the fact is this from the science you see on the wall on the door, the landlord took possession because of rent arrears. And, you know, that's the Donald. I mean,

B Bobby 10:44

the downside is that they've been in business 30 years, and they're gone. And they were the first but when I first came to Montrose, I mean, I had never been in a gay bookstore. I had never been in any. The very first gay establishment I was in was Mary's. The condolences. Yeah, but I mean, but Lobos was the first bookstore where I found, oh, my god, gay oriented clothing, books. I mean, putting aside the video, whatever. Yeah, I mean, just merchandise that screamed gay shirts, that blew me away. That was a magical thing for a 22 year old, who had who had yet to experience the community in full. You know,

C Chris Harrison 11:31

one of the comments I made with Lone Star activists, I heard a story a couple months ago about a guy up in Pennsylvania who was charged with rape. And on the stand, he had to come out and say that he was gay, as his defense for how do you rate these teenage girls, I'm gay. And so we kicked around, and I said, that's part of the reason why I carry my Lobo card, because it's the closest thing I can do to say, I'm a car carrier.

R Roy McCarthy 11:58

Well, I carry around my Midtown spa cards.

B Bobby 12:01

My Lobos card is still somewhere in my apartment. I know it is. I haven't used it in ages, but I know it's in there somewhere. So you know, this is gonna be a memento.

C Chris Harrison 12:13

I mean, this is this was I got that logo card back when they're at their old location. When it was really scary to walk upstairs. Yeah,

R Roy McCarthy 12:21

it really was. It was really

B Bobby 12:23

scary, because you never knew if that staircase was going to come out for Monday, number one, that I would go up that thing and pray that I made it to the top, the whole

C Chris Harrison 12:32

thing wiggled and che it was it was a scary proposition climbing those stairs.

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Roy McCarthy 12:38

It will definitely be sorely missed. And I think one of the reasons why he may have fell in arrears if he did, was a drop off in business because of the new complication that Brian was brighter and bigger and a lot more possible.

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Chris Harrison 12:55

Well, the thing is this Hollywood, Hollywood book and cafe, basically, they're a they are a coffee shop that offers the books,

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Roy McCarthy 13:04

and magazines and videos

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Chris Harrison 13:06

and the videos and accessories and accessories. Tolo was a bookstore. And unfortunately, now nowadays, I can understand part of what he says in the paper is the fact you know, you can go to Barnes and Noble and pick up conduct unbecoming tales in the city, you can go there and there's a couple of bookshelves worth of, okay, we're now you're not going to go into Barnes and Noble and you're not going to find joy, you're not going to find the poor now. You're not going to find those. Soon. Again,

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you go into Barnes and Noble and you can pick up a copy of Caligula the unrated version. But

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Chris Harrison 13:51

the fact is, you know, you can get some of the stuff from Barnes and Noble you know, you've got the internet now,

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Bobby 13:57

where you had cuts into all kinds of business you can

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Chris Harrison 14:01

get I mean, you know, I sat back there and I checked one of my emails. Okay. And Stephens not here right now to testify. I went through six meg of photos on my email account. And you know.

here right now to teach, I went through six pages of photos on my phone account and, you know, some of them there weren't a stitch of clothing on the boy.

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So yeah, let the bookstores I was wondering could you find a gay Kama Sutra somewhere? There

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Chris Harrison 14:25

was actually got it in Barnes and Noble doesn't have it okay. in shock. They can order it for you. Any book there, they can look that up. You can go online and you can order the stuff. So they come Yeah, you don't have to have that much of a physical store anymore because there's many many options. So yes, they're cutting in half

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Bobby 14:47

when they started

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Jimmy Carper 14:48

what is the book The joy of gay sex? Yeah, believe it is by edited by Silverstein and somebody else I want to forget. updated version includes a eats, but it's very, very just laid out factually no bias at all for any any sexual practice.

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Chris Harrison 15:07

I mean, you know, there's many of these outlets for it, because you can get there. And personally what and so I mean Lobo Whaddon on the the Lobo Terrier, the cafe, which was doing a great job. But you know, personally, what I think happened was the fact Crossroads closed. A lot of the 20 Somethings a lot less than 20 Somethings, the twinks the chickens someplace started going to low, we're sitting out front. And you know, I think some people may think weren't mine, they may bought a coffee. And some of the people felt uncomfortable going into Lobo getting videos, because you had all these tweets guys out front that may have caused I'm not blaming, I'm back, they had a back door. Yeah, I'm not I'm not gonna I'm not saying I'm not going to be like the other bookstore that closed down and say, you know, it's because of these 20 You're 20 less than 20 year old punks is what shut us down. But I'm saying that could be part of it. The fact that you know, the internet is out there and you can get these magazines you can get these videos and they're gonna delivered to your house, you don't have to go into the club

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Bobby 16:13

takes it takes, you know, one thing does not close down a business. It's it's a collection of things exactly. That conspires to make it we're not gay or straight. Whether it is it is just about

the business. It is. It is if you're not, if your audience, if your clientele changes, if or the or the availability of what you usually give now, changes to a wider audience. And available in other places, you don't become as necessary anymore. It's a sad but true fact. And

 Chris Harrison 16:54

also, I mean, like so yeah, you've got a fact that, you know, definitely one of their neighbors was not very gay friend, like, you know, which is very stupid. If you're gonna move into the place when the address of Montrose and B have a home vote. We're not talking about General Joe. Sorry, I'm not talking about anyplace. Don't ask me what type of place and I won't tell you. You won't? You won't. But you know, I mean, could I get ice cream? Yeah, no. Go shop. In fact, he's, I mean, you've, you've got some place that may not have been too happy with this, their landlord may have been jacking up their right rates. People are going to do that in this neighborhood. I mean, God, it's just, I mean, now nowadays, you don't stick up somebody with a gun as much as you do with a lease. Crossroads

 Bobby 17:45

must have been paying a mint for the location that they had. Yeah, I mean, you know, the, the way businesses sometimes

 Chris Harrison 17:55

it's gonna fluctuate, it's gonna move, it's going to ebb and flow. And unfortunately, and we're now in a situation where you know, Houston, the closest thing we have to a gay bookstore is now Hollywood Book, book and cafe. Fortunately, I think they've got a strong base. They seem to be doing well. And plus, I think they own the building. And

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the day that they

 Chris Harrison 18:16

built that whole play. Yeah. The whole ampersand center. Yeah. Is there so I was about

 Bobby 18:21

to say when you were talking about the other symbol, the semicolon G, and just when we thought it was going to be the ampersand that was going to be

 Chris Harrison 18:30

we teased about that monkey patrol that we refer to as an ampersand central why ampersand because all the stores there it's book and cafe hair and nails. And real Chinese and Japanese. Yeah, and ampersand ampersand is the name for the and so the

B Bobby 18:47

squint for the squiggly, squiggly thing, which

C Chris Harrison 18:50

is actually the bastardization of the letters e. T, which is Latin for and the more you know about that? It's I mean, it's sad to lose logo.

B Bobby 19:06

It is sad to lose it but you know,

C Chris Harrison 19:09

can you do once it's gone? Yeah, in the thing is this. One thing about this community is if the community wants feels something about something like love, though, it should be around, you know, it's going to come back, something's going to come back. Something will be there to replace it. Someone's going to look out there and say, You know what, these queers need some place to go by a rainbow candle, and a billy doll and \$5 Porno videos.

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This is mine and his. Yeah, you

R Roy McCarthy 19:39

can get that at Hollywood cafe in bookstores, but fond

B Bobby 19:44

memories of those T shirts from way back when that used to say things like that, Sergeant fagot to you and stuff like that. Yeah. So

C Chris Harrison 19:53

if someone out there and you know, it could even be a straight person. They're looking to see you know. the the queer community needs something like that. There's going to be Something

you know, the the queer community needs something like that. There's going to be something that I'm trying

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to figure out why didn't they tell anybody that this stuff was going on?

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Chris Harrison 20:05

You know, there's a lot of places that don't want you want to admit that you're like, Well, you know, part of it was the fact that, you know, he owned when he own one in and New York, the Oscar Wilde bookstore, when the public got wind that he was going to be having to close it down because he couldn't afford it anymore. The community got together, and some peoples finally stepped forward and said, We'll buy it from you to keep this institution open. And he sold it at a loss. Which is which, you know, sounds bad, but you know, what, if you sell it for a loss, then completely, I mean, you even if you sell it for like, 10,000, less than it's worth, you know, if you just let it piss away, you're not getting anything, really. So you're getting something who knows what happens? You know, there's a lot of stories, a lot of rumors going around on why it went down. Why it went down so quickly why no one

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Bobby 20:55

knew, you know, in the end, doesn't really matter. Because it's gone, it's

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Chris Harrison 21:00

gone. Like I said, I'm we could have Larry sitting in this chair right here, we'd have to move first of all, if he wants to sit in your lap. He could be sitting here. And you know, we still may not understand why we still may never really know the whole story of what's going on. So oh,

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Roy McCarthy 21:19

there's a new thing on DVD. A gay filmmaker. This is his name, a dog. His name is a dog. And he recently released a documentary trilogy stories from the war on homosexuality on DVD. So you can go to your bookstore and get it if you can

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Chris Harrison 21:39

find a bookstore. With a dog in it. We're coming here close to the end. Don't forget ladies know on Monday, after you get done listening to queer voices on from eight to 10pm check over Comedy Central. I'm going to be watching it. It's the straight plan for the gay man.

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There is their little take

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Chris Harrison 22:01

on Queer Eye for the Straight Guy people that I think is going to be interesting programming people

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Bobby 22:06

do the silliest thing.

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Yeah, well, this is going to be a group of straight men trying to teach a gay man how to act like one of them. So

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Chris Harrison 22:15

yes, we wish. All right. Well, thank you all for being part of the roundtable tonight.

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Roy McCarthy 22:21

I'm big Roy, Bobby.

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Chris Harrison 22:25

I have not a clue. So we're gonna come in here and tell me because I've got you didn't leave me a seat. Is this the CD case? Okay. The camp town shakers.

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Jimmy Carper 22:33

This is gay bluegrass.

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Chris Harrison 22:35

They look right and we are listening to flatwoods we'll see you next week. And you are listening to after hours is the end of after hours queer radio with attitude. Coming up next is Rasta vibrations.

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This is Ross stem on is here. And so you

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Chris Harrison 22:53

are listening right now to Pacifica radio for the Gulf Coast. KPFT 90.1 FM Houston 89.5 Galveston, and you can always click on the worldwide web at KPFT dot O R G we'll be back next week.