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I am what I am I have my own special creation so come take a look give me the all the Ovation it's more that I want little pride in my and it's not a lazy lives not worth a damn to you can say



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I am what I am I don't want praise I don't want pity bang my own drum something is pretty awful and is bangle things from a different angle. God life is a sham to you and shout out



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at what I need no excuses. I do my own deck. Sometimes he is no deposit not down till you can shout out



Jimmy Carper 02:38

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



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I am what I am and I do my own deck. Sometimes



J Jimmy Carper 05:02

Hello and welcome to after hours and you may not realize it but after hours is having a birthday today, five years old. On September 6 1987, a man named Buddy Johnston walked in and started pushing buttons and after hours was born, you just heard the opening of after hours 1992 And I want to give you an idea of what after hours used to sound like



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the good homosexual by James Carroll Pickett the good homosexual accommodates himself checks fantasies behaves properly, purchases good taste practices impeccable hygiene degs respect from oppressors the good homosexual reads only what is recommended, attends all the Westwood cinema attains season tickets to the music center votes the straight GOP slate retires from controversy amasses financial security no matter the social toll find aids embarrassing, but donates 50 bucks a year anyway, anonymously. The good homosexual subscribes to GQ laughs The loudest at fag jokes. Lemons the demise of after dark prefers porno in brown paper bags, bronzes grown books where he purchased after the ball displays National Geographic misses dynasty. The good homosexual restrains impulse sustains racism objects to gay as too frivolous refers to himself as a bachelor contains passion remains invisible. Maintains there is nothing amiss. The good homosexual swallows bigotry, suppresses ecstasy drives a family sedan just like old dad did. Kisses with a dry mouth and closed lips. Wears a condom on his tongue just in case. The good homosexual nurtures propriety derives morality from TV shrinks, believes there might be something to inanity shushes all profanity, insists on anonymity despises sodomy. Phil's to see why dikes have to be so pushy. The good homosexual drinks Coors beer as advertised in good homosexual publications. keeps up appearances, longs for the cops to crack down engaged as a female for social occasions. relishes assimilation irons crisp creases in casual jeans the good homosexual quells excess attacks radical fags experiences madness in discreet little doses. waters down intensity embraces mediocrity reaps his own self righteous vanity. Does not grasp why silence necessarily equals death good homosexual kills queers.



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That's right my you had an easy husband a nice clean hospital you know what I lost mine. I lost my street. That's right. They killed him on this 27 years old lad dead straight kill my kids my baseball bats That's right. Killed by children chosen by people like you because everybody knows that quiz don't matter. Quiz don't love those that Joe TAZARA five day gag?



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By law You're going back for I think that's Robert Tyler on the stage in the chat for love for life we're not going back



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want you to savor this next step the official count the lsb and gay rights you may come out straw commit we parents



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want to persuade society that our gay children are not acting out of defiance of self indulgence. They're being true to their own nature. Our children are fine men and women. And we say to society, the parents and friends of lesbians and gay men will



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support their children



Harvey Milk 12:32

right already have a few words for KPFA come on out. Join us, for your friends complaining about the turnouts. Well, it's never enough you may come out, we must destroy the myths once and for all shatter them. We must continue to speak out. And most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must come out you must tell your immediate family you must tell your relatives you must tell your friends if indeed they are your friends, you must tell your name is you must tell the people you work with. You must tell the people in the store that you shop in your. Area realize that we are indeed their children then we are indeed everywhere. Every myth every lie every innuendo will be destroyed once and once you do you will feel so much better.



Kay Harper 15:13

Hey there. This is k and this is after hours a Can you tell viewing tradition, which is what we called it after buddy went away. And we change things around. And I'm waiting here for my co host. who's sneaking in? Hi there. You're on. Okay. I punched the mic for you. With the phones,

so to speak. No, no marks left. Good morning. Yes, sir. Well, as you've already guessed, this is our anniversary show. We are five years old. And 15 minutes as of today. And well, as of tomorrow, see, the

J Jimmy Carper 15:56

original show started at 2am.

K Kay Harper 15:59

Oh, that's right. I remember that. I used to come down here. Well, we're not quite two years old yet, then. There are five years old, however old we are. Anyway, we are here. Jeff is here with me. Yes, I am. And we're going to be having Jimmy do an abbreviated version of the queer music zone. QM Z starting as soon as I shut up. Well, that's when it starts. And then after that, we'll be talking with Jean Sommerfeld, who was involved with the coalition defending choice here in town. When the Republicans were here. Oh, yes. Yes, I remember. Yes. When it got real cold because the devil was living in a block of ice down. South Main ish area. Oh, yeah. That was that was what somebody told me it was going on. That's why it was cool here was because the devil in his block of ice came.

J Jeff Mackey 16:54

That must have been it. Okay. I was wondering.

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Yeah, I wondered about it too, because I didn't think it was fair that they got cool weather.

J Jeff Mackey 17:01

I thought maybe the administration was pulling some strings with the National Weather Service or something, but

K Kay Harper 17:06

Well, no, that's that's like giving money to science. And he doesn't believe in that. Oh, I suppose that's right. Yeah. But anyway, and then after that at 115 is always we'll have this way out with Greg Gordon and Lucia Chapelle. And this is part two, with no it's not part two. Just fingers flying at me today. Well, it was supposed to be Diane and Scott talking about the aftermath of the Republican Convention, but apparently it didn't quite make it into the cutting room in time or something. So anyway, I'm going to shut up now and let Jimmy YEAH, he's laughing at me. It's not fair. I'm gonna let Jimmy do QM zc. I'll take care and I'll be back about 1230.

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Jimmy Carper 18:02

And that was one of the all time favorite songs of after hours romanovski In Philips doing give me a homosexual that song has been played since the very beginning. Just about this is Jimmy with QM Z. Queer music zone right here on after hours are continuing to audition on KPFT Houston. Tonight and every night que MZ is dedicated to those men and women out there on our streets patrolling the queue patrol. We're doing a little abbreviated version of QM Z tonight because of the the long intro we had. But I do want to pick up on some stuff that's been played long ago and some special stuff. Coming up next will be a group called alto, who came in here one night and brought some piece of taped music just the instrumental and those group of four people, two women, two men, and they just sang right here in the studio. It was thrilling. Unfortunately, Alto has broken up, but the later to Renee shadow. I ran into Gosh, a couple of days ago and Renee is getting her act together and she's going on the road. Yeah, she's gonna throw that wig on and wow them all across America. So for right now, I want to bring you Alto and ain't love strange. All right, Teresa Monet and unleashed. She brought that tape in here years ago and We had an exclusive honor for a while. Yeah. This is Jimmy with QM Z queer music zone. Queer music zone. I need to go home. Now queer music is dedicated this week and every week to those men and women out on our streets patrolling the Q Patrol. And I just wanted to let you know this is the anniversary show for after hours, continuing tradition. And that kind of throughout tonight, you're gonna be hearing some pieces of the past. So stay tuned. Now I'm going to hand it over to Kay.

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The passing of the headphones. Tada. Okay, um, well, we have to do the shuffle here.

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You can have the chair to talk. Chapter have

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to be on to talk.

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Always on sweetie. Oh, I

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Jeff Mackey 21:06

know. That's right. Here I am talking on the air. We talked about during a ceremonial pet raising Happy anniversary to ourselves. But let's not let's five years hard to believe I remember just listening out in suburbia Ville five, well, probably not from the very start. But many years ago, before I lived in Houston proper. So how times have changed?

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Kay Harper 21:33

Yes, they certainly have. Well, this was an extended version of QM z because Teresa extended forever. I think we're gonna bash that woman tonight. Or at least her song. She's a very nice woman. The song just sort of goes on. But we are here. This is this is interview time. Our guest Yes. And we have a guest. That's good. Yes, because it is that time. And your mic is live. So. Okay. So talk to us. Tell us who you are, where you come from.

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My name is Jean Sommerfeld. I've been a now activist for I guess about 11 years starting with the University of Houston now. Active on a women's issues and abortion rights. For most of that time. I've been doing clinic escorting for about 10 years. And been here through that through Houston as we've seen the antis come and go. And of course we've seen them come in the past month. Oh,

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yes. In Dark Blue, Dark Dodge Chargers.

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A lot of us lots more electronic equipment than we used to say. Yeah, but then we had more to

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Yeah, the mobile phones were kind of interesting.

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The walkie talkies weren't okay.

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Kay Harper 22:49

I didn't like the walkie talkies either. I'm talking I'm talking. Oh, we're gonna play with her and Mike. Well, anyway. Well, we wanted to talk with Jean about was what happened when Operation Rescue and the Republicans, which I guess are probably not synonymous, although sometimes they quite feel like it with their

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Jeff Mackey 23:10

platform came pretty close this year, really.



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But we wanted to talk about what happened when they were here.



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Well, we were a targeted City, one of a number of cities targeted nationwide this year by Operation Rescue and assorted other anti abortion radical reactionary groups. Buffalo as I hope everybody knows they were defeated soundly and had absolutely no success. And the media resoundingly declared it to be a failure for Operation Rescue. Yeah, New York City initially announced to be the key event of Operation Rescue strategy and what they were going to do to prove that that America was Leza, anti abortion and bring it to Clinton's doorstep again, and overwhelming failure for them. So such a failure that they didn't even get any media attention on it, not even in New York City to speak of. And then Houston became the what we hope was the final out, but no guarantees. We were the third major target city. There's also operations going on in Atlanta, Milwaukee and Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge as almost a afterthought to try and gear people up for Houston. In Houston, we were targeted by Operation Rescue, as well as by a group called the lands of lambskin lambs of Christ. Thank you. Yes, not God, Jesus Christ, Christ, and our local group rescue America. Rescue America has been here for years. They're also in Florida. They're run by a local crazy named Don Trashman. He's kind of a Randall Terry wannabe, and he's never quite



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gotten to do the jail time.



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He did do jail time once and that's why he's never going to go back again. Now unfortunately, he sends teenagers and juveniles to do his work as to you all may have seen last weekend after they failed during their announced to a period we had some lock in blocks. They chained themselves to each other inside a clinic, not blocking the entrance, not blocking access to the rooms, just making it difficult for people to step over them and into clinics and they're all juveniles because Trashman and his adults will not go back to jail. They don't have enough faith in God to do that.



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Yes, so what happened? I mean, I was there, but it was five o'clock in the morning and it was early.



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And you were at my clinic as a site coordinator for for A to Z women's clinic and I was active for for several weeks beforehand, trying to organize the defense. It was a coalition effort brought that brought together a number of of organizations interested in women's rights interested in in civil rights. Now both Houston area, Texas State University Houston, now Tyrol, Planned Parenthood, what's Tyrol? I know what Tyrol is, but everybody else I know acronyms, Texas abortion rights action League, it's the state level of the of NE Ra, the National aborts abortion rights action League, a group that works solely on the issue of reproductive rights now, of course works on on the gamut of women's issues. Planned Parenthood wishes a service provider, providing direct services to low income women, for for their health. National Council of Jewish Women was very active coordination was active. And a number of other groups Socialist Workers Party was very active. And just a whole lot of other groups that I know I'm not naming but it was it was a wonderful coalition of about 20 different organizations that came together locally to start doing the organizing. As this has been a national effort by Operation Rescue, a national response has been developed to that by the Fund for the Feminist Majority. And by national now.

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Yeah. And didn't they like come down and help out with trainings and stuff, they did come

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down both both organizations came in the fund from the West Coast and national now from the East Coast, national now had developed a training manual for us, for everyone called Project stand up for when that set out what we needed to do to try and get ready for this the most important thing, being outreach and making sure that the community knew this was happening and making sure the community knew how they could participate in. And that turned out to be wonderful on every day for the two week period that we were out there at 4:30am.

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We were there.

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We had 600 to 1000 women and men with us out there on the lines making sure that the clinic stayed open against these terrorists. So national now and the fun came down after New York City finished since the Democratic Convention was just a few weeks before the Republican convention. They provided paid staff, they were wonderful, they made a tremendous financial commitment to making sure that the clinics in Houston stayed open, as well as their strategic and their experience was was a what made it work.

Kay Harper 28:08

Yeah. And it was fun, because like going through the training, you know, hearing stories about

what had happened, I still love the story about the, you know, the Operation Rescue person who had gotten in line and was helping defend, quote, unquote, defend the clinic. And somebody, just instead of linking arms with her, put her arm around her shoulder and said, So how does it feel to be in the arms of a lesbian.



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And by getting in line, what we mean is that we're literally as probably everybody's nose listening, we're literally linking arms in front of the clinic to make sure as Operation Rescue and the other groups try to bludgeon their way through us in order to keep the doors of the clinic closed, where they are providing a safe zone and then an opening for the women patients to get through. They like to try and put antis in our lines so that they can then open up that line to us. Well, that kind of freaked her out. And she left the line shortly thereafter. Yes.



Kay Harper 29:03

Yeah, we were talking about how we should have done that with some of the guys and having some of the the gay men who were out because there were a lot of gay men out new involved.



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It was wonderful to see that it really was. It's nice to see that the women's organizations and the gay organizations getting getting a little more crossing in the in their actions and their shared concerns here. I think part of that is because we've seen a lot more lesbian women get active in the in the gay organizations and that's helped a lot. Lesbians, of course, have always been one of the backbones of the women's movement. Yeah, and even on the abortion issue, especially,



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even on the abortion. It's a privacy issue.



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It's confused as the antis but



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it's their problem, not ours.