



Carson Daly reminded of gay 9/11 Hero Mark Bingham – by Bingham's mother

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Alice Hoagland, the mother of gay 9/11 hero Mark Bingham, has criticized Carson Daly for suggesting gay folks are not courageous.

Daly created a firestorm of protest on his radio show Wednesday when he made a joke about JetBlue Airways pilot Captain Clayton Osbon, who was wrestled to the ground by passengers as the airplane made an emergency landing.

"On this particular flight, most of the people were on their way to some sort of security conference in Las Vegas," Daly said. "So it was a bunch of dudes, and well-trained dudes."

"If that were me ... with my luck, it would be like, 'This is a flight going to the [Gay] Pride parade in San Francisco.'"

"Uh, we're headed down to Vegas for the floral convention," he added with an effeminate voice and a laugh.

Daly apologized for the joke, saying he was a "proud" ally of the gay community.

In a statement released to TMZ.com, Hoagland reminded Daly that her son displayed courage when he joined the group of passengers who stormed the cockpit of United Flight 93 on 9/11.

"Yes, my gay son was known in our family for bringing me flowers on my birthday and Mother's Day. He was also known for careening down the rugby pitch, and, on the morning of September 11, 2001, for charging unarmed down the aisle of a doomed Boeing 757 to face knife-wielding Islamist thugs in a hijacked cockpit," she said.

"No one among his pick-up team of fellow passengers was asking 'Are you straight? Are you gay?'"

"The world has its share of strong, heroic gay men."

She concluded: "I hope you and I may have an opportunity to talk sometime. I prefer to believe you didn't mean to offend. Good luck to you."