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J Jimmy Carper 00:04

Ooh yeah baby Jeff Crasner son of a preacher man, great remake. I thought we needed a little pepping up after Bill Ward's William is our name, which was kind of a Father's Day tribute. You're listening to KPFT Houston, and KEOS College Station. This is after hours quit radio with attitude. I'm Jimmy Carper. And guess who is with me right now? It's Lujack Tyler. You got it? He's in a little early. But what the hell Scott's not here?

L Lujack Tyler 00:40

Oh, well, he's in Dallas. And probably in Midtown. Jeff probably. That's the kind of-.

J Jimmy Carper 00:48

-things faster.

L Lujack Tyler 00:49

You got it. Second of all, you live in big man.

J Jimmy Carper 00:53

I'm doing well. And you told me something that just flipped me out. You know, because I've known you for a little while now. And it's like, a year, something like that. Yeah. And to me, you're the eternal. I mean, you embody teenage spirit. And now you're telling me that you're turning 20. This cannot be.



L LuJack Tyler 01:14

Last the very first time that I ever laid eyes on you as sitting on the station inviting everybody in their mother to my 19th birthday. Yes. And so year has gone and now I'll be turning 20. Actually, I'm very happy because my team was a really, really awful time. You know, I was beaten up as a child I was a street kid. Yeah, and night team. Top all of that. I breeze I resented ever being knighted I resented ever being.

J Jimmy Carper 01:40

But you, you you've attained so much. You really have. You know, I've heard people like Pat Gandy, you know. I mean, she's a sweet woman, but she's an old Rubber baby. And she speaks highly of you. So you know, what's the deal here? You must be doing something, right?

L LuJack Tyler 02:01

Yeah. Yeah. Well, we're gonna talk a lot about that. Yeah, 19 year years before maybe in counseling or just reflect on life.

J Jimmy Carper 02:13

As a teenager, you've packed a lot of life into 19-20 years.

L LuJack Tyler 02:17

Yeah, yeah. And actually gonna make a movie about me. I was, I was about to see the rock tonight. And Robin, Robin Williams has a movie coming out. Oh, my God, I forgot what it's called. No, it's called Jack. And it's a story of a little boy who is growing abnormally. And so by the time he's 10, he physically looks like a middle aged man. Wow. And so he's had, so it's his first day of school. You know, it's Robin Williams, you know, in his physical body with all these children. And he's, he's playing the character of this little 17 year old person. And, and, you know, that's how I have. That's how I have perceived myself as a person who has been 19. And I've been gawked at, I've been, you know, you know, people walking into the side of the street, you know, when they see me clubs have been absolutely awful. I have to laugh to hide my age now. Because when I was, you know, 18 and under, it was cold to be, you know, chicken. But then when you're 20 and 21, I think that people either think that they can either take advantage of you, or that you're in college, and you don't know that then or that you're just you know, or or that you're-

J Jimmy Carper 03:29

-older people.

L LuJack Tyler 03:32

It was a very awkward age.

J Jimmy Carper 03:34
Yeah. Trying to regain their youth.

L LuJack Tyler 03:36
Yeah, yeah. Yeah. Yeah. And I'm not saying that the I Am, you know, you know, you know, the I have a 30 year old mentality because I doubt but, but I just think that my, you know, that I have matured very rapidly, and I continue to mature because, you know, I keep my head in the book a lot. And I also keep my mind on the straight. So, you know, those two combinations, I think have made me weird.

J Jimmy Carper 04:04
Yeah, but, I mean, you're a guy who has an end with Jew Don Boney's wife.

L LuJack Tyler 04:11
Well, I don't have an Edward Lee browse, wipe. Top.

J Jimmy Carper 04:16
I mean-.

L LuJack Tyler 04:19
I like wives. Politics.

J Jimmy Carper 04:21
Where do you have room to bitch?

L LuJack Tyler 04:25
Oh, I just read breaking the surface.

J Jimmy Carper 04:31
That can be a real heartbreaker

that can be a real heartbreaker.

L LuJack Tyler 04:34

Yeah, it was. It really was. And I kind of saw a lot of my life in him. Not really, you know, you know, you know, the abuse part where he allowed people to run completely over his life and dictate his life because that that won't happen to me. I think that-

J Jimmy Carper 04:53

-you have that mentality that you know, there are people who want to be taken care of. And then peace. People who want-

L LuJack Tyler 05:00

-to be left to-

J Jimmy Carper 05:04

Follow their own stuff. Yeah, yeah, or to even lead others.

L LuJack Tyler 05:11

But, um, so I don't think that I will, you know, end up like him being miserable, because, you know, I've let some guy you know, rip me off and steal my life away. But there was a part in the book where he talked a lot about his own success and why he achieved it. And, and why he thought it was important to achieve success.

J Jimmy Carper 05:32

He has achieved incredible success.

L LuJack Tyler 05:36

The only one of the one of the only two gold medalists ever one of the only two, one of the only two Olympic gold medalist to ever win four Olympic medals.

J Jimmy Carper 05:48

And yes, the amazing yeah.

L LuJack Tyler 05:51

Yeah. And what helped him, what helped to motivate him was that, you know, he just, he just felt that that was his own way of, of, of finding some type of love in the world. You know, and he had it.

J Jimmy Carper 06:07

Yeah, you bet. And still does. Yeah. Because people, no matter what you may think, and I think, no matter what, even the most foul, the straight person that is 100% homophobic has to have respect for his athletic accomplishments.

L LuJack Tyler 06:25

And absolutely do-.

J Jimmy Carper 06:27

Because he's just, it was just wonderful watching him perform. He was always just perfect and graceful.

L LuJack Tyler 06:36

Wow. Yeah. If you're a person that gets depressed, easily don't read the book, if you're a person that that can face the truth. Like I'm always talking about, you know, really, it's a very good book. But if you're a person that can, you know, break a break, like a snap, like a Slim Jim, I wouldn't suggest reading.

J Jimmy Carper 06:54

Well, you know, I'm kind of in the middle. It's no secret that I have AIDS. And I try to keep myself half assed inform about drug trials and what's going on. Because if, if I'm totally 100% informed on what's going on, that's way too depressing. And part of this disease is being optimistic. So I just kind of keep up with about half of it. And ignorance is bliss, in a lot of cases.

L LuJack Tyler 07:31

You got it? You guys, you got it. Wow. Yeah. And so-.

J Jimmy Carper 07:39

Tell me about your life?

L Lujack Tyler 07:40

Well, the book has, has helped me to start to reflect on my, my life. And, and I think that one of the better things that has happened to me, and I always talk about it, you know, you know, as my, you know, job or community service, I think that that service has really changed me it has, it's really, you know, helped me to see that, that I'm not the only person in the world. You know, and I think that-.

J Jimmy Carper 08:12

That does change you Yeah, doing any kind of community service, you know, whether it be for an AIDS organization, or, or one of the many, many other organizations to help out the game was me and bisexual, transgendered community.

L Lujack Tyler 08:28

Yeah. And, um, and I think that from doing community service, I have, you know, actually, yeah, I think that I have actually become a become kind of sort of a, of a, of a drum major of some sort. You know, usually when I do something I am, I do it, or I don't do it, and I've been doing it, you know, and, and they liked me so much. They've employed me yet another year. Wow. So, you know, I'm anxiously awaiting for that new year to get here because it does wear you out. And I'm, you know, I coached a basketball team this year, young, young young boys people actually trust me with their children sometimes I can be a bit kid myself. We survived a few injuries and, and now taking care of some girls. How are you doing with it? Well, jet jets Jetson Robinson has a day camp in the it's between the medical center and Third Ward. And so I'm in charge to the ninth 11 year old girls. Wow. Yeah, it's it's interesting. It's a trip where young boys you know, young boys in that age understand discipline and they understand you know, you know, you know, if I tell you to do something, it's for your best interest but but little girls Uh, they're kind of sort of manipulators. And they, you know, yeah, yeah. So, and in my mind, you know, you know, I try to be, you know, Mr. Mr. Sergeant slaughter, but it's Deborah girls, because what girls is like, you don't want them to think that you're being mean. So they'll cry, but you also don't want them to think they're getting away with anything. And so it's, it's really proving to be a challenge. Really, it may turn out to be, you know, among one of my greatest challenges in my whole life. And I thought coming out was a challenge. That was not compared to these, these young ladies. So I mean, service has gotten me to a point where I am actually being challenged and when you're challenged, you start to reach a higher ground. And I'm Anna, you, you maybe think about this last time I was on the show when you brought the red hot, hot, hot, gorgeous chili pepper, harbor hard hard ground and I told you about Stevie's version. And so in salute to my service, Hargrove.

J Jimmy Carper 11:10

I like that. I do like that. But he knows I just liked the song.

L Lulack Tvler 11:15

Yes. It's a very energizing song. You bet. Yeah. It makes you just want to get up and dance.

J Jimmy Carper 11:22

I'm really glad you brought it.

L LuJack Tyler 11:24

Yeah. Well, you know, of musical library. I try to share it with the world.

J Jimmy Carper 11:31

So all of this what do you call it public work that you're doing?

L LuJack Tyler 11:37

That it's Oh, it comes from Bill Clinton's America. Okay. Program.

J Jimmy Carper 11:42

Okay. It seems to be it seems all these experiences would really round you out as a person who thinks oh, yeah, I got me in trouble. I cannot imagine working with children. I just can't imagine work my last nerve.

L LuJack Tyler 11:57

It does on occasion. But then when I go home, I stood up and I think I kind of sort of missed up. It is the challenge. Yeah. Yeah. It is. And it's kind of sort of made me actually want my own children, not just one or two. Doesn't. My own children.

J Jimmy Carper 12:15

Does. I think you need to work there a bit longer. Yeah.

L LuJack Tyler 12:24

I mean, but you could tell you're just like, oh my god, I was drowned. I almost drowned it on him. On Friday, I went to a Splashtown I think it was what was that Sheldon? And one of the little girls ran it this big, huge, huge, huge raft. You know, she weighs about 60 pounds in the RAF weighed about 200. So then she gets into the wave pool with this huge thing. And it kind of sort of floats way down to the end where the waves are big and here's and stuff so she's she

screams machine learning Mr. Bucha. Help me Help me Help me. So you know, I dive in, swim out there. And then I grab hold to the raft. And I think to myself, wait a minute, how am I gonna get this route? Back to shore? No kidding. So for about 20 minutes, I'm sitting there freaking out. And when they train you, you know, in being a lifeguard because I've had some some training, I've I'm not a lifeguard, you know, they say that you never freak out. You let the other people freak out, you stay completely calm. So the little girl was calm with the queen and became. So I started to freak out. And so then I decided to throw the raft over my head, and then drag it to show why throw it over my head, but the raft on top of my head, and I ended up under the wrap in the water. And I'm going into going under the water thinking to myself, Oh, I'm trying it. So for about 15 seconds, I guess oxygen wasn't going into the brain or something. So then I pulled myself up, and I started yelling to the lifeguard to come help me. And he's pointing at me laughing, you know, assuming I guess that I couldn't possibly be drowning because I was swimming all day. And so I say to myself, well, it's guys if I can, this cause a lunatic. So so that I get a cramp in my leg. And I think to myself, I've gone to drought, and so that the wave pool kind of sort of pulls me back under the water, or some little mischievous brat I can't quite remember at this point. But I'm thinking to myself, I'm really dry. There's got to be so embarrassing. I did not intend to drive. So I just slide then I'm gonna hoard myself onto the wall and drag her back to show by holding on to the wall. And so that's what I did. It wasn't really a scary experience. It was an it was it was a surprising experience. Because, you know, you know, I didn't think to just kind of sort of get behind the raft and kick. I was really busy trying to stay in front of the raft RAF. Hmm, I guess I learned my lesson.

J Jimmy Carper 15:01

Wow. I'm surprised that they would rent such a large raft to a small girl.

L LuJack Tyler 15:07

Well, it fits two people. And so what what they may have assumed was that she was renting it with someone with someone else. Yeah, but no, not her. She wanted it altered. She wanted the biggest, let's write it all by herself. And so as a result, you know, I got a cramp in my leg. I was drafted and she would just see there, you know, you know, think of herself.

J Jimmy Carper 15:30

To do and you liked this job?

L LuJack Tyler 15:32

I do. I do. It offers the challenge. of sorts. But service also, you know, God got me into a lot of trouble. I fell in love with two men. What's wrong with that? Well, one of them was my boss. Is my boss. Not good. The other one is my little straight, friend. But I mean-.

J Jimmy Carper 15:55

Didelt you ever hear? Deelt get your meat where you get your bread?

Didn't you ever hear? Don't get your meat where you get your bread?

L LuJack Tyler 16:00

No, no, my grandmother never said that. Grandma.

J Jimmy Carper 16:04

Grandma never did say that. She said something similar.

L LuJack Tyler 16:08

Grandma always says, What is grandma's? Oh, grandma always says get it while you can get it? No, no, no, no, that's when you'll be 70.

J Jimmy Carper 16:19

Some things you just have to turn down because, you know, mixing work and play is not not cool. Not cool?

L LuJack Tyler 16:28

No. And it's been draining. I haven't dated, dated anybody else for about a year. It's been. It's been really draining. It's just beat me up. And I guess I'm kind of sort of been a dreamer this whole time. You know, you know, I think when I came out, I don't think I know when I came out. I thought I meet gorgeous man, you know, like rock cuts. And when he was, you know, from from back when, when, when, when when he resigned because of the media, you know, but the media always shows gay people as being these, you know, really attractive, kind of effeminate, but really attractive people. You know, Freddie Mercury was Yeah, was gay Rock Hudson with James Dean, those-.

J Jimmy Carper 17:09

Those are the images. Yeah. But I mean, the reality is that we come from all walks of life, and some of us are really average looking and can be pretty ugly. Yeah. I mean, you know, not so good looking.

L LuJack Tyler 17:21

Yeah, you're absolutely right. And I think that I'm still trapped in that phase. Bill Scott wrote in smart magazine many years ago about the phases of the gay male life, and I'm still trapped in that dreamer phase.

J Jimmy Carper 17:34

That's exactly right. Yeah, but we all all think of our prints as being this this fantastic looking buff. Yeah. And they don't come that way. No, they don't. There's a lot of princes out there that look more like frogs than princes. They do. But they are really great guys.

L Lujack Tyler 17:55

That absolutely. Well, yeah. I got to a point where, you know, I decided that that I had found my apprentice actually to Greg guys, you know, but I just spent about the other guy the straight one. We're gonna talk about him in just a few few minutes. Okay, but um, you know, an ad Anna, and I figured that I could spice up my life with both of these men and they are very, very Birgit generally good men, but they just kind of sort of got me into a position where I started trying to dream in color. Okay. Wow, what a pretty song. Yeah. Dreaming in color. So yeah, I tried to capture a dream and ended up my heartbroken, twice. devastated. Guess I can talk about but first. Which one is but but it's the straight one. Oh, my. Yeah. Okay. Yeah. Well, back when we first started our job, they sent us on this retreat. And, and I actually first saw bud as he was trying to get his application at, at our place of work. I thought to myself and our very first version for our first one. Hmm, you know, he's cute. He's got a chunky but he's cute. And so he looked at me, but he kind of so I've, you know, smiled and turned his head. So I thought to myself, Oh, he's probably queer to thinking today. And so I was telling you know, a joke in the in the cab and he comes in, I tell it to him we start talking and hanging out and, and, and most straight guys are very, they're not really defensive about gay guys, but they don't really open up a whole lot. Right? I mean, that they have some parts of their life that's completely closed. And but just opened up. He, I mean, he's like a flower. He just keeps on opening up. You know, I mean, like, attach and like pat him, like first. He takes everything I give him a bore. I asked him to be an S When at a fundraiser I went to, he came, he looked at me, he looked great in his tux. Um, and along the way, I started thinking to myself, he'd be a great boyfriend. You know, initially, I wasn't interested in him because I knew he was obsessed with being straight. But, but, um, along the way, I kind of saw, you know, just kind of accidentally fell in love with this kid. And I know you straight I know, he is straight, and I and I can understand his, the straightness, and he's a member of eternity, which kind of sort of makes it a little worse. But, um, but then, you know, you know, we work in teams of 10. And at MIT methods time was majority women. And you know, when women love drama, I'd say, Oh, yes. So yeah, they kind of sort of pushed me along, pushed me along. And so then I kind of sort of admit it to myself. Okay, I'm in love with the straight man. I shouldn't be. What am I going to do about it?

J Jimmy Carper 20:52

I mean, Lujack. I mean, put it how do you feel when a woman and I know, times when a woman really likes you? And you know, is no future in this? You know, it's really the same kind of thing. You know, you can, this guy could like you as a friend.

L Lujack Tyler 21:18

Yeah. Yeah. And, and I've analyzed it from that point of view. But then, you know, I become selfish. And I think to myself, Well, hey, yeah, even if it's not returned, love, at least, it's love.

And it's my love. And I own it. You know, and until I fall out of love, I guess I'll keep on out of it. Because, you know, I think that people sometimes deprive themselves of actually feeling anything for people. And I just, I don't know, it's a very confusing situation. You know, I know the reality. But, hey, can't we sometimes just be fooled the love.

J Jimmy Carper 22:04

I have always loved that song.

L LuJack Tyler 22:07

It really is a great, great song. Yeah. When they made the movie, what's love got to do with I don't, I don't watch the movie anymore. Because it's so violent. But I always fast forward through all the dance, song and dance scenes. And that's really one of my favorite, favorite favorite ones. You know, because, you know, Tina Turner is probably one of the greatest, she would go up there with Billie Holiday because of the boys and the range. And the maturity, a lot of singers always saying the same way. You know, you know, Elvis was voice, I think, really mature it toward the end, but he was still saying the same song. And so I think that if you can sing one song, and then come back, you know, a year or two years later and still get a completely completely different way, you know, and still have the same powerful effect. I think that that makes you a great, a great Finnikin child. Yeah.

J Jimmy Carper 23:09

I love her Carnegie Hall album. Man isn't out.

L LuJack Tyler 23:13

I read an old one. Oh, the old one. She has a new album coming in. Really? Another new album? Wow. Yeah. Yeah.

J Jimmy Carper 23:22

I can't wait.

L LuJack Tyler 23:22

I guess um, her gold. What is gold for? It's not gold finger. It's um, what am I trying to say? What am I trying to say? I don't know. From the James Bond movie. What was it? Yeah.

J Jimmy Carper 23:37

Um, and I had-.

L LuJack Tyler 23:39

I own it. Gold golden. Her Golden Knights who must be providing a star because she is going to have a golden tour.

J Jimmy Carper 23:46

So I have seen her in person. Yeah. Six throw center.

L LuJack Tyler 23:52

But she was here for a gay pride event. Many years.

J Jimmy Carper 23:54

I didn't see that. I saw her in concert with Lionel Richie.

L LuJack Tyler 23:59

With Lionel Richie. Yeah, he must have been the opening it. No, she was. Wow. Well, I guess it was right before. Yeah. Big. Yeah. Yeah. Was he still with the Commodore.

J Jimmy Carper 24:13

He but he was hot with that album.

L LuJack Tyler 24:15

He had dancing on the ceiling. Yeah. Yeah. I don't see. I don't see how he could have.

J Jimmy Carper 24:21

That's when he was vying with Michael Jackson. You know, for high album sales. I mean, he did well with that album.

L LuJack Tyler 24:30

I guess. I don't know. I don't know. That's that's pretty weird. Tina Turner starting? Well, well, but they also started for the Rolling Stones and I guess our perception of what is great and what is electrifying is different from the actual deal. I guess

what is electrifying is different from the actual deal, I guess.

J Jimmy Carper 24:51

Yeah, but I remember seeing or six row center and he could see your sweat was good. It was really good.

L LuJack Tyler 25:01

Yeah, yeah, that was back after private the what's left got my private private dancer for that. Wow, it was doing the Disco Inferno. Yeah, still Wow, she was winning. I know. Yes. I know. She was really working it working it out. Wow. Wow.

J Jimmy Carper 25:22

Okay. Okay on with your life.

L LuJack Tyler 25:25

Yeah now we're going to talk about Dominus my boss, Yeah. Oh, yeah, yeah, well, you know, when I first saw Dominguez I knew he was a queer. And Anna Yeah, I like queers. Yeah, I like queers. But he's one of those.

J Jimmy Carper 25:41

I cannot imagine having an affair with anyone but of course.

L LuJack Tyler 25:48

Well, I'm not gonna agree with you. That.

J Jimmy Carper 25:50

Yeah. Sexual. Thank you.

L LuJack Tyler 25:52

Well, not necessarily because isn't your husband? You know bisexual.

J Jimmy Carper 25:56

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Now my boyfriend is-.

L LuJack Tyler 25:58

Oh, okay. But that's still queer. Women are now confused. You have two men in your life. Yes. Oh. And I think that I'm doing some I know. I never made the connection.

J Jimmy Carper 26:10

Oh, no, no, no, my my lover of 18 years is the one who's had to town half the time. And he has a another lover also. It's very confusing.

L LuJack Tyler 26:19

Oh, that's a dirt. I didn't realize that. I just thought that they were all the same.

J Jimmy Carper 26:26

Yeah. And he he's been with the other one for about 30 years.

L LuJack Tyler 26:29

Wow. Hmm. That's that's not a bad deal. Yeah. We really have to talk about your life. Well, because I yeah, I know. You know, every once in a while, I kind of sort of don't hear things. But I've always thought that, that they were the same person, man. Oh, no. Oh, no. Well, I guess, huh? Yeah, but, but dumb. We're talking about domain. I know. He was a cute little quiere que lo Latin queer. And I really jumped into my Latin base because but is also half Latin. And, um, he, he's, he's, he's, he's one of those in your face type of queers. And, and so, um, I was really attracted to that a lot. The fact that he was a Scorpio, and Scorpio is just do I say they, they just, they, they, I think it's their intent to make me want them. And so, and so, um, you know, after I first discovered that I had a big, big, big crush, I tell him to stay out of my life instead of my face. I think that kind of sort of made the situation worse. So I decided, okay, well, if I can't handle it, if I can't handle it, then I just don't I just don't, don't you know, I guess the I just don't, don't deserve to be free. And so I allowed him to reenter my life and and we went to the bunny bunny. Bunnies on-.

J Jimmy Carper 28:04

Bio did very good.

L LuJack Tyler 28:06

Um, and it was, to me, it was one of the most magical weekends I think I've ever had. Because

the night prior to that, we were invited to a friend of mine named Jays house. For it is great dinner, you know, and my mother and niece showed up, and we all ate. And it was great. And the dogs licked the food off the plate. I got sloppy drunk, but I looked at Q I'm sorry, I missed that. So then the next day was the BFX party. And you know, I got drunk that day. Yeah. Yes. And it was a it was a very, very good day for me because yeah, I really discovered that, you know, that. Dominguez, he wasn't my boss. You know, I probably could have pursued him and I probably would have one of one of one. Unfortunately, fate just put its foot in the in my life again, and he's my boss. And so um, you know, he's been good for me that, you know, you know, he has, he has been what what what Jackie Wilson would have said, Woman, a lover a friend-.

J Jimmy Carper 29:17

Who the unmistakable voice of Jackie Wilson. Yeah, you got and you're hearing it on after hours. queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. I'm Jimmy Carper. And I'm talking to Lujack Tyler, and we're going over his life.

L Lujack Tyler 29:35

The madness himself. Yeah. And so I decided I wanted him anyhow, because at least he was clear. And so in my mind right up, you know, I made up my mind that that Dominus was was going to be my God, no matter what, you know, and that and that as long as he was single, at least I had a chance, but I got diffused. Like the way he picked up a boyfriend.