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great responsibility you tears being Yoda takes you out I can die folks you're done no no, I couldn't call it five to six farts



J Jimmy Carper 00:40

The following program contains language or images of a frank or sensitive nature, which may be considered objectionable by some listener discretion is advised. Oh yes, you've tuned into After Hours a continuing tradition on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. The crew of after hours is ready to bring you news, interviews and music geared for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people. Here at After Hours, we may be diverse, but we have one thing in common. We are all out of the closet and urge everyone to come out of their closets. That means standing up for yourself, taking responsibility for your own life and being proud of who you are. Realistically, we know not everyone can do that because of a wage job or frame of mind. That's okay. We're here for you too. So sit back, relax, and enjoy this week's edition of After Hours. Hello, Houston, it's Jimmy Carper, with After Hours queer radio with attitude, heard every Saturday night right around midnight. Tonight is supposed to be Jim Griffith, but he's out of town. And I had asked some people to talk about the latest Walgreens controversy, but there seems to be more controversy happening. So I don't know what's going to happen there. If we're actually going to talk about it. I think Roy and I are going to we're going to talk about the initial stuff that went on there and bring it up to where it is now. And then Stacey and John, the leather folks will be here later on in the show. So we're going to have current events, news items and lots of music. Lots of music, and I want to start out with an oldie but goodie, something that you heard last week, on After Hours for the first time. It's D-REAM him from D-REAM on volume one. And maybe to get you in the room in the mood. It's called Take me away Ah, yes, a little ditty provided by another programmer here at KPFT. Houston. fact it was Bruce from weightless, who said hey, I bet your folks that after hours would enjoy this song it's by group called brute and it's called Good morning, Mr. Hardon. Huh. And I have a big Roy here in the studio with me. Of course before that was what was it? Oh, it was deireadh take me away. And that's what we're gonna do. We're gonna talk about some controversy that's been going on in the in Montrose for about two months now. And it certainly has its ups and downs.

R Roy McCarthy 04:49

Yes certainly does. It certainly does.

J Jimmy Carper 04:51

Sarah G is with us, too.

S Sara G 04:53

I'm here too. Yeah, no, I know. Roy was here but I just thought okay.

J Jimmy Carper 04:59

So she was kind I was busy going through season one is that Mitch gonna introduce me?

S Sara G 05:05

The Queen has to be introduced. Where's my intro? Mr. DeMille?

J Jimmy Carper 05:08

Before I start, I want to say hi to David and Thomas to neighbors of mine who are listening for the first time to After Hours. All right, yeah, that cool. Sure is always like to hear new listeners. Now.

S Sara G 05:23

Okay, enough about you.

J Jimmy Carper 05:27

Walgreens controversy with Walgreens. Now there's been articles in the voice in the last two weeks about about it. It has to do with Walgreens has stopped carrying out smart and other gay publications. Now, two months ago, Tom Richards came on the show, and talked about how he had sent letters to Walgreens talk to the manager of of Walgreens sent letters to a vice president in Illinois or somewhere about them taking Walgreens taking outsmart out of Walgreens. And they did it because one woman complained about their safe sex issue. Now, outsmart does not have provocative pictures, right, and doesn't have provocative text or anything like that. It's a very factual features type publication. And they were talking about different types of sex, lesbian sex, gay sex. And they did a feature on safer sex. And this is

what got the woman outraged. One woman outrage. So she called around or sent a letter to some vice president up in Illinois somewhere and he that this was the story that he told the manager of Walgreens here to take outsmart out of the store along with it when all the other gay publications.

 Sara G 07:06

But were there any other gay publications in there before? Besides, I mean, I know in the past, I've also seen the voice bar set been there and other things, but I myself would always go in there for the outsmart. And, you know, like, you're saying, it isn't a bar rag, like some of the other words and, and I can understand sometimes, but, you know, being a libertarian as I am, you know, what happened to this free speech thing? I mean, number one, that's my, well, it's not my number one problem. But, I mean, and also, people have been talking about it, I've actually been to a couple of house parties, myself, and people are starting to organize and starting to see, you know, trying to get the scoop on what's really happening and who's saying what, and now everybody's gotten their little. Their little duties that they have to do to see what the real what what is the real thing instead of this hearsay, hearsay hearsay, because the rest of us are really ready to do something, okay. I mean, we are really POS.

 Jimmy Carper 08:08

That's what I'm telling you what happened. Two months ago, Tom was here talked about how he had talked with the manager and had written a letter to the guy in Illinois, I think, or Ohio or somewhere wherever it is. And he had gotten like no reaction. Like the manager says, No, there's nothing I can do and he never got an answer back from the VP he wrote to.

 Roy McCarthy 08:34

And he also sent a copy of it to the to the voice Yes, he was on the air here and he also sent a copy to HDL PC and there was also a copy that was posted at the at the complex. And nobody did nothing he didn't get nobody did anything right. Not even from the caucus now.

 Jimmy Carper 08:59

Now, it appears that no one did anything, but you say Tom, now I love Tom to death. Tom is an activist with an accent on the ACT. True. Yeah. If Tom sees something he wants to correct correct it now. And so he felt kind of betrayed because he had come on here and talked about it and sent letters to the voice and the tweet and nothing happened. And nothing happened with HDL PC. And then all of a sudden, here two months later, there's there's this big there's this big thing in the in the voice about HDL PC, talking to you talking this up and but what I think happened is that Tom sent the letter to HDL PC and of course, this is an organization they meet once a month or twice a month and a committee is formed and they're going to look into it. And so a committee was formed I looked into it sent a letter to the VP up in Illinois and finally got something back and finally got some people over to talk with the, the manager here and then reported it all back.

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Roy McCarthy 10:16

Right. Yeah, I guess that's the way it went down.

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Jimmy Carper 10:21

Okay. And so now we're starting to get community input on it. Tom is on the line. Let's put them on the air. Okay. Hold on Tom. Okay, let's see if we can do that. Hit number one. Tom, are you there? Hello, Tom. Yeah.

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Tom Richards 10:54

Can you hear me? Yep. Can you hear us? Yeah. Well, Jimmy, the point that is being missed here. Is the magazine is bad enough. But that's not what was uncovered. It was what was uncovered was Walgreens, blatant discrimination against their gay managers by demoting them or outright firing their gay managers. You know, nothing has been said about that. It didn't take me long to uncover that law. But it's surprising that an organization as big as a caucus has not has not been able to uncover that. That was easiest part of all. And I have evidence I have evidence galore of their outright discrimination against gay managers. But nothing has been said about friends. And as long as they put the magazine back then then we continue with with business with Walgreens, as usual. Wow.

J

Jimmy Carper 11:56

No, no, no, no, no, no, no. You see, it was reported in the voice this week. Yeah. That, that.

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Tom Richards 12:04

I read that.

J

Jimmy Carper 12:06

Oh, do you read that? That that they talked to the manager of the Walgreens and that outsmart was going to be reinstated? But no other publications? Yeah, for some reason. Yeah. Well, that's not true, either. is not?

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Tom Richards 12:23

The claim that they never have carried any other publication?

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Jimmy Carper 12:27

Well, this kicked up the horse there again. But, yeah, were you at a meeting?

Well, I've picked up the nurse there many times. But, Sarah, were you at a meeting?

 Sara G 12:35

Yeah, I was. I was at a house party today. And it was specifically planned for this Walgreens action. And actually, we were planning to do something about it than we read this article. And so now, like I said, before, that a lot of people are going to go and some people are going to talk to the manager and see what the deal is. Talk to the people around smart. Yes, sir.

 Tom Richards 12:55

I would love to come and talk to that manager. And I will present evidence of blatant discrimination against gay managers. And I'll do it right in front of his face. And I'm the radical left so be that I'll be radical left will be good enough-.

 Jimmy Carper 13:15

Like that time you're the activist with the emphasis on act-.

 Tom Richards 13:19

You give it the problem is that these goody two shoe queers, don't walk or loudmouth, sob lightning? You understand? Yeah.

 Sara G 13:29

But then there's the other ones like us who do?

 Tom Richards 13:32

Well, so I would love to come, I would love to come, I would love to meet with him with y'all.

 Jimmy Carper 13:39

To do that, because I've heard information that maybe OutSmart is going to be reinstated. And maybe it's not.

 Sara G 13:47

Yet they actually Walgreens had told the person that had talked to them before that they're still negotiating. Well, that's a negotiate. Well, the whole thing about it is, you know, they're

claiming that, well, if we do this, then we're gonna have to give space to public news and Houston press and stuff like that. So some of us were actually thinking of, you know, getting getting some cute little outfits, of course, and going over there and seeing how we're all very coordinated and know where to put things. We can rearrange everything and have plenty of room for everything to be there. And see what if they object to that. So we're trying to you know, maybe take a, you know, take certain steps to see to see if they're saying, well, we don't have the room, we'll make the room.

J Jimmy Carper 14:30

Now let me tell you something. They used to have outsmart and the voice and many other publications have their old store right now they're in a new location that's about twice as big as the old location, then they're telling us they don't have room.

R Roy McCarthy 14:44

And I want to I want to just one other point here about about being provocative. Tom Time Magazine, and all these weightlifting magazines and these diet magazines are far more provocative than anything outsmart every time to be real. is their excuse. Their excuse for being about it being provocative is is nothing more than a smokescreen to just blown smoke. And with these people, it is a, again, it is somebody from the Christian right? People with God on the lips and blood on their hands.

T Tom Richards 15:20

I took the manager, the manager and I went back to the magazine, right? And the paperback book rack. Okay. And I showed him, I said, look at all of these books here. Now you want to tell me that these books talking about heterosexual love isn't talking about sex, which one is talking about safe sex or? And he said, Well, he said we have a con arts and I don't care what kind of contract you are. I don't care what you got. When you describe these. And you take out outsmart because it talks about same sex and one person complains about it. Then sir, you are a bigot. Wow. Okay. And I was standing in historic time, you know? And he said, Well, I don't really think I am I said, so it's not a matter of what I think it's a matter of what I know.

S Sara G 16:14

Well, Roy, I'd like to tell you something. No, sorry, Rob. And I'm talking right. I was talking to Tom. Yes. Actually, some of our people went over to Kroger's. And we told Kroger's, you know about how we were a little bit upset right now. Well, a lot upset with with this other store that I'm gonna stop saying their names because it's just free publicity. But we all know what we're talking about. Yeah, the store. Yeah. And Kroger's has promised to meet or beat their prices. And also, yes, but yes, that's right. And also this, this other drugstore, which I had written down somewhere. They promised to do the same and I think a lot of people need to go over there to Walgreens and say, Is there a form or something to fill out because I want to change my prescription.

J Jimmy Carper 17:04

Let me tell you, I am a pervert. I am a person with AIDS and I always price medications first, Walgreens has always been higher than Kroger. Yeah, sorry.

S Sara G 17:17

Well, not only that, I was telling some of my friends that on my job now I'm starting to actually get out of the office. And I go on sites and I take pictures and this and that and now I actually come all the way over here from past the beltway to put my film into Walgreens or outside the store. I don't live in Montrose. But I always come over to Walgreens dog and well yeah, yeah, and do these things and they need to know even though I'm not a PWA you know, I spent a lot of money inside the store I and we're just not going to take it's it's it's not really an age issue. It is more a gay issue. Yeah. So we all need to come together and say look, you know, you're not going to have our AIDS money you're not going to have our gay money if you don't want to take our lifestyle you know if you don't want us if you prefer if you prefer the Christian coalition Christian coalition's them liking you and them thinking you're okay, you need to realize who's paying your life bill. That's exactly right. paying your taxes it is it is not them. They're not always coming in here. They're not you know, driving halfway across the city just to go there because you're in this neighborhood. That's right. And they need to realize this and we need to let them know this. Yes. Yeah.

T Tom Richards 18:31

Well, we'll be okay. I, I have always liked to support the the gay the gay causes. Okay, I stopped drinking course and I never have great core sense. Okay. And because I'm not sure that course does not get discriminate. I have heard other things but, but there are businesses that I will not pay tonight that I used to pay tonight and I will not patronize Walgreens. They don't get one dime even out of the out of the a money machine. They're what do you call it?

J Jimmy Carper 19:18

The ATMs? Yeah.

T Tom Richards 19:20

Yeah, yeah, the ATM machine. But I don't do that anymore. Okay. They don't get a dime of mine. And but I would like to go to this meeting of this manager. And I'm not going on I'm going to tell you if I go I will start off talking to him nicely. If he starts lying to me. I'm not going to be nice. It's just that simple. Okay, okay. And I'm tired of these pity tissue queers. Wanting to compromise our brothers have over Our brothers and sisters have already compromise too much over the years. We don't need to compromise no mo, I'm willing to compromise only after I get 100% of everything I love, then we will talk about compromise.

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Sara G 20:13

I don't think we should talk about compromise, I think you should just demand and just get it.

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Tom Richards 20:19

And that's why that's why I get so discouraged. That's why I just wanted to say, to hell with it, otherwise part of it because I'm not I'm not going to compromise.

J

Jimmy Carper 20:30

Well, let me ask you something. If a Walgreens in a black neighborhood refused to carry black publications, what do you think would happen? They would go out of business real quick, well, why don't they go out of business here then if they're not going to carry?

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Sara G 20:43

Well, I think of a point one of my colleagues mentioned today is that it's really scary that most people don't even read our gay publications. They have no idea that this is happening.

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Tom Richards 20:55

I asked, I asked the manager there, I said, how much of your business is probably gay people? And he said, Oh, I don't know. off top my head, I'd say between 75 80%. If we knocked off 75 80% of his business model year, located here, he would have to fill up the store or else collate a bunch of queers and say, I'm sorry, we weren't good anymore. And here's why. And, and then he don't need to tell us what he's gonna do. We need to tell him what he will do. Wow, that's why you might hear him.

J

Jimmy Carper 21:31

Okay. Now, this is an honor. For me, because I talked that way. Well, there's it's an ongoing thing, because there's there's conflicting stories here going on, Pat Gandy is out of town, and, you know, all this kind of stuff. So we will-.

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Tom Richards 21:47

get back to what I took it. I know, people, they could give a damn when you have an old clear, and he doesn't know he's asked from the whole department. Right? Yes. From the hole in the ground? Because because he was named isn't famous.

J

Jimmy Carper 22:03

No. No, no, Tom, that. No, Tom, it isn't that it's not me that's important. It's because it's that

you're a single one single person. And so when they got your inquiry and your letter, it was just one single person, but when they got something from the HGL, PC, that was an established group. And so that made them sit up and take notice.

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Tom Richards 22:30

Now how many calls when I brought it back to to, to the apartment complex? Do you know how many calls they got? Just that evening, alone in a space of about three hours? They got about point five to 30 calls?

J

Jimmy Carper 22:45

And it didn't do any good, did it? No. That's my point. It didn't do any good for the individuals. But once you got a group, an established gay and lesbian group involved, then they started to negotiate and talk about it. So that tells you exactly where they're coming from and election on you.

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Tom Richards 23:08

I walked into the voice, okay. And I asked him, I said, Have you heard what is going on at Walgreens? And they said, what's going on Walgreens, and I laid out this information to him. They did nothing. That's right, because I went to Twit. And Twit is just down the hall from from the voice said, the people have quit the you know what is going on at Walgreens and I said what is going on at Walgreens? I laid it out to them and they stuck their damn nose up in the air. Okay, now I am tired of dealing with these goody two shoes. I don't want them. I don't need them. Okay, but I'm loudmouth and I'm foul mouth. And I'm locked making myself a total asshole when somebody tries to make me a second class citizen.

J

Jimmy Carper 23:58

Yes. You understand I understand where you're coming from. Yes. And I will not tolerate okay. But we're gonna be ongoing with this with this thing. And I still want you to be a part.

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Tom Richards 24:10

I would like to know when the meeting is going to be because-.

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Sara G 24:15

I can see it on the air. Okay.

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Tom Richards 24:18

Well, I can come on down to the station. It won't take me about another 1520 minutes to get there. Okay.

 Sara G 24:25

Well, please Well, I take all the time you need-.

 Jimmy Carper 24:28

At Westmoreland square and it's after 10. So that's right.

 Sara G 24:32

Tom. Tom, can I ask you were you wearing the same outfit when you went to these places? No. Okay, just checking. Just checking.

 Tom Richards 24:44

I'm not interested in making him jealous.

 Sara G 24:48

Maybe they would listen to you more head you want to Tom.

 Jimmy Carper 24:52

Learn about 1525 so this will be kind of ongoing I think-.

 Sara G 25:00

Okay, there's there's hopefully, hopefully won't be too long going well.

 Jimmy Carper 25:06

I don't believe that yeah, because there still are gay people who work there. I know that the guy in charge of the photo booth is a gay man. And maybe that's why my picture is always so clear. Ah, and he has had national attention from Walgreens stores because of the work he's done. Now, I also know of other gay people who don't work there anymore.

 Sara G 25:32

So yeah, that was also an interesting point that when one of our people went over there to talk to this man, he made a point to mention that he had 18 Gay employees. Now, if this woman from the Christian coalition, I'm just saying she went over there and said this thing, does he make the same reference? I bet no. Why is it then we go in there. It's just like me, I'm an I'm a minority. Yeah. If I went in there, would they say, you know, well, you know, this many people are Hispanic, or this many people are women. I don't care. The issue is, well, that's the same thing to the chase. I mean, we're just getting pushed around and shoved around.

J Jimmy Carper 26:08

And all the same thing Rambo stick, right? Look at all the gay employees we had. Right.

S Sara G 26:13

But also, we were also talking about a bunch of our leaders who aren't here anymore. And how case in point is Brian Bradley? Yes. And Randy fields, right? If they were here, this wouldn't have gone on with this. No, but no, but there's nothing we can do about that now. So it's our turn to step up to the plate. Tom feels that he's being pushed into Tom needs to go up there. And you know, yeah, raise his voice? Well, yes. I mean, as a community, it's great. If we can all get together and say, Look, you know, HPL, GC is talking, you know, is talking for me. But no, the only person who can talk for you is yourself, go there as an individual, if all of us go as individuals go on there, we all will number all these people. Yeah. And you just go in there and say, you know, I'm ticked off, and I'm not going to take it, period. You know, when you get this back, I'll be back. And someone was also saying, you know, that they have a lot of Walgreen products in their homes. Yeah, you know, to take these half empty containers and stuff like that, and go over there and just go here. I don't want these either. Wow. I mean, you know, there was a lot of things, you know, talked about at these different meetings, and some good ideas. And then we started to say, well, you know, let's step back and make sure this is really going on, because we've got all these different stores, you know, how to is queens, and everybody's got, you know, and then fashion came up, of course, of course. But I mean, you know, we had all these stories, and we said, we can actually go and demonstrate unless we know the facts, because we don't want to go out there. If for some reason they pop up tomorrow and say, Okay, we're gonna do this, this this, okay, but now the stakes are a little bit higher. We don't want just outsmart in there, we want everything Yeah, and we deserve everything. And we will not be treated this way. If you don't like it here, get out. Because this space can be used by someone else. That's right. And get in the vapors. It gets excited.

R Roy McCarthy 28:07

The way I see it, the way I see it that you know, a store all is got to be sensitive to the community that they're serving you that and is got to provide the literature that pertain to the community that they're serving. And that is a tremendous disservice when you have a community spending their money at a store, or any kind of a business establishment, and that business establishment snubs its nose. It's time for either changing management or for that, that that business establishment to go back. And that store is definitely built with gay money. Oh, yeah, not just aids. It's not just the store that AIDS built. It is the store gay money gay money built. And I remember when it used to be at the old location with just such a thank you

little. It was such a dinky little place. You know. And now, now that they're gotten big, but to see this, they're this big thing going on right now to still we have a swing to the right. We have a swing to the right going on. People are afraid of Ralph Reed and his Christian coalition group and as soon as one person from the coalition pops up, you know, everybody trembles in their boots and I'm sorry, I don't tremble. I'm no, I'm not. This the same guy who when he was pumping gas and, and Leslie Nielsen came into plays out there in California when I was pumping gas. He says, Hi, I'm Leslie Nielsen. I said so. So don't expect it. Christian cola shouldn't make any kind of an impact on me because I don't travel in my boots for nobody.

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Jimmy Carper 30:04

Okay, let's come down here go to some music and we'll be back with some more current events and things going on in the neighborhood. This is an artist name k k e y with a little uhm lot thing now Oh, Seville Yeah, I don't know little slash they're made a song it's a remake of an old melody mallet, Melanie song and so he does a really good job. I hope you'll recognize it when you hear it. It's called lay down by Ke. Ke ya Ke with lay down. There's a new movie that's going to be coming out in the next couple of weeks called Stonewall. And we just happen to have the CD music from the motion picture Stonewall. We we got it last week from Scott Lewis and I kept it ha ha ha. So we can play some more stuff from that. And here was a big hit for the Shangri La spec in the late 60s When Stonewall happened that why the Shangri La whose This is the Shang Ron lives she's so She's so mean. And here it is. Remember walking in the sand-.

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Hey, would you like to go something interesting? I built what a lesbian it is yes I do. There's these two pretty lady that lived down the block that green house with three dogs in the yard. And I asked them why there's no daddy at their house. So they said it's because they must be Ed's they told me it. Yes. And I've seen them kiss each other goodbye all their porch yesterday. I wouldn't ask mother if she knew what a lesbian was. She said she didn't know. So I told her. She knows now. I think I will change my name from either bad to lesbian or fake. It sounds cute. That's true.

J

Jimmy Carper 32:29

Oh yeah, Lily Tomlin as Edith and that character that she created in the late 60s LaughIn and I thought that would went pretty well with music from Stonewall because that's also from the late 80s. Late 60s. You're listening to after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. I'm Jimmy Carper. And with me is Sarah G. Or she will be in just a second. Okay, okay. Dealing with the caller straight man. Oh, I bet that was interesting.

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Sara G 33:11

I don't know I'm just I guess you know, maybe eating this sugar that I'm eating right now and drinking as many Oh yes. I categorize birthday. Yes. It's just like the wrong day and the wrong lesbian to try to like link up this, you know, oneness with. I'm just not in the mood right now.

And I apologize if you know, if I offended him, by the way, I kind of brushed him off or anything like that. But you know, mama don't have time right now.

J

Jimmy Carper 33:35

Okay. So last week, we had a group on from diverse works. And it was really a terrific conversation. It was something that I didn't know was going to occur to tell you-.

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Sara G 33:49

That and I apologize because I asked you.

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Jimmy Carper 33:53

but the these folks came on from diverse works, folks in their early 20s talking about a show that that they were going to be putting on and you know, we almost got into philosophy here. Really. It was really great.