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In this August 11 report, Scott Lewis and Diane Williams describe local preparations for welcoming the Republican Party's national convention to Houston, Texas.



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is gonna be a precursor. Yes, yes. Tonight at the free course. And you know that you're invited. One day, grab the window. The conventional be here, August 17. Through the 20th. A lot of things are happening, how many activists were expecting from Operation Rescue is anticipating 40,000 activist to come and try and blockade the clinics to keep women from getting in. And having access to illegal abortion. We've had clinic defense civil disobedience trainings. We do mass orientations of 1000 people at a time, sometimes we've had three or four of those I believe already. We also have smaller groups. We try to tell people how to deal with the crazies, the Operation Rescue people are just bonkers. And we try to go to any means right? Anyways, to block a woman from a clinic. Their goal is to get arrested, their goal is to be violent and obnoxious and spit in your face and just give you a heck over it. The client defense trainings teaches us how to not react, it teaches us how to blockade and how to open up hallways and lines and corridors for cars and people needing access to health care. People that have never been involved in clinic defense cannot possibly be prepared for what it is actually like. The one that I did already, there was a line drawn and on one side of the line there was basically religious fanatics. And on the other side of the line inside the clinic gates, there were members of now and they were members of men for choice, and they were members of queer nation, and they were members of act up many different activist organizations all working together. I'm a gay Christian, and there were several Christians. On the choice side, we were having to deal with them calling us names and getting in our face and being able to as mean hateful. And those training sessions really teach you how to deal with that. And I think it's been vital to the Houston community how we're going to react to all the Operation Rescue people dealing with the local churches in town, dealing with the fanatics connected to this issue. There's many different things on the calendar there things are going on, there's going to be much protesting. There is a designated protest site, which is located not too far from the Astrodome. But the Astrodome is a big building that is surrounded by at least a quarter of a

mile on all sides of parking lot, which is surrounded by a large fence. So people that are wanting direct access to the President and people that are going to be directly involved aren't going to have a whole lot of luck and the designated protest site is visible from the Astrodome, but probably with binoculars right? It's on the corner of the parking lot of the Astrodome. So yes, you can see the Astrodome, but it's very far away. Many different protests are occurring from a now rally, supporting women's issues. There's an AIDS March they're marching to the Astrodome, they're going to present votes of no confidence on AIDS policies at the convention to the President that they're estimating about 10,000 people have signed, there's a gag rally, which is basically don't gag the arts against the NEA. Queer Nation is protesting the ban on gays and lesbians in the military. There's also a protest for youth rights. All of these issues are issues concerning choice and privacy and the government getting in our business. This is Scott Lewis and I had Williams and we're here in Houston talking about the Republican National Convention



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read on the candidate you. Gay anti apartheid activists Sekou Simon and Colet updates this way outs Colin Jones on the continuing struggle in South Africa and the impact of continuing violence



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So maybe you could please stop me. That would be it'd be nice someone we've been here all the events in a territory with BBs Hall and the massacre that's happening, the



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massacre. People were brutally killed. And the police were not they came later on to say, they went to the wrong area for me, I can't believe they just let it happen.



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The mescal was a part of a campaign to intimidate people who support the ANC. The people



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who have been killed are not members of the ANC. They're not member for, for example, rally affiliated, merely innocent civilians are victims of violence. Before the battle massacre, they had been assassination of political activist and the members of the African National Congress by well known people but so called unknown people and South African defense. And also the police had been implicated. The lots of violence happening everywhere in the township of Africa, you know, where black people are leaving Utah with the township AIDS Project in Soweto is the level of violence in townships making that more difficult to do. The Gay and Lesbian administration were having a conference, we had to cancel it. Because the level of violence in every township this year, we have lost three members of Lowe had died and violence, and

seven others were injured. We cannot run our programs. As we still, this shootings and paving happen everywhere where group of people are, if you walk to the bus stop, it happens. Somebody comes, shoot and drive away. People are actually leaving from one day to the other, and they don't know what may happen to them. When you go to bed. You don't know whether your house is going to be attacked while you're sleeping. When you wake up in the morning. You don't know whether you go in to be followed. Many people are dying every day. Even kids scared to go and buy a newspaper now because I don't want to read that people died and then discover that I know some people were liking the pattern. I know 11 People have died. And one family is related to me. It's my family's my uncle and his wife. I think the government knows something about the killing of innocent people and they cannot react. The government got power. They've got armies, they've got everything. 10 years ago, the Quit arrest political activity on suspicion that they produce a pamphlet. And now we read in the newspaper that FWD plec saying that he cannot control the situation. Why if he's got so much power, if they have so much power in the past, they do it. Early this year, we read that the South African Defence Force gave in Qatar money. That money was used by in Qatar to kill the people in the trains. And the South African police also was exposed to have given the same organization money. And we saw the Minister of Defense first resigning, but we don't see the



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need for for more political pressure from outside South Africa.



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Well, unfortunately, I think outside Africa, people are under the impression that things are going right here at home. They lifting up sanctions and they absolutely don't know what is happening. They are not here to see it. We tried so hard to be passive and wait for the ANC to negotiate with the government. But lots of people are dying while they're doing this.



Greg Gordon 09:21

Thanks for tuning into this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. This week, Cindy Friedman, Brian newness. Cheryl berkovich Scott Lewis, Diane Williams and Colin Jones contributed program material. Thanks also to Jim Carper, Graeme Underhill, Rose Gordon, John Ze, Ron buchmeier, and Ricky ses



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romanovski and Phillips Shel Silverstein Creedence Clearwater Revival, Paul Simon and Lillian Allen performed some of the music you heard and Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music.



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Jimmy Carper 10:40

and that's not all of it. We lost another community leader this week. Mark, French Hasini I'm sorry, Mark. I know I didn't do right by their pronunciation. I never could. I didn't know Mark that well, but he was a strong leader in the American gay and lesbian atheist. Picking music for Mark was probably the most difficult thing for me to do because above all else, I certainly don't want to disrespect him. And the only thing I could think of is my friend Joe, who, while not being an atheist, was certainly one of the more anti religious people I've ever known in the last few months of his life. This next song gave him lots of comfort, as I hope it will do for the loved ones of Mark. Thank you



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Whoa, Jordan, come down here. Here's me. Hello. Goes I'm back home and Hans view. Again.



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KPFT is prison program is devoted to cops courts, jails, prison and probation and parole and the other minutiae of the criminal justice system. Tune in every Sunday afternoon from three to five, kickback, listen up, and hear what you've been missing.



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Tailor Made shirts with them long on at all. It's gonna cost us 10 years of my life.



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Speaking we should have some money to see how so that you can hear that everyone is alone

Snoring we should have some snoring tapes here so that you can hear that everyone is asleep except Diane and I now Hi, we're here. Diane.

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The Slumber Party is still going on.

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But we're awake. And we're awake. And they're asleep. That's right. They're

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they're napping right now.

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I'm looking for a snoring tape somewhere.

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So you know, we're gonna do while they're asleep. We're gonna steal their underclothes, put them in water and put them in the freezer. So when they wake up the next morning, they'll have frozen bras and

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stuff like that. Did you ever do this? Yes. I

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swear to God.

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I told you I haven't been in many slumber parties. I was I didn't trust myself at summer party age to be with your new bio. I thought I know why fun dressed women. I couldn't do it.

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No, I always just made sure wasn't in my house. When I was really young and I went to slumber

parties I had to leave because I was scared I would something would scare me I would get scared that I don't know like vampires or werewolves or something were to come out in the middle of the night and like come and try to eat me or something. And it was not going to be pleasant in any way shape or form. So I like cried and have to call my mom in the middle the night Come get me and that was not very, you know, taken on well by my friends. So they tended not to invite me for a while. Kind of got over that. Then I decided that Tola papering houses and putting people's bras and freezers with water and stuff like that, and putting toothpaste in their sleeping bags and stuff like that was really important for my youth that really needed to know how to do this. Well. A new camp was coming soon, I was going to have to start going to camp on a regular basis in summer parties were just kind of a prerequisite for camp. So I think it's great. And my next door neighbor was a guy and he was my best friend and he had summer parties with guides in his house and I always wondered how different they were. And I wish there were some guys here that we could ask if their summer parties were any different than ours, you know, if they like, you know did masculine things as opposed to feminine things or if you can even put a label like that on on what you do with a group full of same sex people in their youth. You know, as little kids. I know the only slumber party I really hosted at my house I had about 12 people show up. We brought our sleeping bags we camped out in the middle My living room floor and my dog peed on one of my friends. I didn't have one after that it was not very pleasant. You had a reputation into it. Oh, and I had a wild crush on this woman too. It did not help. You know, this did not help that my dog had this problem on her sleep.



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Well, I didn't. I like said I didn't do much slumber partnering. But that doesn't mean I can't do some now. So. So anybody out there wants wants some great guests for your swim party call as well. There's no



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Hey, like, we bought all kinds of goodies here. There's chips and you know, crackers and cokes and m&ms brought pillows? I'm sort of kind of wearing my jammies. Not really, because yeah, frankly, if I was at home I probably wouldn't be wearing anything. But you know, Jamie's being what they are. Yeah, I think we're great summer party guests. And I think we had a great time. It was a lot of fun having those guys on



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Oh, yeah, were there who do what? I couldn't get an air word in edgewise.



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That's really saying something you were just sitting there watching. Glazed at their beauty and by the way, thank you guys. You were all gorgeous. All of you. Yes, we've



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had many many comments after you left about the gorgeous bonds that were here that's right.



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And you know, my personal saying is intelligence is the ultimate aphrodisiac and I want to tell you all you were all brilliant. I wanted to talk a little bit now that you've just cast these papers aside jewel about becoming community. Rattle some favor again for me. I persecute rattle it. Okay, that's important. Scared the producer half to death. Just break down. What that



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is. Here. Here's the chips. No, the m&ms.



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You can't hear back on here's the empty bag. Okay. You know, I did go to summer party at a friend's house once and she was my my god sister, my mother's best friend's daughter. And she had made fun of me all my life. She's tall and skinny. And she would always run faster than I was. And she would leave me places because I couldn't run as fast as she could. And I was a lot smarter than she is. So I take that really good. But basically, she took me off one time too many winter slumber party at her house. And you know, it was kind of known that we were going to do something to someone throughout the night. You know, you do things like put put people's hands and bowls of warm water and stuff like that and you know, little pranks. But I got a couple of my friends together. And we put her bra in orange juice and put it in the freezer. I want you to know that stuff never came. I thought that was really really good way of getting her back for all the evil atrocities that she gave to me throughout my growing up you in orange bra and orange juice bra. That's right, it doesn't come out of foam padding and it was foam padded.



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Don't mess with Diane. That's right.



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Not at eight years old or 10 years old. I wrote



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this was that you were doing all this when you were 15 some now it's 15 sophisticated pranks to me.



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Oh, they are pretty sophisticated. But you know, I was precocious from my just post. I'm telling you 16 I had my own apartment and at 16 My lover and I had already quit school and I was like, supporting my first lover. Yeah, this was like 10 and 12. Probably



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many should start club where we just do summer parties. And a women's space used to do that periodically. I don't know if they're still doing it. But



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these have logins we had church lock ins for a while that



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was fun reporting it the watching ks eyes go up. I've



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seen K across the room. We said summer party and her whole head jumped up very quick.



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They would be there with bells on a case, right? We can't get oh, that's where I gave Mary Kay she she she and hers would have to join us



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to try Well, she could bring her lover along. She's pretty cute. She have to watch out for though.



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She's out there taking care of us one day when she right. Take care of us big time.



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Yeah, but I think was a great idea. And I think we should have more of them. I think the guy should do a slumber party. So we should be able to tell the difference, you know and have like

an all male group. Just a little, you know, gender parity happening. I know. But you know, we kind of left them out tonight even though I didn't invite a lot of guys. They were all out of town. He

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was here for a short while but he had to leave and leave.

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He had to leave. There was a couple of people that I invited. I know Scott's out of town. He's in Dallas. He also has the flu. Michael, I don't have your number clear Michael Crawford. So I couldn't call you because I didn't know where you were. So we're thinking about you.

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I want to say hi. I want to say hi to Roy out there Roy. I know you're not listening by now. But I You're the you make my life. It's so easy, right I wanted you to know. And I promised Roy I'd say his name at least I have But doesn't die. So, Roy, this is your name Rory.

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I want to thank two people. I want to thank actually two couples. I want to thank the gorgeous couple. Linda and Terry jailbirds, Harry jailbird, Terry, because I didn't say their name last week, and I didn't know that they were listening. And you guys are great. I love hanging out with you. And I love running into every occasion that we get every, you know, protests and things like that have kind of become a little social event. Yeah, the gag round. Let's see we sondland And Terry the gag rally. We saw him at the turnaround day round stuff, clinic defense. I mean, we saw these guys everywhere. And I just want to thank them for all the support. They're giving the community at large.

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You wanted to say something to Betty and Barney and Barbara.

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Next people I wanted to talk about are gonna start a fan club. Are they really

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gonna try to talk? You better start off.



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If you're out there listening. Ladies, we love you both. And if you're not, we'll catch you later. Yeah, if you're not stopped by Juliet to buy beer some time. Okay. Back to community events. I know there's things happening in community right now. Do you know what they aren't jewel?



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Well, you know, after after the convention, people have just burned up. You know, so many people that usually didn't do things, got out and committed themselves to one protest or another and spent a lot of time doing I think people are really we're seeing kind of a lull in things now kind of recuperating after this nightmare of the nightmare. How how weak. It was really hard. I didn't realize it was gonna be so physical either, you know, either. We were holding that line. And after I got some hours, that was really something



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down by a priest will leave me stories for decades, I will be telling other people's grandchildren and maybe mine if I have them about being chased down by a priest in front of an abortion clinic. I know it I just didn't know it.



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And so the I think that basically, a lot of people have not doing a lot of a lot of stuff, but we have the regulars who are doing their stuff all the time. And some of those people. Where's that paperwork you just had is all this good stuff. All that good stuff. Yeah, there we go. I want to talk about smile. Is the smile paperwork in there? Nope. I KNOW. Jimmy, where's the smile, paperwork, smile, smile.



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And what does that stand for sexual minority



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youth assistance assistance League. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. I can never do that I just barely remembered GOP means.



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And what does that mean? Beats me.



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Beat me. Isn't that? Isn't that what they say when they lose GOP gigs?



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gigs on patrol?



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was I saying I lost my I'm thinking about the geeks on patrol,



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goobers on patrol Hoover's on patrol. I want to I want to go back to what you're saying about all the the activists that were busy and all the people that were busy during the convention that



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usually don't come out really got involved, and it's right late. We I think we made a good representation. I don't think we surprised them.



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Oh, definitely. It was very positive. There were a couple of negative things that came out of that. But basically, that was a twist that the media tended to put on things, you know, the the protests Monday night, the act of protest, they showed, you know, what the violence, what violence ensued at the end. And personally, a lot of that was instigated by the police department was instigated by, you know, a very small number of people that were there, you know, for alternative purposes. And basically, the positive effect of the March has been ignored by the media in general. Basically, we marched a mile one, honestly, 1.8 miles or something in front of the medical center, a couple of 1000 people. I mean, it was just beautiful. It was so it was just so empowering. And the message was just so perfectly crystal clear. And then weirdness ensued, and I won't, you know, go on about the weirdness forever, but there was hate crimes happening. There was brutality that was being displayed everywhere. You know, I just, it's hard for me to vocalize how, how emotional that whole evening was, how emotional it was to stand and watch the police, you know, basically not have any respect for anybody. I, you know, we're taught, especially Southern women, you know, we're taught to respect people in uniform and, and authority figures and things like that, and I saw him just get wild and it was, you know, unbelievable the the effects that the police have Parliament went to, and I'm not blaming HPD as a whole, I'm just saying that a lot of people got out of hand a lot of cops got out of hand and to protest that there will be protests against hate crimes by the police protests against brutality that will be happening this next week. Keep keep an ear out for that, because

I'm not gonna give any dates and times and places because I really don't know how firm the plans are yet. I'm hoping that we'll be in front of the police department, maybe Thursday evening, I really don't know. But there's some definite plans going on. Hi, Jimmy.

J

Jimmy Carper 25:46

Hi, how you doing? I didn't want to inject something since you were talking about all of that controversy that's coming up, feel free. You know, a lot of people call in and say, What happened to buddy? What happened to Jimmy and we've always said that, but he left the show. And now he is devoting time and other areas. We all know that he is very pro Houston police. And while he was on this show, he did his best to keep an open dialogue between the police department and the gay and lesbian community.

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And we've had wonderful relationships with the police. I just want to say the queer nation and act of Houston, have had excellent relationships with the police department. Up until about two, three months ago, we're starting to get ready for this GOP stuff.

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Jimmy Carper 26:33

And this, this comes back to something he said in council last Tuesday, I believe it was that he had a write up in the post on Wednesday. And I want to talk about it because oh, gosh, it was a year ago when they were talking first talking about the police sensitivity training, right? And Buddy was very gung ho and very anxious to get in on this. Because he's there. He's on that side of it. And he's on our side of it. He's a police dispatcher. That's right. And I for one thought he would be the most logical person to get in on this. And he went before city council and said, hey, you know, I've tried to get on this committee, and I've been told no, from all sides. And I'm the one that could have answered a lot of questions and maybe averted this, but I totally agree.

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I meant to straight people straight police officers are doing police sensitivity. Yeah. for gay and lesbian people.

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Jimmy Carper 27:35

No, it's It's like me talking about feminism or lesbianism? I'm not one so I rights of African American people. I can't answer those questions. It takes a lesbian or a gay man to do this type of thing.

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What buddy had to say, Boy,

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Jimmy Carper 27:51

I'm really with it. According to the post. It says here, William Johnston. That's about it. That's about it. Yeah. A gay police dispatcher told council members, he was not allowed to help teach gay lesbian sensitivity to Police Cadets, because he was, quote, unquote, too politically active. Oh, give me a break. Please, without his input, he said cadets left the class with questions. No one there could answer and you bet your sweet bippy there were questions that no one can answer. Because if you ain't one, you can't answer

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them. If you've never had your nipple pierced, you don't know how it feels.

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Jimmy Carper 28:31

That's right. There's a quote from him. We need to bridge the gap between gays and lesbians and police or there will continue to be problems like we had at the Astrodome Monday night. And that's absolutely true. And you know, all the while he was here, and working on that problem, I saw things lighten up. Not totally. There's always gonna be problems. But he was like, he was in the middle. The police listened to him. Cops called all the time and they were they were listening to him.

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Well, I want to tell you what happened. A lot of what happened with that whole thing. Yeah, please stay if you want. Yeah, sure.