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Jimmy Carper 00:09

The following program contains language or images of a frank or sensitive nature, which may be considered objectionable by some listener discretion is advised. Oh yes, you've tuned into after hours a continuing tradition on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. The crew of after hours is ready to bring you news, interviews and music geared for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people. Hear it after hours, we may be diverse, but we have one thing in common. We are all out of the closet and urge everyone to come out of their closets. That means standing up for yourself, taking responsibility for your own life, and being proud of who you are. Realistically, we know not everyone can do that because of a job or frame of mind. That's okay. We're here for you too. So sit back, relax, and enjoy this week's edition of after hours. Was the princess and she was it hard to do? It was very easy. And welcome to after hours square radio with attitude right here on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station, Bryan. I'm Jimmy Carper. And with me tonight is not Scott. Right? In fact, that's kind of why I played that Sunday. My principal comes Scott. Tisha, where are you, dear? We, yes. Welcome to another edition. Well, you see what happened this month is that everybody had to do other things at different times. And so everybody's schedule has changed. Just for this month. People are here on odd nights and they're not used to that. And you're always here because, because that's the kind of guy I am.

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I went to Lobos a couple of hours ago. Yeah. And door and I saw this really, really cute little button we were gonna get for you. Oh, but I can't say that over the the actual picture. Well, I can't if I use medical terms, but I just looked at it. And I said, Jim, no, I see. I see. It look like your hand.

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Jimmy Carper 03:31

Oh, where was it?



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I should buy this and he can autograph it. Yeah. So Jimmy.



J Jimmy Carper 03:40

Oh, well, let's go to some music, please. And this one is for Scott. Scott Lewis. Wherever he may be. It's the the theme from the movie Orlando and it's called. Coming that's true. Jimmy Somerville with I'm coming theme from Orlando. This is gonna this seems to be turning into a music show isn't necessarily and coming up with something that is not new. But I haven't played it before. I just discovered it. It's the Williams brothers and those are the nephews of Andy Williams. They're twins. And one one of the twins just came out of the closet about six months ago. Thinking I need to do funky stuff. Okay, okay. It's okay. And they do a remake a cover of an old song from the 60s. I don't know long time ago



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when you were young.



J Jimmy Carper 04:47

Even older than that.



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No, and this is the archive edition.



J Jimmy Carper 04:53

After hours Yes. No, this is this is a song. In fact, they It's not an album that they did in 1991, I believe or 92. And this was before one of them came out of the closet. So that's why the song has special meaning because it says a lot for the gay lesbian, the queer community. It's called people are people. Melissa from her brand new one. It's an unusual kiss.



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That's not really her brand brand new one. Because she's on a compilation.



J Jimmy Carper 05:37

Oh, yeah. And what's the name of it?



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I always get it wrong.



J Jimmy Carper 05:42

It's a shady thing.



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It ain't nothing. Oh, yeah, it's I think it is a sheet thing, but it has salt and pepper. It has green with Tifa. Yeah, who say like she's saying no, and she's not rapping and Oh, really? Good talk. Yeah. Can we talk?



J Jimmy Carper 05:57

I would play her. She's not queer or anything, but she's a feminist.



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Well, there have been rumors. Oh, yeah. Yes, for a long time. Well, and that was one of the things that made me listen to her rap. I don't listen to a lot of rap. But you know, there was, you know, this rumor that there was this really big, positive. Yeah, you know, black rap singer and she, she never seen any kind of negative songs. And I started listening to some of her rap and I have some of her CDs. And then she came out on this one and she's singing and I mean, it's real. And I've seen the video Coker Oh, I like it. It's really good thing. Hey, girl, of course. I didn't bring it tonight. Because, you know, I was telling Jim every time I come over here, I love all my stuff over here. She's such a pushy, pushy, pushy queen. May I leave? Oh, no, not you like all my hair. You know? Yeah, well, whatever.



J Jimmy Carper 06:52

Whatever. Yeah. I didn't know. I didn't know I was doing a music show either. Well, you're not. No, there weren't any tacky queens here tonight. You were a faggot. Before you were a dyke.



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I've always been a fan. I'm a faggot trapped in a Diags.



J Jimmy Carper 07:18

Before we before we go to somewhere. I wanted to talk about this article in the paper and it was in the on the news to about Simpsons diner, which is it's it's, you know, these

manufactured diners. They look like railroad cars. You may have seen it used to be around. Yeah, it used to be around the factories, none in Texas right now. And Simpsons is coming back. It's been it's closed here and 76. And it was hauled off to like Madison Ville or someplace like that. And now some guys bringing it back. Now, it's not going to be at the old location, which was right on Main Street, around the corner from the exile. And how did you know it was there, Jim? Because I went to Simpsons diner in the late 60s. But the Buddha the take, I don't remember the food. But I do remember other things. If you read the article that that was in the in the paper, you know that they quote, Louis Welch and other people who talked about going to Simpson Snyder and all that, but you know, they didn't talk to anybody from the gay and lesbian community. And if they did,

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what would they say?

J Jimmy Carper 08:30

Well, I have an experience from The Simpsons diner back in the late 60s. I haven't experienced from everywhere. Yes, the bad honey. But I remember being in that diner at Oh to 230 in the morning. And it was filled with queers, because exile had closed and everybody from exile came over to Simpsons. And there was a long line to get into the bathroom. The bathroom. Well, nobody was going to the bathroom but they sure wanted in there

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was a really huge bathroom, right?

J Jimmy Carper 09:07

No, it wasn't real huge. It was you know,

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this is radio people need a couple of

J Jimmy Carper 09:12

people at a time fit very comfortably together in their

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love those quaint places coming back.

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Jimmy Carper 09:21

It was a great place. I'm glad it's back. It's not going to be in the same location though. It's going to be in you know, like Westheimer Fondren area, and it's going to be just the facade to it like a huge diner that they're building, but still, I'm glad all Simpsons is back in town, and I'm glad to spread the stories.

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Thank you, papa Jamie,

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Jimmy Carper 09:42

let's go. Speaking of spreading some stories. Boy George does does it on his new album, and it's my favorite song on the whole thing. It's called unfinished business. We'll be back Ooh, yeah. Russell McCoy from his album, the gravity bale and that is really fine stuff if you can find that. Pick it up. And you might find it at Crossroads or Inklings perhaps slow bow? I don't think so. Lobo carries a minimum amount of music and that's usually the most popular stuff. But a lot of stuff you with me now? I'm Jimmy and you'll listen to after hours. So with me now is Lee Jack. Yes. We're just talking about a lot of alternative music can be found at sound waves right here in the TROs. Yes, I know I found a copy of extra fancy which is, which is a queer punk group. And long ago, about a month ago,

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and it's not even categorized no as alternative. It's it's like there with everybody. with everybody else. It's wonderful. I

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Jimmy Carper 11:00

found a lot of queer artists over it. It soundwaves just mixed in with every there's no queer no category. I

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No, no, no. No, you don't really have to look for because, you know, like, on a front shelf, or whatever. Like, like these two guys that are that used to be with Madonna. They had their own.

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Jimmy Carper 11:21

Oh, yeah. Miguel in the weeds.



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Yes. Yes, yes. Yes. Yes. I saw saw them on a front rack once and I just thought to myself, What the hell? Oh, I'm in the right spot.



J Jimmy Carper 11:33

This out loud compilation I bought. Yeah. Yeah. And it's got all kinds of queries on it.



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I love soundwaves Oh, I didn't have some cutest men who work there.



J Jimmy Carper 11:42

They do. As a matter of fact. No, me. Hello, my



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little short. Walk over little Santa Claus hat.



J Jimmy Carper 11:48

What do you up to you do have a Santa Claus hat on? Yeah. And a tie?



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Yeah. Well, I was going to to a wedding. But then my date upset me and pissed me off a little bit. So I've kept the shirt and tie that I put on a couple of pairs of blue jeans, Santa Claus hat and went to a couple of bars and said, hey, oh, not just my middle name anymore.



J Jimmy Carper 12:12

You are known for political activism? Yeah. So what's been going on? You have smiles on your faces on your face.



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Yeah, well, we well, we finally won, ya know, few years. Yeah, no

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Jimmy Carper 12:26

kidding. And one one really nicely. Yes.

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Yeah. Yes.

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Jimmy Carper 12:31

That's it. I think the gay community is still torn about this. Yeah. And but but I think they'll come around once once. Reverend, Reverend Don Boney is in office? I think so. I think he's going to surprise a lot of people. Yes. Yeah. And I don't know why what people are afraid of? Well, him.

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A lot of people are afraid, especially gay people are afraid of the activist type image or the

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Jimmy Carper 13:00

activist type. But he's also in so many instances. He's been on the side. Yeah. Of Gay causes. Yeah. Yeah. He truly has and, and espousing gay causes to the black community, which is, you know, if you're not in the black person, or if you're not in the black community, that's a pretty scary thing to do.

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Is it really is because you're going against the church. Yes. Yes. And the church is the foundation of the African American. Yes. And they can make you or break you, you bet. And it's amazing that he has been a mediator in situations like this, because what what would have expected to happen was that by receiving the gay and lesbian blue caucus endorsement, the churches would have turned their backs on him. More churches jumped on the bandwagon, because he said, Well, you know, because I was endorsed by the gay and lesbian caucus, does that make me gay? Or a lesbian? Right? And I think that that by receiving the gay and lesbian caucus endorsement, it was a brave step number one, and number two, by coming to our community and by talking to people and by experiencing or establishing a relationship with the people in the community a lot. So a people then said, Well, hey, I think that this is the guy that I need to vote, because there are large some people who don't know Don, and, and their perception of him is what the media has portrayed him as, over these many years and trust he is no saint. He is not

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Jimmy Carper 14:35

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he's a human being. he's



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a human being surprise.



Jimmy Carper 14:38

Yeah. You know, for some reason, we expect our political people to be saints. Yeah. When, you know, when we think about when I think about my life, Whoa, yeah. But that doesn't make you know, if I were getting into politics, it became because of the things I wanted to do change and What, you know, the other part of my life would have nothing to do with it?



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No, no. And it really wouldn't. And I think that what the opponents were doing, because his his his race, his opponent in his race, I think was a very honorable opponent. And she, yeah, she was fair. And she wasn't undermining the situation. And she just did what she had to do in order to win. Yes, but some, but some of her backers who just happened to be gay people in the community really tried to undermine



Jimmy Carper 15:32

Oh, I know, I read some real hateful letters from from gay people.



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Yes. Yes. The the situation. And what I don't think that they understood was that if they didn't want to endorse, you don't they didn't have to? Yeah, no one was putting a gun to your head and telling them to what the caucus was doing was offering information. And, and offering its opinion on junan. Because the endorsement that doesn't say bode well, for this person, because we're demanding it. It's often a suggestion. Yeah. As to who we think that that needs to be voted for. And so and so. I think that, that what people needed to understand was that the caucus screening panel is very diverse. And this year, it was as diverse as always, and he was highly recommended. Okay. By the four people on the Yeah, yeah. And to be highly recommended, is, means that he has that, that his responses to the questions were, were were completely outstanding. Good. And I think the only time will truly tell, you know, you know, and I don't and a lot a lot of people that stuck their necks out like a nice Parker like Eugene Harrington, Bill, Bill Lawson, Ray Hill, and on and on, they don't stick their necks out for for somebody that's gonna, you know, wash your hands roll roll in the street. That's right. They stick their necks out for people that that, honestly, since when that



Jimmy Carper 17:08

many diverse people yeah say you know I stop and think about it and listen to them Yeah

many diverse people, you know, you know, I stop and think about it and I need to check. Yeah. You know, yeah. Because I'm not a political person. I try not to, you know, I'm not that. I was just talking. I didn't I didn't even read the news this week. You know, I tried to keep up. But you know, I just can't always do it. Yeah. And so I depend on groups like the Gay Lesbian



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trust. Yeah. Groups like the gay and lesbian, political. And if



J Jimmy Carper 17:36

you knew the screening process, and all that all that they go through, he would trust it more, I guess. Anyway, it's under the bridge, because he didn't Bernie was elected. Yes. He was going to serve. Yes. We're very happy about it. Very happy. So where are you? Where's the caucus headed now? Well,



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you know, November of 96, is fastly approaching us, folks. And we are now preparing to elect a new president, because our president territory Rick Richardson is, is throwing her hat in. So we're, oh, I know, I feel the exact same way.



J Jimmy Carper 18:18

I want her for life.



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I do to get a one on one. Yes. Yeah. So proud that I happen to be a board member on her administration, because she, and I just wanted to take a few minutes to praise her she, if I may, sure. She has re established the caucus in a way that I don't think any president in many years has done because she came from act up to the caucus. And so she brought not only a political mind, but she also brought an activist. That's right. And she was bipartisan, and in her presidency, which is something that a lot of us could not do, because the caucus traditionally is either Republican, or it's Democrat. And those two parties will clash. And well, and the majority of us came from the ACT UP period where we're, you know, liberals. Yeah. And then when we embarked on the conservative kind of kind of sort of Republican turn it kind of sort of set the caucus into a whirlwind. And, you know, we had all the stuff that happen. And so Tara big became president twice, because she was vice president and the, and the first time I don't really know what that story was,



J Jimmy Carper 19:41

the president stepped down, okay, for personal reasons. Yeah. And so she, yeah, took over. And then the second time, and this second time, she did it, because she, it was like, gosh, didn't you

get enough the first time?



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Yeah, yeah. You know, yeah. So then when she read it And for her own presidency,



J Jimmy Carper 20:01

all she has to do is open her mouth and say her name and half the people in the room hate her.
Yeah,



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you know, it's it's, it's an amazing thing. But she, she's a class act. Oh, dignified. Yeah. She knew she knows how to be a president. She knows how to be a leader. She knows how to take the type of stance that that the caucus needed and still needs. So who's



J Jimmy Carper 20:24

waiting in the wings? We don't



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know. Wow, she is she is so unreplaceable so let the last meeting it's my understanding that no one stood up and said, I want to take your place. And, and to be honest with with you, if anybody stands up in the in the election in January and says that I have no idea who it's gonna be. None of us know who they are. No, it's not



J Jimmy Carper 20:58

gonna be me. It's



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not gonna be me. You know, because that's a hell of a job. That is. Yes. Yeah. Because, you know, I think that'd be president of a huge organization is a really big deal. But the President of the gay and lesbian Political Caucus, really big deals because all eyes are on you. You have a red circle drawn around you and you are a target of a lot of folks. And people will try to discredit everything that you say outside of your community and inside of your community, and you have to be prepared to fight that fight, and make a difference. And I'm very glad to say that Terry Richardson has made a difference.

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Jimmy Carper 21:37

Yeah, any organization, even the gay and lesbian switchboard, you know, I'm the treasurer there and it's one headache after another. Yeah. We're just this quiet little organization that just provides a service. Yeah, yeah. So you know, when you get to the bigger ones, it must be hell. Yeah.

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Well, you know, if you know how to smile and if you know how to drink good, good whiskey and smoke cigars with a big boy.

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Jimmy Carper 22:07

That's what it takes. You smile very well, Jack.