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Jimmy Carper 00:01

I have a lot of frustrations, too. I can't find a job. I went around and shot up a couple of people just to do something like because I was angry at them. You think they'd let me out of there? I'd be in there till doomsday if I didn't meet the chair first.

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Speaker 2 00:20

The crowd has assembled. Candles are being lit posters are held on high. The streets, the steps of City Hall the street in front of it back to the reflecting fountain is filled well over 5000 people feel like we feel like children that are coming up that we prepared a place for anybody to count you. Grading in front of City Hall continues to get torn down. Police have arrived at City Hall, at the doors of City Hall. They've got riot squad here on. This question is shopping going on is now broken loose, cops are now bashing heads up, are indeed to people who had formed a human chain who to protect City Hall are now getting bashed by police. The people the people who had been protecting City Hall are now getting dragged away by police. The police are now moving out into the crowd, moving out into the crowd and just flailing about.

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[Music] 01:56

Well I'm not 17 stored clean off straw.

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Can you comment again on why you people got hit on the steps who had been sitting there and not moving and indeed protecting people?

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I don't know why I asked them why we were just trying to cool people with no plan, no strategy, no leadership, just whatever power of suggestion and persuasion we had.

[I] [Introduction] 02:44

There was an agreement between the people who are organizing the line and the police that we would not be assaulted. And we're standing there holding the line. We moved the line gradually further and further away from city hall. And then there was a rush on the entire crowd aimed at all the people who are holding City Hall from assault. There were injuries, they're recovering.

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Later that night, the police invaded the Castro district provoking people to come out of the bars, shouting get out of our neighborhood.

S Speaker 5 03:19

I was just down here at one o'clock having a drink. And I decided to go home and go out and I noticed there half a dozen cops standing in the middle of the intersection out there and all of a sudden they're you know more cops everywhere and they start lining the streets. A few people started throwing bottles at them and then they just go crazy. They chase people back into the bar where we thought we were safe. And then they just come storming through here. You know it's like Nazi Storm Troopers.

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We were all sitting at the same table relaxing having a cocktail I just ordered a round. The police bashed through every one of these windows billy clubbing everybody through that small little back door saying get out go home queers, get off the street.

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This cop comes up to me, kicks me in the ribs, telling me get your ass out.

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they were billy clubbing people all the way out to the back door and there was no way all these people could get through that tiny back door. Tipping tables over.

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People on the floors, billy clubbing and once they came in, I was hit on the chest.



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When they finally got us out the back door, and they got into formation and say go home faggots, go home faggots.



[Introduction] 04:35

They had cops up here from Hillsboro from all around the southern peninsula. You know he's please don't have to deal with this kind of action too often. So consequently, when they're confronted with gay people, they react from a gutter level is a much more substantial police who will have to deal with with faggots all the time. The guy was it was saying that it was an anti-faggot decision. I think just the way the Americans see justice, you try to run innocent people into the ground and these people get off scot free. Tuesday, May 22. The day after the so called White Knight Riots.



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K and X News Radio correspondent David Cosley says today as special meaning.



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A party has been scheduled for some time in remembrance of what would have been Harvey Milk's 49th birthday today. The event on Castro Street had been billed as a non political good time to begin about 8:30 with streets blocked off on Castro from Marquette to 18 for the celebrants. San Francisco supervisor Harry Britt, the gay leader who replaced Milk on the board said he would not apologize for the violence of last night and this morning, but that he hoped the birthday celebration would be a positive one. Some police apparently think otherwise, as patrol cars filled with reinforcements left city hall in the early morning, members of a guard force left behind shouted see the night and bring some big ones back with you.



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I think it's important for everyone in this city to know that we're not going to continue to tolerate this. San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein held a late night press conference to condemn the violence. Please exercise considerable restraint. There will be a major police presence throughout San Francisco. Every off duty officer is being called back to report to the reporters on the scene so that the police did not show restraint when they started clearing the city hall area. Many demonstrators and some reporters were clubbed by police. City Hall sustained major damage and police from neighboring counties were called in. San Francisco supervisor Carol Ruth Silver and about 150 other people, police demonstrators and reporters were injured either by rocks and bottles or by police brandishing billy clubs.



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Dianne Feinstein said today she shared that the vast majority of the city's gay community does not condone last night's violence. I'm hopeful that we can put violence beside us. She issued a proclamation today declaring this a special day of remembrance for Harvey Milk. They McDonald, CBS News, San Francisco.



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Introducing Harry Britt.



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Tonight 15,000 People have gathered to demonstrate with their love that the spirit of Harvey Milk will always be alive in our city. And I sure as hell don't have to tell you that Harvey most people do not have a damn thing to apologize to anybody for ever. Let no one believe that the step that we have taken is a step from non violence to violence. We have suffered too much for at the hands of violent people ever to go down that road. But let us say that never again. Will our people ever stand by and let dead White's people rule the day that we are tired of dealing with pain. And that from now on, the people who would follow the spirit of Dan White are going to have to deal with us. I'd like to now for you to welcome Meg Christian and Pauline Maier.



[Music] 08:25

Happy birthday. Happy birthday to you Happy



08:52

Dan White, the convicted assassin of San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and supervisor Harvey Milk has been released after serving five years in prison. January 6, 1984. Concern for White's safety prompted officials to move him from Soledad Prison in Central California Thursday afternoon to the prison to a hatchapee. Then to an L.A. parole office where he was released. Brian Blande Los Angeles.



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I think that Dan White will probably look over his shoulder for the rest of his life. Because he'll never enough if someone back there with a gun that's ready to blow his brains out. We'll never know.



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This is KFWB.

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Good evening, I'm Judy Port.

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[Introduction] 09:28

Monday, October 21, 1985.

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Police say the man convicted of murdering San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and city supervisor Harvey Milk in 1978 committed suicide at his home this morning. Former city supervisor Dan White died of carbon monoxide poisoning after inhaling exhaust fumes from the tailpipe of his car. He was found by his brother who notified police. White had been convicted of voluntary manslaughter after pleading diminished capacity to stand trial due to severe depression. He was an outspoken critic of homosexuality, Milk his second victim was the first openly homosexual a member of the city's governing board of supervisors.

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On Castro Street, considered by many to be the pulse of San Francisco's gay community. The general consensus is that justice has prevailed. Words like karma and symbolism cropped up frequently in bars Monday night. Gay community leaders have been generally subdued in their comments. Newspapers have been making the most of the story each day brings more torture details, but papers are not so much published as they are carried out screaming into the streets. Headlines foam. Dan White's year of fear and White's torment before the suicide and Dan White, no escape for an outcast. But some believe that last headline is wrong. There was one escape and White took it. In San Francisco life goes on. Reporting from 18th and Castro in San Francisco, this is Stephen Share.

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[Introduction] 11:00

Thanks to all those previously identified for their contributions to this program, coverage of the white knight writing came from the fruit punch collective at KPFA and Ravenshead Communications technical assistance by Jeffrey Becker and Helene Rosenbluth diminished capacity was produced by Greg Gordon speaking.

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Jimmy Carper 11:24

KPFT Houston, and now kids we've got something that's not even in the stores yet. It's the special Christmas mix of Fem2Fem's "Obsession."

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Speaker 2 11:37

A little bit big. That's what my favorite tape we made that. Sarah made that. Actually Sarah's in the other room. Thank you, Sarah. Sarah made that tape. With some help from Becky and Margaret. For the gay pride parade. We played that off of our float. We didn't win anything but we worked hard. And off the float, ya know? It just it was it was weak. It was let's just, let's just face it, guys. It was weak. And we, you're talking about a parade already. I told Evelyn the other night don't talk to me about the parade. She did. I did. I have with me. Evelyn Carroll, who is the fundraiser at the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard. She's on the board directors there. And her job is raising money to keep the Switchboard going. If you've noticed the Switchboard in the paper, the magazines and various places in publication lately that's because there's a new effort at the Switchboard. And Evelyn is part of that new effort to get a little more ahead than just rent for the month and maybe so that switchboard can grow in the future instead of just exist and with a new board, a new kind of, am I making that TV go that way? I sure am. Well now we can't see anything. I'm, I've messed up the television. I've messed up the television. Hop, there it is there it is. That's a football game. No no. Anyway, it'll come back on, it'll come back on, there you go. It's on. It's on. There goes, there it was I was just seeing visions of my Christmas going up in smoke having to pay for this little television I know is worth \$5,000. Okay. But Evelyn is here to talk to us about the fifth annual gay and lesbian auction that's benefiting the Switchboard. And Switchboard, of course, are the sponsors of the hate crimes hotline, and Evelyn's here to talk to us about it. Evelyn, you want to tell us a little about the auction? What did you say? It's the fifth annual auction? How come I've never heard of the first four? Because, of course, because you weren't running. There you go. He got the fundraiser. Hey, there you go. There you go. But you are the fundraiser now. How did that come about?

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Speaker 5 14:11

Well, one day I woke up and got a phone call and somebody said you're a fundraiser because nobody else will. So I'm the fundraiser and I took it on with, uh.

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Speaker 2 14:23

I don't believe it was quite like that. I believe I remember some, some eagerness and some.

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Speaker 5 14:30

Well, when I got the position, I looked around and I had never really realized what a sad shape the Switchboard was in. And we really needed to raise funds. And so I put my heart and soul into it. And we've got a huge auction coming up. And I'm really pleased with that.

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Speaker 2 14:47

So what is the fifth annual gay and lesbian auction really?

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Speaker 5 14:50

What is it really? What it is is every organization that we contact in the community hopefully

What is it really? What it is, is every organization that we contact in the community hopefully will give us a donation. We're asking this year that all the donations be representative of the group if at all possible. For example, Debra Danburg donated a flag to us for that flew over the Capitol, and that represents what she does. And that's just truly wonderful. And we have a lot of a lot of positive response from the community. PFLAG is one of our supporters, and they're very pleased with what we're doing with Santa's Fairies, which kicks off during the auction. We'll be auctioning all this merchandise to go to the benefit of the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard and hate crimes hotline, keeps our telephones ringing and allows us to be there for information or just to be there for you. Well, Mike, I guess what I'm looking forward. Maybe better to better question would be, what is the auction? How's, how does your auction what is going to happen there? Where's it going to be? Okay, it's going to be at Brazos River Bottom.

 Speaker 2 16:04

When?

 Speaker 5 16:05

On December 11. December 11. From five till nine o'clock,

 Speaker 2 16:09

Which is happy hour. Yeah. Whoa, that's it's not happy hour anymore.

 Speaker 5 16:13

On Saturday.

 Speaker 2 16:14

It's not happy hour anymore. It's not a lot. It's, I thought it was against the law to be happy hour. So we'll call it whoopee hour Yeah, during the whoopee hour at BRB. What's going to be like, like the kind of auction that you see on TV where people stand up in front of a room and somebody walks around with this object, art or something and, and somebody out there says \$45? \$50? \$51?

 Speaker 5 16:39

No, no, no.

 Speaker 2 16:40

How's it going to be?

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Speaker 5 16:40

What it's going to be is in, we'll be auctioning merchandise during the middle of a live show, which is very wonderfully donated by Rick Chu manager over at BRB.

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Speaker 2 16:52

Rick Chu, who's a Mr. TGRA candidate this year.

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Speaker 5 16:55

That's right, he was.

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Speaker 2 16:56

And is very close, I understand from some little sources around town to being Mr. TGRA. So he's going to be doing a show at the BRB during this time, and he's going to be auctioning off these things.

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Speaker 5 17:10

Yes.

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Speaker 2 17:11

He and himself alone or?

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Speaker 5 17:14

No, there will be other other entertainers.

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Speaker 2 17:17

So it will be some kind of, like, variety thing. People doing various things, and they'll be auctioning off. So they'll stop doing whatever they're doing and say hold things up or point to things. And suggest, well didn't you know, wing it here? She's giving me the, the radio signal. I don't know. So you're you're this close. And you're not? You're not sure how that'll be done? I guess Rick will have a lot to say about that.

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Speaker 5 17:49



Speaker 5 17:40

Rick has a lot to say about that. That's true. He is putting the show together for us. And will be handling the auction. as far as fooshing, as far as showing the merchandise.



Speaker 2 18:00

You mean, there won't be lesbians fooshing.



Speaker 5 18:02

Oh, I hope so.



Speaker 2 18:04

Just just reckon the guys down to BRB fooshing.



Speaker 5 18:07

Oh, honey, you're going to be fooshing, aren't you?



Speaker 2 18:09

No, I think I'm not going to be fooshing. Well, I don't know, maybe I could. So the kinds of things will be there. Sounds like and I know because I've seen your list over your shoulder. And for those who are not privileged with information, Evelyn is my lovee, we met at the Switchboard and we live together. So we have a lot of contact about this. I'm really involved in this. So what was I gonna say, it was a good one it was and it got away from me. So it's December the 11th. And all afternoon, Rick will be doing shows that seems like a long show. Is it like one show or a bunch of people breaks in between and things like that?



Speaker 5 18:53

There'll be breaks in between and that's when the merchandise will be auctioned off.



Speaker 2 18:56

Do you think we'll have some pretty good response with this? I mean, I've seen the stuff in the paper too, because, frankly, folks, I've been the one putting it in the paper. So I've seen the stuff in the paper too. You know, I've read the articles and stuff where the switchboard is getting ready to do this. It seems like the campaign for this is been real serious opposed to other campaigns. Is this, is indicative of what things are gonna be like at the Wwitchboard in the future?

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Speaker 5 19:29

I certainly hope so. I know that our board of directors have a larger vision for the future of the Switchboard and for the future for our community. And we're taking fundraising seriously because we're taking our outreach to the community seriously and have to reach out.

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Speaker 2 19:50

Sure do, you got to spend money to make money. I have heard that many times in my past and I've never truly understood it until just recently, and it's hard to get people to spend money when there's nothing immediate coming back, and gambling on things coming back. So I know what that's been like. You just dropped that \$10, a thousand dollar mink jacket here, dragging it out. So, you're on the board of directors. And it's a new board of directors. And how do you feel about being on the board of directors there, at the Switchboard. I mean, what is it to you? How long have you been with the Switchboard?

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Speaker 5 20:38

I've been with the Switchboard twice. Now. This last stent has been about two years long. I feel it's an honor to serve on the Switchboard. I feel like the Switchboard does a lot for the community. We take calls every day, from people who have just gotten into town and don't know where to go, or they're coming to town or they're being transferred to town and they what they want to know what, where the gay area is, where to live, where to, where they might look for work, where they might go out and party and organizations that can be involved with and we do a lot of important things. And we also provide a place where people who want to be involved with community but can't necessarily come out. Can, can service the community because we are anonymous.

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Speaker 2 21:33

So you like that about the Switchboard?

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Speaker 5 21:34

I really like that. It gives a lot of people a lot of opportunity to serve the community and we do a lot of good for the community.

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Speaker 2 21:40

Well, why did you want to be on a board of directors? It's a lot more involved than just sitting there answering the phone three. You know, I've asked myself that a thousand times. It's a lot more involved than answering the phone three hours a week. I mean, there's a lot of effort every single day when you're a board member on an organization. Were you surprised by the amount of work was necessary?

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Speaker 5 22:00

I was, surprised is an understatement. I was shocked at how much work there is to do.

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Speaker 2 22:06

Yeah, I remember the day you realized, that look the little boy in Home Alone has.

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Speaker 5 22:11

Oh, but but really, I I really believe in what we're doing at the Switchboard. And so I I put that effort in with love.

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Speaker 2 22:22

How do you see your commitment. I mean, your your actual, what you do on a Switchboard? How do you? How do you see yourself making changes with the Switchboard or making the Switchboard a bit better success than it is now? How are you going to do it? I couldn't do that. What are your, what's your part? What what are you going to do as a board of directors of an organization whose, frankly floundering?

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Speaker 5 22:54

Well, I am working diligently at doing whatever I can to keep us in the public eye to let everybody know we're out there and to raise funds so that we can do whatever we can for the community. Several benefits coming up that we hope to participate in not to benefit ourselves, but to benefit other groups. And that's really important. And by, by putting by putting forth effort, I think other people see that other people will put forth effort. I know that all the members of the Board of Directors now are they're the probably the most enthusiastic group, enthusiastic group that I have seen.

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Speaker 2 23:43

Seen a lot of boards.

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Speaker 5 23:45

And, and I'm just really happy to be a part of that because each one of us has a different point of view. And when we all get together and sit around at our board meetings and talking about where we're going and what we're doing and and how we've done it, we've been able to to accomplish a lot of positive changes. And I think that that is perpetuating the excitement that we all felt. And now it's catchy.

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Speaker 2 24:09

Yeah, I mean, I've been feeling it, I have to admit it. You know, seeing us in the in the tabloids, the local news, that that's made me feel much more, I don't know, valid, you know, somehow that, that people are knowing that we exist and that we provide the services that we do. And that not just a few people, I mean, what is 10,000 people when you get, when you look at you know, to a city of 2 million. Ten thousand is not a lot of people who've actually called us and that's a you know, 10,000 people a year, call us and that's that doesn't seem like a drop in the bucket. But when you look around and you start telling people about us, then more people recognize that there is a resource for them in this community. And it's the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard and that they can use that resource was in a multitude of ways. And I would, well the reason I asked you what how important this was to you at this time being on the board was because it's something I've been thinking about being another new member of the board of directors there is, you know, what, what can I do that's different, that will, you know, send us into a future that's a little brighter than the past we've just left. And I was just curious about I haven't asked you that at home. So I was just curious and I wanted to, you know, see your face like that. When I got you, you were used mentioned a minute ago about Santa's Fairies and Santa's Fairies has been one of my pet projects. I want to ask you more about it. It's a kickoff.

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Speaker 5 25:43

It's the kickoff for Santa's Ferries and Santa's Fairies are collecting toys for children in our area that normally, or this year would not have a Christmas. And I'm really very excited about it. We've gotten a very positive response. PFLAG is helping us to collect toys. And we ask that anybody coming to the auction, please bring a wrapped gift for a child, please mark it for a boy or girl and designate the basic age range that you have purchased for. And we're hoping to collect toys for children from 0 to 15 years.

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Speaker 2 26:26

Fifteen. And Santa's Fairies, the first night of Santa's Fairies is the auction and it will be going through the 23rd of December and the toys will be given out Christmas day. Isn't that the way it's--

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Speaker 5 26:42

Yes, that's correct.

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Speaker 2 26:43

I just wanted to make sure I remembered it correctly. And so this is, you're going to use the auction for this kickoff, for Santa's toys. I thought that was I thought that was real clever timing. Actually. I thought that was a clever timing. You don't agree?

 Speaker 5 27:00

I do.

 Speaker 2 27:01

Of course you do.

 Speaker 5 27:01

Of course I do.

 Speaker 2 27:02

Okay. I just just want to hear you say that. I'm not getting that at home. I just wanted that. So the auction is December 11.

 Speaker 5 27:16

December 11. At the BRB. From five till nine.

 Speaker 2 27:20

From five to nine. And people should come with a lot of cash, credit cards.

 Speaker 5 27:28

Oh yes, bring your bring your credit card, bring cash, bring checks.

 Speaker 2 27:32

Uh huh. And you can make donations to Switchboard without having bought something at the auction.

 Speaker 5 27:38

Of course, please make a donation. Well, we hope to do we hope to be taking donations of merchandise up until the auction and then of course, we always take cash and very, very appreciative of all the cash that we get throughout the year.

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Speaker 2 27:55

And you're going to be listing some of your donors, patrons, patrons, sponsors and friends. Is that how it's gonna be: 100, 500, thousand, 50, 100, 150. That kind of thing?

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Speaker 5 28:13

Up to \$100 will be listed as a friend of the auction, up to \$200 as a sponsor of the auction, and anything over \$100, we definitely will list you as a patron.

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Speaker 2 28:26

Did I get that right? But \$200 or \$200, which is patron. Okay, cool. Cool. So we're gonna list Debra and Eleanor Tinsley. Eleanor's sending us something.

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Speaker 5 28:37

Yes, yes. We don't know what yet but she is sending us something.

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Speaker 2 28:43

The address, we need the address you said for BRB.

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Speaker 5 28:47

For the BRB is 2400 Brazos.

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Speaker 2 28:50

Brazos, in the heart of downtown. Now, it's actually not the heart. It's actually about the, the ankle area of downtown. it's down there on the left ankle. Anyway, if it doesn't get any goofier here, maybe I can get Jimmy to play us a song. Are we ready to do a, oh, you're gonna do QMz. We just went right into the QMz time. So I'm in big trouble, folks. I really put her on the spot. Oh, I'm in big trouble. So we're almost ready for Jimmy to take into QMz. He's getting ready to push buttons and go right to something, or are you just gonna talk? Ge's gonna go right to something. So we'll see you in a little bit.