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[I] [Introduction] 00:08

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J Jimmy Carper 00:28

Whoa, it must be Saturday night at midnight because you're listening to 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 hear for gay and lesbian people. Just as Gloria Gaynor says in this song, it's time to open up your closets. We at After Hours urge everyone to come out of their closets. By our definition, that means standing up for yourself and taking responsibility for your own life. But if you feel that you can't come out right now because of your age, your job or whatever reason. That's okay, we're here for you too. So sit back, relax, and enjoy this week's edition of after hours.

S Speaker 2 01:27

Okay, am I on? Can you hear that? I can hear. Okay, yeah, I can hear it now. Okay, you're here with After Hours. And I'm Jewel Gray in here with Jimmy and friends. And we're going to have us we're going to have a semi interesting and mostly fun show tonight. I want to open up the phones. We're gonna talk about some stuff tonight. And I hope you have your phones and our phone number. Our phone number is JAM-KPFT, Jimmy's gritting his teeth here. You can expect phone calls. I know. We will. We will deal with that though. I don't, I can't hear myself. Is this something? I can't hear myself. So you know egomania has to clip in, there we go. Now I can hear myself I feel better. Okay, and we're going to talk to Evelyn Carroll who's the fundraiser from the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard, who's going to be talking about the auction, the fifth annual Gay and Lesbian Switchboard auction is coming up and she will undoubtedly ask for donations. She's been begging everybody in town for donations. It's really turning out pretty well. Danburg. Debra Danburg has agreed to send a flag that once flew over the state capitol. Eleanor Tinsley sending us something. Various doctors in town have donated large sums of

money. Yeah, it was really impressed. Dr. Shapiro, a couple of other people. Rios, a couple of other doctors. We have a couple of optometrists who've offered packages to choose from to come in and have complete workup and contact lenses. All included in the package.

 Jimmy Carper 03:09

Hey, this is really sounding good.

 Speaker 2 03:11

One doctor gave away has offered us five trips to his office. I think they're \$65 value. Five trips to his office. Let's see. We've gotten various other things. One of the antique stores around town gave us some silver trays and serving utensils to go with that. We have a handheld, lap copier, Crystal punch sets, a lot of artwork, a lot of artwork. I've seen some art, so it's gonna be a real fun.

 Jimmy Carper 03:45

Something for everyone. Hey, it's that sounds like a place to do Christmas shot.

 Speaker 2 03:49

Oh Lord tickets for everywhere. Tickets for the Sims Symphony was at the symphony. Maybe it was a ballet. The ballet River Oaks theater. Midtown Spa give it six months.

 Jimmy Carper 04:00

Hey, hey, hey.

 Speaker 2 04:01

If you're interested in membership at Midtown.

 Jimmy Carper 04:04

I'll be bidding on that.

 Speaker 2 04:06

These are just off the top of my head. I don't have the list. But those are some of the things that have been donated a lot of other things. So one woman we met at the Lesbians in Business meeting last Friday. I believe it was donated a massage for someone and that's one of those

\$75 workups.

J Jimmy Carper 04:26

Yeah, that's like what Jim does, right?

S Speaker 2 04:27

Yeah, not one of those will sit in the wheelchair for minutes.

J Jimmy Carper 04:32

This is a serious is the real serious stuff. Yeah, yeah.

S Speaker 2 04:36

Let's see other people have been calling and asking what they can donate, looking for something to represent who they are and who they represent.

J Jimmy Carper 04:45

And this is all to benefit the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard.

S Speaker 2 04:48

Who sponsors the hate crime hotline.

J Jimmy Carper 04:51

And I know they're always out of money. Oh, yes. Because there are a bunch of people who like to sit on the phones and do what they do.

S Speaker 2 05:00

Best, what we're trained to do.

J Jimmy Carper 05:01

Exactly right. And we're not real. Yeah, we're raising money and stuff like that.

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Speaker 2 05:06

We're not a real fundraiser. So this has kind of been a real new thing. Last year, we sent out 150 letters, this year, we sent out 700.

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Jimmy Carper 05:13

Whoa.

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Speaker 2 05:14

And we've got such a tremendous response that the money that has come back will be able to support the rest of the auction. So it's practically paid for itself already. And I'm happy about that. So what will happen is that what we get from this point on, and the things that we get from the sale of these objects will be for operating expenses, phone bills, electricity bills, rent on the space that we use.

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Jimmy Carper 05:43

I know what that's like.

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Speaker 2 05:44

Some of those kinds of places. We almost didn't have a space a couple of weeks ago, we had over there. Yes, I was over there about 20 minutes after the tornado struck. And I was in the area and we went down to talk some people at Marshall Square where the tornadoes were and our location is not very far from that. Not so not very far from that, that there was some question whether it was there.

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Jimmy Carper 06:07

Oops, but everything was okay.

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Speaker 2 06:10

Yes, it was okay. We were really happy about that. I was really scared when I got there, though. Because next to it was a roof. I thought it was our roof. Aha. I thought it was our What do you offer me? Oh, Sweet Tarts. I love sweet tarts we have. We have a sweet here offering me Sweet Tarts. So Evelyn, and Sarah is here. And you're here and the guys here. And we'll we'll be having a good time. Like I said I want to open the phones later. And we'll talk a little bit about what's going on in town. I have a couple of pet peeves. I know you guys are just waiting to see when I'm angry at this. And

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Jimmy Carper 06:49

You know, I've been watching those damn bicyclers. You know, ever, ever since we've talked about that, and we've talked about it again. But it's you're absolutely right. In fact, I saw a bicycler stop for a red light. And I almost got out to congratulate them.

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Speaker 2 07:08

Close myself. But there are other things that I'm a little upset about. This week, some of the handling of the situation after Marshall Square was kind of upsetting to me.

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Jimmy Carper 07:19

Oh, really?

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Speaker 2 07:19

Yeah. People showed up from various organizations and offered their services, left cards. And then when people call them, told there was nothing they could do. Oh, so well, they were there. They got their picture in the paper, they got their name here and there.

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Jimmy Carper 07:36

Ah, gotcha.

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Speaker 2 07:37

But they ultimately did nothing. And were less than friendly about the little, the nothing that they were going to do. Ah, so I'm a little upset that you know, the response in our community and the people who do have major fundraisers, who actually have a salary and make a living by raising funds and make

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Jimmy Carper 07:56

As a matter of fact, there is a fundraiser happening tomorrow night at the BRB.

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Speaker 2 08:02

For the people that--



Jimmy Carper 08:02

J Jimmy Carper 08:03

For the people.

S Speaker 2 08:04

Yes, well, if if you can go that's the best thing to do because if

J Jimmy Carper 08:09

We'll talk, we'll give you more more info on that later.

S Speaker 2 08:11

But there'll be, they're getting less than friendly response from the organizations in town. Everybody has sent them on to other organizations, suggesting that maybe this organization can help maybe this and everybody's just passing the buck. And I know this because several of the people that I work with the Bering Care Center, were one of them in particular was the young black man who was on TV a lot. And he has relayed to me, the difficulty in connecting with these organizations who promised him help, they're on the spot in front of the cameras. And then it's all different. And these are the people who make a lot of money who could as matter of fact, one of them said to him, Well, no, you can't use this money. It's for emergencies.

J Jimmy Carper 09:02

What the hell is this?

S Speaker 2 09:03

What the hell is this, chopped liver? You know, this is God's, this is an emergency, an act of God. And, and it wasn't something this guy could have avoided because he was a good guy or a bad guy or any other way. This was just something that happened. Unfortunately, it took out his entire apartment. And I'm really a little ticked about that. We'll talk about that later, I will be careful to avoid the name of these organizations so that I don't offend people that work at these organizations. These organizations, basically, fundamentally are good and supportive organizations. But I think they get so full of themselves that they forget when they're getting their picture in the paper they have to come through too. And once the picture was in the paper and the names were spotted that they were there helping people, then their help wasn't.

J Jimmy Carper 09:52

That was it.

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Speaker 2 09:53

Right. And I'm really angry about that. So we'll talk a little about that. We'll talk to somebody who, if you want to call and mention that aim of these places that you could feel free. I have to work in a community. So we'll, we'll just talk about the unnamed organizations. I was in the paper.

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Jimmy Carper 10:11

No kidding.

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Speaker 2 10:11

And we dashed over there. You know, honey was downtown, right in the path of this. I had figured out right in the path of this. And the place that she was at. I called and the phone rang for five minutes straight. And that was enough for me. I get in, got in my mode of transportation and drove down there, lickety split. Dug her out of a crowd of people that had witnessed some storm damage. They're not quite, some of them said it was the tornado. Some of them said it was just a lot of wind, whatever.

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Jimmy Carper 10:46

What's the difference, right?

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Speaker 2 10:48

They had witnessed the tornado move past them and into the downtown area. And after relieving myself so that she that she was there and okay that I went down to Marshall Square with some friends that had climbed in the van with me. And when we got there things were still, you know, actually still bending. It was really interesting. There were lines down everywhere. Trees, people were scattered and wearing everything from pajamas to, you know, one guy was staying there and tuxedo I don't know where he been what he was doing. But he's standing there.

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Jimmy Carper 11:23

Only in Montrose.

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Speaker 2 11:25

And Ray Hill. I waved at Ray while I was down there.



Jimmy Carper 11:21

J Jimmy Carper 11:31

I'm sure he was right in the middle.

S Speaker 2 11:33

Yeah, right on camera when I waved. And later, he did an interview with the Chronicle in which he said that people from one of these organizations and the Bering Care Center had showed up to offer assistance and had whisked away several severely ill people. Well, that that was me. That was me and a couple of people from the care center that we had just had we've truly just accidentally, at mostly out of morbid curiosity got down there. And we had found people that we knew, we'd found a particular man whose apartment was literally wiped out. And he was pretty much-

J Jimmy Carper 12:11

I mean, those apartments were like cleaned out.

S Speaker 2 12:15

You can see from the street straight through that--

J Jimmy Carper 12:16

There's not firemen. Yeah, nothing, nothing left in it. And so, it's incredible.

S Speaker 2 12:21

We took him back to the care center. He was he was having some, I believe he was in shock at that time.

J Jimmy Carper 12:28

Who wouldn't be?

S Speaker 2 12:29

So I didn't want to leave him there. I didn't know who was there and I didn't know what kind of place he was going to be physically shortly. So I took him back Care Center, which was in retrospect a good decision because later he began to feel the aches and pains of going being thrown out of his apartment. At which time he went to the hospital and found out he had a pretty severe whiplash but it was pretty interesting time like I said, the Switchboard is not very far from that area.

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Jimmy Carper 12:58

So matter of fact, you know, that stopped the thing came down on on the Marshall Square apartments and came down on Brennan's. And then on Enron I got a map out and plotted those three and drew a line. And that sucker went right over my house. Of course, true to form, I was sleeping.

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Speaker 2 13:25

Well, that's a couple of the guys that I had dealt with it the care center also were sleeping. But after being rattled literally from their bed, and was woken up, awakened, awakened by the noise, and as he stood up was hit by a beam from the building that had come through his front window, which was, you know, I just can't imagine being, I mean, I know how bad it is when I get up at two o'clock in the morning to go to the bathroom. I can't imagine waking up with a tornado. You know, oh, God, a tornado. Now what? You know, oh, pull your pants up.

J

Jimmy Carper 14:02

Yeah, I wouldn't even think to do that.

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Speaker 2 14:08

But we can talk a little about that if you were in the tornado. If you were in the devastation. Give us a call. We'll talk a little bit about that. But what we're going to do right now is Jimmy has cued up a nice song, why don't we queued up?

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Jimmy Carper 14:19

Well, it's kind of a fun group called The Lemonheads.

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Speaker 2 14:23

Oh, yeah.

J

Jimmy Carper 14:24

And they've got some some top 40 stuff going but they also have this this great little song that kind of makes me wonder. Is this coming out song and you know, one of the guys looks awfully familiar. I just can't figure it out. Anyway, so Lemonheads doing "Big Gay Heart." Lemonheads with "Big Gay Heart." What does that mean? Hmm? Okay, yeah. And by request, and by request last night as a matter of fact, somebody wanted to hear something from the Ridiculous Theatre Company, Charles Ludlum, and we played it last week and got some good response on it. So here it is. "Thank God He Made Me a Drag Queen."

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Speaker 2 15:26

Always wanted to do harmony like that.

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Jimmy Carper 15:30

We could do harmony like that, actually.

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Speaker 2 15:32

Yeah, harmony. Well, what are we going to do? What are we gonna do? Let me find, let me get this on my head so I can hear myself. You know, I can't do this if I don't hear myself.

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Jimmy Carper 15:41

Okay, we've got some guests.

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Speaker 2 15:42

Oh, yeah. Stephen and Sydney. Tada used to be known as Greg and something else. I forgot that part. Michael? No, no, Michael. No. These be Greg and who? Sydney? Sydney. It wasn't Sydney before. It would just be Greg and somebody else. Anyway, Sydney and Steve now.

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Jimmy Carper 16:02

Okay. Well, Sydney is off to New York, and he's back for Thanksgiving. He's going to school up there and enjoy--

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Speaker 2 16:10

What's he teaching up there? Come on.

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Speaker 3 16:13

I'm going to film school.

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Speaker 2 16:14

Film school.

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Jimmy Carper 16:16

Really? Cool. Yeah, that's right. That's right. Because you called us. And when you first got up there, you're talking about New York and it was really cool.

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Speaker 2 16:27

The first gay Tim Burton. Burton. Burton. Yeah, Burton.

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Jimmy Carper 16:31

Yeah, Tim Burton's great.

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Speaker 2 16:33

The Nightmare Before Midtown Spa.

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Jimmy Carper 16:40

Okay, well, how are you doing in school? Well, you have to talk in the microphone. Yeah.

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Speaker 3 16:51

You know, is a phallic symbol. So it's the one--

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Jimmy Carper 16:53

You can deal with it.

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Speaker 2 16:55

You know how to do that. Okay. I'm doing okay in school.

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Jimmy Carper 17:01

You have a boyfriend?

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Speaker 2 17:02

Yeah, I have a nice Jewish boy.

J Jimmy Carper 17:04

Ah, yes.

S Speaker 2 17:06

He's gonna be a doctor.

S Speaker 3 17:09

He doesn't know what he wants to do.

S Speaker 2 17:10

So where's his parents?

S Speaker 3 17:13

Oh, well, his parents live--

S Speaker 2 17:14

They live in another state. Because if he would live with his parents, he'd know exactly what it would be.

J Jimmy Carper 17:18

Yes. Yeah.

S Speaker 3 17:20

His parents live in Pennsylvania.

J Jimmy Carper 17:24

Steven, what's going on with you?

S Speaker 4 17:26

Well, I was just thinking, that's amazing. He dates a slut. And then he dates a virgin. He dates me and then--

S Speaker 3 17:36

You're the slut.

S Speaker 4 17:37

I'm the slut.

S Speaker 2 17:38

Well, now everybody in town knows that Stephen is a slut.

J Jimmy Carper 17:41

They knew that before.

S Speaker 3 17:42

And his real name, too. Yeah, whatever.

J Jimmy Carper 17:46

So what's been going on with you?

S Speaker 4 17:48

Oh, just I have a band together. No kidding. Yes. And we're doing wonderful. We're expected to debut in about March. Are you going to bring me the music so we can play it? Okay.

S Speaker 2 18:01

Okay. And wasn't your hair different color last time I saw you? Aren't you using more makeup this time than last time?

J Jimmy Carper 18:08

Well, on his eyes yes. Yeah.

 Speaker 4 18:11

I wanted to go dark this time.

 Speaker 2 18:14

I'm telling you dark.

 Speaker 4 18:15

It's dark.

 Speaker 2 18:17

It's dark.

 Speaker 4 18:17

It's like charcoal.

 Speaker 2 18:18

That's right.

 Speaker 4 18:19

My eyes are charcoal.

 Speaker 2 18:20

Kind of like a real cute little fuzzy raccoon.

 Speaker 4 18:23

Don't dare say it. You're the second person tonight. That's told me that.

 Speaker 3 18:32

He's my ex. I blacked his eyes.

S Speaker 2 18:38

We're gonna have to quick note a song here.

J Jimmy Carper 18:40

I see I see. I see. We do have something series coming up, though.

S Speaker 2 18:44

Yes, we do. We're gonna play a tape.

J Jimmy Carper 18:46

Well, you see the 27th was the 15th anniversary of the assassination of Harvey Milk.

S Speaker 2 18:53

That's right. You guys know who Harvey Milk was? Who? Wait, wait first. How old are you?

S Speaker 4 19:01

18. I know a little bit. Okay. Well, what do you know? Um, he founded the first gay High School. It's in New York.

J Jimmy Carper 19:10

Close, very, because it was named after him. But he was the first openly gay elected supervisor in San Francisco. Yep. And just that's--

S Speaker 2 19:23

That's paramount to being on the city council. That would be like Eleanor Tinsley suddenly came out as a lesbian. No, that's not a fact.

J Jimmy Carper 19:25

Yes.

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Speaker 2 19:30

No, no. It's just a strong rumor.

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Jimmy Carper 19:32

No, that's that would be like Annise Parker getting arrested.

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Speaker 2 19:36

That's right. It would that's we'd be much more like it, or Ray, Ray Hill re-elected to here. Yes. And he was not only just a gay man who was elected to the seat, he was damn good at his job, which really made it even better because he was--

J

Jimmy Carper 19:51

--He did nothing but but really have that. People revered him because he brought people together and he was he just. Just, oh, I'm tripping over my tongue. Right?

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Speaker 2 20:04

Admiration. Yeah.

J

Jimmy Carper 20:05

I know, because I can't say enough about Harvey because he he knew about people's problems. And it wasn't just He wasn't just a gay candidate. He was a people's candidate.

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Speaker 2 20:16

That's right. That's right. He was not elected just by the gay people in the city.

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Jimmy Carper 20:19

No, he couldn't have been because--

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Speaker 2 20:22

--an overwhelming majority of people,

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Jimmy Carper 20:24

--because none of the gay political groups backed him.

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Speaker 2 20:28

That's right.

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Jimmy Carper 20:29

He had to get his backing from a lot of straight people.

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Speaker 2 20:32

That's right. So we have that tape. And we're going to play that in a minute. You, you want her to tell me before we go, that's why I wanted to talk about the Harvey Milk sandwich. You guys knew about it. Being so young, this is one of our gay forefathers.

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Jimmy Carper 20:47

That's right.

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Speaker 2 20:48

And it's very important that young people appreciate where they've come from and who've done the battling to let them have the freedoms that they have now, which may not seem like much, but if you think 15 or 20 years ago, what it was like, it's a lot now.

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Jimmy Carper 21:02

Say 15 years ago, Harvey was saying, Come out, come out, come out of the closet. Alright. And here you you two are both out of the closet.

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Speaker 2 21:12

So you are his prodigy to, to, to, be, um.

J

Jimmy Carper 21:18

It's just that 15 years ago, it was almost unthinkable to come out of closet. That's right. You know, back then it was out. And you know, some people were, but just 15 years ago, not that many.

KNOW, RAY HILL WAS OUT. AND YOU KNOW, SOME PEOPLE WERE OUT JUST 15 YEARS AGO, NOT THAT MANY PEOPLE WERE OUT OF THE CLOSET.

 Speaker 4 21:33

I suppose. I suppose that 15 years ago, that would have been like me going out and saying down with Christianity.

 Jimmy Carper 21:40

Yeah, something like that.

 Speaker 2 21:41

Yeah. Anyway, so that's what we're gonna. Yeah, alright, history, history lessons. And I know everybody's out there snoring. But I'll tell you what, if we one of the things that Hitler wrote in his book, if you've ever read Mein Kampf, was the best way. The single best way to destroy people was to destroy a people's history. Yes. Do not give them a connection to their past and by overlooking our past and the people who struggled for us in the past, is, is really a terrible thing. And it got, it takes away from the validity of us today, is you know, well, we're just here today, there's not been a long running thing of this. This is what they're trying to say now is that it's not really as prevalent in past as we'd like, straight people to think. But it is, it is and gay people have been making strides and immense contributions to this planet since people roamed the earth in the beginning in fur coats. Yeah. And barefoot out on the tundra somewhere. Gay people have been made. Did you ever see Quest for Fire? There's a gay couple in Quest for Fire. Oh, I know that. I know. That has little to do with reality. But there is a gay couple. I really appreciated the people who made Quest for Fire. Because not only did they make a gay couple in there, they made women strong. Women were not these pulled around by their hair little bimbos you see in The Flintstones do. And they were a gay couple who cared about each other and showed their care and concern after a battle. One of the men was licking the other man's wounds. Now I don't. I know that doesn't seem like much here. But that was the first time I've seen anybody represent prehistory with gay people. And it was really an interesting moment there when you recognize and realize that these two were gay, were two men who were sleeping together and concerned about each other's well being and safety, and, obviously a couple. And so our history is very important. And the more we know about our history, the less we'll make the mistakes that people in our history have made. So it's important to know our history. And this is what we're going to do. We're going to share a little history about Harvey Milk.

 Jimmy Carper 23:55

Right now.

 24:01

Both Mayor Moscone and supervisor Harvey Milk have been shot and killed.



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The suspect.



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Supervisor Dan Boyd has been found guilty of one count each of voluntary manslaughter.



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Police have arrived at City Hall drive squad here on pushing people off the staff.



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The board supervisors it's my duty to make this announcement



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Dianne Feinstein. San Francisco City Hall, Monday morning November 27, 1978,



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Mayor Moscone and supervisor Harvey Milk have been shot and killed.



25:02

The suspect is supervisor Dan White, a motive for the killings was apparently a personal vendetta. This morning Moscone was to hold a press conference to announce the appointment of a supervisor to fill White's position. White had resigned from the board earlier this month, claiming that the salary was inadequate for him to support his family. Later, he changed his mind and asked to have that position back. Though Moscone had the option to reappoint White, a conservative voice on the board, the mayor had expressed interest in several other candidates. Milk was a political opponent of whites, an outspoken liberal and the first gay candidate on the board. Harvey Milk was not in favor of reappointing White to his position. For Pacifica in Berkeley, this is Lily Franklin. San Francisco supervisor and gay rights activist Harvey Milk was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1977. He became the city's first gay supervisor in a city with a substantial vocal gay population. At the time, he said his election would bring hope to minorities and the disenfranchised. Milk said people would say that if a gay could do it, they could do it. But Milk always insisted he was not a one issue politician.



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If I'm fighting for gay rights, then either I'm a hypocrite, I have to fight for the rights of everybody. And once I fight for the rights of everybody, then I have to fight for the spending priorities of everybody on Nantucket, and I don't think I'm a hypocrite and that's why I've been involved in the issues of the district for so long, so hard.



26:29

For California Public Radio, this is Rita Schmidt in Sacramento. Going all in here, Joan Baez and Meg Christian sang for the thousands who came to San Francisco Civic Center last night to mourn yesterday's assassinations of city supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone. Both of them were the constituents of the gay community which Milk represented.



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I saw Harvey every other day, walking on the street doing laundry we had talked together exchanged ideas. Almost everybody on this street certainly has seen him and had exchanged words and smiles and hellos with him.



27:12

I'm very confused because it's really hard to react to what's going on. Because it's very solemn yet underneath I'm very angry. I'm afraid walking down the street and we're afraid to it's just like walking down and who knows whatever you're going to be walking into. That's the feeling I have.



27:30

I think Harvey Milk did a lot. I used to be really afraid. As people like Harvey Milk and other people like that and made me realize that I was okay.



27:45

Only two days ago City Hall was the scene of a tragic double assassination. Today it was transformed, filled with potted trees and flowers sweeping up a grand staircase beneath the rotunda, under their blankets of flowers led to caskets of Mayor Moscone and supervisor Harvey Milk, each one with its honor guard of a fireman, policeman and sheriff's deputy. While City Hall employees watched from the balconies above, members of the public came for a last glimpse of their slain mayor and supervisor. Thousands of people filed past the two caskets many reaching out to touch and perhaps believe what still leaves many San Franciscans incredulous. There were many eulogies for Mayor Moscone and supervisor Harvey Milk today, and each one called for hope in the future.



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Monday, May 21st 1979,



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Dan White has been found guilty of one count each of voluntary manslaughter in the shooting deaths of Mayor George Moscone and supervisor Harvey Milk last November 27. The jury chose the least serious crime of the options given to them by Superior Court Judge Walter F. Calcagno. Voluntary manslaughter carries a penalty from two to four years. For National Public Radio, this is Gene Farish in San Francisco.



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The foundation of White's defense through the testimony of his family, friends, and psychiatrist, was that his consumption of high sugar content junk foods contributed to his mental instability and the downright was not responsible for his actions on that November morning. This came to be known as the Twinkie Defense.



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During the trial evidence was introduced by prosecutor Thomas Norman indicating that on the day of the killings, a 32 year old flight concealing a gun at entered City Hall through a window to avoid doorway metal detectors. Then he calmly discuss Carolyn Kennedy's forthcoming birthday as he waited to see the mayor. Moments later, white shot Moscone, a 49 year old father of four, four times in the body and head. According to prosecution testimony, White reloaded his gun and then sought out and shot openly gay supervisor Harvey Milk five times.



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It was voluntary manslaughter. From my point of view.



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Defense attorney Douglas Smith used the preemptory challenge to keep all known gay people off the jury.



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It was an awful thing. I don't ever want to make light of it. If there's nothing I can say that, you know, we're going to help the families of the victims and all that and change anything that's happened, but I felt that the verdict was just.



30:09

Under the concept of diminished capacity, the defense told the seven women, five man jury, that White acted out of frustration and rage. Defense testimony, including that of four psychiatrists portrayed White as being so upset by personal problems that he did not have the capacity for malice, premeditation and deliberation, the elements required for a first degree murder conviction sought by the prosecution.



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My reaction to that decision was was one of disbelief.



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San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein.



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Whether I think it's fair or not, isn't the issue. The fact is that he was tried by a jury of his peers and that was their findings. I can comment on the law that would enable this kind of finding to exist. And I would have to say that there are flawed laws, and the legislature should take another look at the doctrine of diminished capacity. Because all of us, I think, would feel that anybody that commits a murder is not a sound mind or you're not going to commit the murder.



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Jury foreman George Mincer told the San Francisco Examiner of the panel never seriously considered convicting White of first degree murder, because the jury could find no evidence indicating premeditation. Mincer said the jury reached a verdict on the Moscone shooting on May 18. But that the decision on the death of Milk did not come until three days later. White, who was once a San Francisco police officer, could be released on probation in three years. Under a complicated legal procedure, the longest prison term he could serve. It'd be seven years and 10 months. For Pacific radio, this is Michael Dell.



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They asked to rehear the definition of malice, which is required for any murder charge.



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Pacifica correspondent Emily Clark covered the trial from the beginning.



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They asked to hear one psychiatrist who was saying that Dan White acted like he was in a dream, he didn't know what he was doing. And so that sort of gave a hint that they were going to go for voluntary on one of the charges at least, but I don't think anyone there thought they were gonna go for voluntary on both of them. I'm just very emotional about it. And I feel that, of course, we have to think about the living and the people that are still alive. And yet it seems like this verdict shows that no one was thinking too much about the people who died.



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That's what the gay movement about. Harvey Milk.



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I got the phone call, I knew I'd eventually get confused. One was from a 17 year old child in a small town in Minnesota, and the boy is handicapped. And the boy fears that he's gay, and they want to put him in his-- That boy needs help. "In the Gay Mood" is about the letter I got from Southwest Africa. When he read about a gay person getting elected here, and that person has helped. I think Harvey Milk did a lot. And that 17 year old kid in Minnesota has hope.



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I used to be really afraid. Because people like Harvey Milk and other people like that it made me realize that I was okay.