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PRESENTER 1: Oh yes, it's time for the *After Hours News and Views* with Big Roy and Chris.

BIG ROY: Yes, and I'd like to welcome everyone to this week's edition of *After Hours News and Views*, Chris is coming in here, and I'd like to give our shout out to Randy out there in Rosharon. To Brandy, to Tony, and to all of our listeners all over the far-flung state, and wherever you may be.

PRESENTER 1: Hello, Keith, if you're listening.

BIG ROY: OK. And anyway, I'd like to start off this week's edition with some news about what's happening over at the Caucus. This past week, we had Caucus endorsements in which-- which the endorsements is probably the most important function of the Houston Lesbian Gay Political Caucus. And they came out with their endorsements for the upcoming election in November. For Mayor, they have endorsed Lee Brown.

For council member at large, Annise Parker, and for other council seats is Gordon Quan, Carol Galloway, Gabriel Vasquez, and Edda Edwards, and she received a unanimous endorsement. Like to remind you that if you have not registered to vote, the cutoff date for registering to vote is October 9. Contact someone at the Caucus at 713-521-1000, or give me a call here at the station at 713-526-KPFT, and we'll get you registered to vote.

CHRIS: I don't remember the website, but did you know you can start doing that online now. So if you just go in and do a search of Texas voter registration, you should be able to get the forms and all that online. Or just go to your local public libraries, usually have those forms.

The FBI has sent the park ranger investigation results to Washington. FBI officials in San Antonio's field office confirmed this week they completed their investigation into the allegations that San Antonio park rangers used excessive force on two Canadian tourists in July. They have not released their findings, but they've turned the results over to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice, who will make the decision on whether or not to prosecute.

The Texas Triangle has been lead on this case calling for the investigation by the FBI as well as the Human Rights Campaign. Joey Abbruzzese and Greg Malezyk claim they were handcuffed and thrown to the ground by park ranger-- claim they were handcuffed and thrown to the ground by park ranger--

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JIMMY CARPER: Veronica Klaus, from her album, All I Want, "Blind Hearts And Knowing Glances," a very beautiful song. I'm Jimmy Carper, and it is time for Francisco Sanchez out here. Francisco Sanchez out here. Francisco Sanchez out here.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: Oh wow, sorry for it. So I think it's usually worth the wait though.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, actually you're right. How have you been?

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: I've been doing OK.

JIMMY CARPER: And tell me about the political world. What's been going on?

FRANCISCO I like the song you played earlier from Queer as Folk, what have you done to be proud today, of this past month.
SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: Isn't that a really a nice anthem?

FRANCISCO It's a great song.
SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, thank you.

FRANCISCO Well, we sat here 30 days ago and talked about how it was almost time for Jesse Helms to either retire, or for the
SANCHEZ: Lord to retire. And in the past 30 days, we're done with not only Jesse Helms, Strom Thurmond, and Phil Gramm.

JIMMY CARPER: Boy, the big three.

FRANCISCO Crazy. [AUDIO OUT]. So we're really busy here in Texas.
SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, were we ever? PVA and the caucus, and everybody else they're all gearing up for this. I haven't been ignoring it, but it's been kind of on the edges of my mind because it's such a scary thing.

FRANCISCO Yeah, I think people don't want to think about it.
SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, I want it to-- OK, I want it to be December now and everything is like OK [AUDIO OUT].

FRANCISCO Hoping it'll just go away. And you can't wish it away--
SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: No, you can't.

FRANCISCO --because November 7 will get here eventually, and [AUDIO OUT] usually have to be a talking head for something
SANCHEZ: rather. And August is usually a pretty slow month, but it's been two or three things a week, just a whole lot of things.

So I think the city election is just really a-- it'll be a warm up for next year, we get to really make some changes. So first our community has to survive this November and we'll see what happens. I don't know, the more I get out there, the more I talk to people, people that were here from the referendum in the '80s, and they're excited about this. And I think they're looking to exact revenge in a way. So they'll get out and they'll vote [AUDIO OUT].

JIMMY CARPER: Those hate groups, they're going to be sending out those pamphlets--

FRANCISCO They're going to be talking about us.
SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, that that's going to be talking about how the gays and lesbians are going to be dragging your children off the playground. And that's such a ridiculous thing, but some people still believe it. I find it unbelievable that they can believe that, but it's a reality.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: It's going to be out there. I mean, there's already some of it out there now and it's very targeted phone banking, it's in targeted neighbourhood, you know. As election gets closer, you're going to get mailings not only from the local campaign, the National Organization [AUDIO OUT] it comes at a price and that sort of thing.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, but I bet these same groups aren't working to repeal the domestic partnership provisions for unmarried heterosexual people.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: No, we're going to be the focus. It's going to be about us. We got what we wanted, me, me, me. Look at me. The mantra of our community is coming back and biting us, but--

JIMMY CARPER: But it's really going to be busy, and I almost dread it because it is going to be such a fight.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: It is, and it's unfortunate [AUDIO OUT] reinforced this time around that we didn't have before.

JIMMY CARPER: You're absolutely right, and I have to look at it that way, more of us are out. And so Harvey Milk was right when more and more straight America knows us, we're not the scary monsters that they imagine we are.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: And you keep seeing the articles out there in the newspapers about gays and lesbians we're finding out as the results of the census here in Montrose, in the Heights and--

JIMMY CARPER: They're still ridiculously small numbers.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: Well, looking at those, and it's kind of interesting, I mean, I don't know how many people actually answered the question truthfully. And then secondly, it measures household couples that are not really-- it doesn't measure roommate situations, it doesn't measure single gay men or lesbians, which is kind of an interesting. So hopefully the census will give in the next time and have a question that will allow you to identify your sexual orientation if you want to.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, I thought it was difficult to answer.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: Yeah. And so hopefully, we'll see what happens. But I'm glad it's getting a lot of attention this time around. I think it will be-- those numbers may seem small, but it definitely helps us highlight. I'm moving in from the suburbs actually, I'm moving in from Hobby, and I'm moving into 770 and H. So I'm actually into a gay zip code now. So I think the voice in an article last week was talking about 7706, 08, and 0 and 8, and so it was nice to be in a gay hood.

So David and I'll be walking around, we'll go to Blockbuster. We'll go somewhere and-- oh my gosh, Lowe's and Home Depot.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh yes.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: Gays everywhere. Off TC Jesture, and Ella and Sheppard

JIMMY CARPER: Homo depot, you bet.

FRANCISCO Exactly. I mean, the Roman Isles, they're picking up paint colors, they're picking out drapes. You see the butch
SANCHEZ: one carrying the plywood, and the other one--

JIMMY CARPER: Has the paint swatches, yeah.

FRANCISCO Exactly. And they have to coordinate with what he's wearing, of course. But it's been a bit of a culture shock,
SANCHEZ: actually. I mean, we're gay and we're out, but it's been somewhat of a culture shock to go down to the hardware store and--

JIMMY CARPER: You know, I'm used to going to Southland Hardware here in the Montrose, and you see everything. And I'm used to seeing gays and lesbians in the hardware store because that's the one I go to mostly. And so I'm hearing about this with not just from you, but from lots of other people about how Gay Homo Depot is in Lowe's, and yeah, OK, I'm used to it but--

FRANCISCO It's phenomenal. I mean--
SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: But it's true. I can go out to Bel Air and go into a homo depot, the 24 hour one. I love that one, and I see lots of us there.

FRANCISCO Yeah, it's phenomenal. I mean, you would think we're desensitized as out as we are, and as open as we are. But
SANCHEZ: it's still sort of there's something reaffirming when you walk into a place that's not Montrose, and you see gay couples wandering around picking--

JIMMY CARPER: It's a wonderful feeling.

FRANCISCO It is. It is.
SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: For a long time, I think since I've been on this show-- and I've been on this show 13 and 1/2 years-- that early in the show, it was a rare sight for anyone but a queer activist to be out and about and open about it. And I never saw other people that way. It was only the activists, and now it's everyone.

FRANCISCO Yeah, and--
SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: It's a great feeling.

FRANCISCO And even in Montrose, it's changed. I mean, it's always been open but it just seems to be progressively getting
SANCHEZ: better, I've noticed. I mean, when I first moved out, my first boyfriend, we lived here off of Avondale and Whitney. And me and a friend were just running around, we were going from Blockbuster to Taco Cabana. And so we're holding hands running around just being goofy.

And so then we go out later that night, and someone walks up to us like, we saw y'all like crossing Montrose holding hands. Were y'all protesting the gays in the military thing? Is this like what used to be going on in the '80s? I'm like, are we doing what? No, we're just running around the street.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right, yeah. And now you see it a lot, and I really like that. I like seeing-- I would like to see that. I'd like to see same sex couples holding hands and shopping malls, and any other place they want to do it.

FRANCISCO Yeah.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: Not just in the Montrose.

FRANCISCO Yeah, but we're--

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: That's next.

FRANCISCO No, but we're just being young and carefree. It's amazing that even in Montrose that would shock someone back

SANCHEZ: then, so it's sort of--

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. Oh yeah, because that didn't happen. I mean, we were queer then, this was a queer neighborhood, but you just didn't do that.

FRANCISCO So let's just see what happens. We'll see what happens with Montrose, it's always been the icon here and

SANCHEZ: Houston of the gay community. So as you build these town homes and people come in from the suburbs to move back in, we'll see what--

JIMMY CARPER: I know. What's happening to my small town, Montrose?

FRANCISCO You go to an address one week, and the next week it's just gone. Next thing it's just like this vacant lot. We were

SANCHEZ: doing block walking there last year, and I mean--

JIMMY CARPER: Wasn't a house there, and now there are five townhouses. What's going on?

FRANCISCO So you just got to knock on the door and look for the person, they're not there, so. But no, politically, we've had a

SANCHEZ: lot coming up in November, we'll see what happens as far as mentioning the Caucus came up with an endorsement and--

JIMMY CARPER: Were you in attendance there?

FRANCISCO I was there. Actually, talking to Vanessa, she didn't see me. I was sort of in the background watching everything.

SANCHEZ: And so we'll see what happens.

JIMMY CARPER: How was it? How was that?

FRANCISCO It was good. It was a lot quieter than I thought it was going to be. I thought there's going to be a lot of ruckus

SANCHEZ: over the mayor's race and some ruckus over the district D race for Montrose's in, but those went through fairly smoothly, so.

JIMMY CARPER: How about Hispanic candidates?

FRANCISCO Well, this morning I have been talking as [AUDIO OUT] Chris had mentioned the Senate race [AUDIO OUT]. --that

SANCHEZ: is kind of eyeing this one, so we'll see what happens, but interestingly--

JIMMY CARPER: Is Garza a good guy? Not that I'm well pointedly asking you anything, but--

FRANCISCO We'll see what happens with Tony Garza. He's a single middle aged man who for the value that-- very intelligent,
SANCHEZ: very attractive.

JIMMY CARPER: Good.

FRANCISCO Mutual friend with some folks that I know. We'll see what happens.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: We'll see what happens.

FRANCISCO But shouldn't hold that against him.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: No.

FRANCISCO But he's a Republican, so we'll see what happens. But he's definitely--

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: Nobody can be perfect.

FRANCISCO I think he'd be better than some of the other folks out there, so. But of some local implications, or even hearings

SANCHEZ: of-- were still Saturday--

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, we need Republicans on our side.

FRANCISCO No, we do, we definitely do. I mean, I worked very closely with a lot of folks that were involved in Log Cabin

SANCHEZ: Republicans over the past couple of years where they had their National Convention in Dallas I think in '98. It was either '98 or 2000. No, it was '98 that they had their National Convention here in Dallas, and I went up there.

I was secretary of the party still at the time where I just recently got elected, I went in with Gary Vanadium, his invitation. And really I think whether you're a Democrat or a Republican, if you are gay and lesbian elected official in Texas, I really thought it was your responsibility to go and be there--

JIMMY CARPER: Good point.

FRANCISCO --and welcome those folks. I mean, we'll disagree with them on a lot of issues, but there's a lot to be said for folks

SANCHEZ: that are there to try to change that party. And if they can keep up the fight, more power to us.

JIMMY CARPER: Absolutely. It takes a lot of guts to walk in to a group where you know you're not wanted--

FRANCISCO Oh, it does.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: --and say, I belong here.

FRANCISCO Yeah, and because it's tough doing this in my party where they don't do it because-- some people don't like me

SANCHEZ: because I'm gay, not because they don't-- because of the gay issue, but for other reason. You got to work with these folks. Tough going in there when you look around and everyone else is--

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: --on the heels of Jesse Helms in terms of age, and you're the youngest, you got to try to change these old ways and you're not wanted. I can't imagine what it's like to be at a party where they don't like you because of you, and they can't get past that so you can get your work done, so. But we've got a lot of good folks that are involved with Log Cabin here in Houston, and some of those have come back to our side.

JIMMY CARPER: Good.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: So if you're a Republican and you're weary and you're tired of fighting, come on over join us, we're still here.

JIMMY CARPER: We're still here, yeah.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: But in terms of some local implications, we've been hearing this morning. In terms of the Senate race, on the Democratic side, we've got potential candidates to replace Phil Gramm, one of those being Senator McClory promoting him. Congressman Ken Bentsen possibly running for Senate. Dan Morales, a guy named Cunningham former UT football player, I can't remember his name, very attractive guy. So I look forward to his campaign swing through Houston, and some other folks.

But depending on what happens with redistricting if Bentsen jumps in the race soon, my word from the consultants, the Republican side this morning that Orlando may actually jump from the mayor's race and run for Ken Bentsen's congressional seat. So since the filing deadline is towards the end of September, we may actually have a two-person mayor's race, which will change the dynamics a lot, so.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, it will.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: And talking with some folks that are out there that are in the anyone but Brown category, their biggest question is who they should vote for, Orlando or Chris Bell? And I guess Sandy was talking about the electability last time of Orlando and some of the support he's gotten, but that would be interesting. I don't think Orlando would fair well in the primary, it just depends on what they draw out there. But if you're looking for Ken Bentsen seat, Phil Sudan ran last time with those snazzy ads, and all that stuff will be in the primary again.

But it'll be interesting if that causes Orlando to jump out of the mayor's race, so I wouldn't be surprised if in the next few weeks we hear that he drops out. So that's the fresh gossip, so we'll see what happens. So that'll be interesting.

And this week on Wednesday, the governor's race on the Democratic side kicked off. Tony Sanchez was in Houston, who is the Hispanic Laredo businessman who can basically fund his own-- \$54 million he's worth. I was born to the wrong Sanchez family, but. So we'll see what happens, so.

JIMMY CARPER: God, what is this family into?

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: A lot of. He and his father created the family fortune over the past couple of decades, over the past several decades. His father was a typewriter repairman, decided he was going to invest all his money and whatever he made in getting Tony Sanchez through school. And got his son through school, University of Texas and through law school.

And went into the oil and gas exploration business, and almost went broke. But back in those days according to him, you had to-- people in Houston wouldn't return his call because of his last name. He hired people with non-Hispanic last names to start making those calls, and he started making money all of a sudden. So kept that up and then--

JIMMY CARPER: It's still the old boy--

FRANCISCO Oh he is.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: We're still an old boy state.

FRANCISCO The city is nothing but-- yeah, and there's nothing wrong with them, but look at the Ken Lay's and Gordon

SANCHEZ: Bethunes, this is a good old boy town, and it's the way things work here.

JIMMY CARPER: Every time I think we've made some progress, you hear stories like this, and it's just--

FRANCISCO Yeah, so.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: --just disgusting.

FRANCISCO But it says a lot about where someone's coming from, so I really have a lot of respect for him in terms of that.

SANCHEZ: And they made their money, they decided to go into the banking business, and now own the largest minority owned bank in the country, IBC. It's got a branch here in Montrose.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, right on the corner of Montrose and Richmond. Yes.

FRANCISCO So it's sort of interesting. It's nice to have someone like that running for governor, whether it's because--

SANCHEZ: obviously like the fact that he's electable, that he's a businessman, that he can cross party lines in terms of Virginia voters. But just being Hispanic, to me it's very inspirational story. So I've enjoyed it.

JIMMY CARPER: It's time, it is really time that we had a Hispanic in the governor's mansion.

FRANCISCO I think New Mexico had a Hispanic Senator or Arizona did in like in '20s or '30s.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: Really?

FRANCISCO I don't know how that happened, but his name was Lorenzo, his last name was Lorenzo. And Roy just brought us

SANCHEZ: up to date with a caller from Jonathan Northwest Houston that the Green Party also supports the gay rights ordinance.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, they do. Yes, they do.

FRANCISCO So thank you for them. They have a very gay friendly platform, so we're glad that they do. The Democratic Party,

SANCHEZ: we passing an ordinance. We're much larger in a lot-- sometimes a little more cumbersome to get things done, but we've had very gay friendly platform. But in September, we're going to have an official resolution, specifically opposing this particular ordinance that's being pushed over by Dave Wilson, so.

Whether you're a member of the Green Party or a Democrat or a Republican, we're glad to have your support opposing your friends and--

JIMMY CARPER: Or independent.

FRANCISCO Or independent, so. Or if you're inactive, it's time to do something.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: That's right.

FRANCISCO So just register and get out there. I think--

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: Please, yes.

FRANCISCO Early part of October, so get there and ensure--

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: You must vote. And I can tell you right now, if you are not registered, give us a call at 713-526-5738, we have voter registration cards we can send to you. And we will be more than happy to do it, 526-5738, 526-KPFT.

FRANCISCO Yeah, and I think Roy gave out the number for PBA earlier, I think it's 713-52-- the PBA, I'm--

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: I don't know it.

FRANCISCO I think go to vote nba.com and check them out, or you can call the Caucus, 713-521-1000. I'm sure you can

SANCHEZ: involve with them.

JIMMY CARPER: That's 713-521-1000, easy number.

FRANCISCO If you want to get involved with-- the Human Rights campaign's actually sending out some staff members for the

SANCHEZ: election, so if you want to get a hold of them, I guess you can call me.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

FRANCISCO 713-943-8212.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: Wait a minute now, make believe I'm writing this down.

FRANCISCO 713-943.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: 943.

FRANCISCO 8212.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: 8212.

FRANCISCO I was speaking to that because I'm wondering if Dave is going to be getting tons of calls down the middle of the night wondering, who's calling asking for Francisco at 2 o'clock in the morning? And who are these people?

JIMMY CARPER: Oops. Oops.

FRANCISCO It's something about the involvement? What is-- so hopefully, he's listening, but that should-- I think it's forwarded to my cell, so hopefully he's not taking strange calls this hour in the morning, so. We talked last time about soccer--

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, we did.

FRANCISCO --a lot. And I thought it was very ironic the next day or Monday--

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: I am telling you, since we did that, I discovered this--

[LAUGHTER]

FRANCISCO The Latino gay soccer boy?

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: --naked soccer group, and--

FRANCISCO Oh my.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: --I've been enjoying many pictures of men I've never heard about before. And it seems that men in South America are much more into public nudity than they are in the Northern half of the continent, so hey.

FRANCISCO And that's www.nakedsoccerboys.com/South America, right? What I thought was ironic, and we were just talking about that last month and the Monday after the show just to talk about how really, I guess not commercially, but how people realize or maybe some companies recognize how big of a market it is.

I got an advertisement in the mail from-- gosh, who was it? I can't remember. It was a cable company, and the whole sale was targeted in Spanish and about soccer. And if you go with our cable company, you can get all these-- you can watch all these soccer matches, and all this stuff, and it was in Spanish. And I was like, wow, they just picked me because of my last name, because of my zip code. And decided that I spoke Spanish, and that they were going to sell me their cable with soccer, so.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, when they send it to Pasadena, it's all about football.

FRANCISCO Exactly. And speaking of Pasadena, I followed up on that rumor that there was a gay club in Pasadena.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

FRANCISCO And it is, it's called Escape.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: Escape, wait a minute. Now I got to write that down.

FRANCISCO Well, I'm sure Big Roy is writing it down right now. Escape, on where?

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: Escape, yes.

FRANCISCO Escape on Richie.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: Richie. South Richie?

FRANCISCO South Richie. Between 225 and 45. Like few blocks down from the Kroger, so. Drove by, went in, gay boys

SANCHEZ: everywhere.

JIMMY CARPER: What's it like?

FRANCISCO It was good. It was nice.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: Is it like a dance club, or just a bar?

FRANCISCO Yeah, it's got a dance club, you can dance. It's got a bar and everything, so we'll have to swing by and try and

SANCHEZ: get a hold of management out there and see if they can send someone out or--

JIMMY CARPER: You bet.

FRANCISCO --and have them talk to us. So it's interesting actually, we have a gay bar in Pasadena just as soon as I leave.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, that could have never happened 10 years ago.

FRANCISCO Oh, no.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: Never.

FRANCISCO And within five miles of that place is shell phone road where that KKK headquarters used to be. Right next to the

SANCHEZ: refinery, right on right there. And now it's a taqueria, I think.

JIMMY CARPER: Good. Good.

FRANCISCO Talk about times are changing.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: Kidding.

FRANCISCO So thank to Morris Dees and all those folks at the Southern Property Law Center, they just drove the KKK broke

SANCHEZ: with lawsuit after lawsuit. So who said all lawyers are bad? So. But--

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, that really knocked the wind out of the sails of the KKK when the lawsuits started going after property, and suing them. And when judges upheld all of those. And just like the Fred Phelps, the wind is getting knocked out of his sails because every time he goes somewhere now, they handle it like the AIDS Walk where people pledge money for every minute that Fred Phelps is going to be protesting. And so now whenever Fred Phelps goes anywhere, it's a big moneymaker for gay causes.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: Yeah. And it's amazing how the man has absolutely no shame, I mean whatsoever. I bet the religious right even wants him out.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. Yeah. Oh yeah.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: And one thing that's always amazed me in terms of--

JIMMY CARPER: And people in Kansas who live there are just so ashamed of him. It's like, oh my god, he doesn't represent this state. It's his family.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: They're thinking, you're not in Kansas anymore. We don't know where you're at, but you're not here. One thing that just amazed me in terms of when you look at some of these folks, and I wouldn't be surprised if it happens on down the road with him. But you look at Jerry Falwell and Mel White that used to write for him, Robert City used to work for him. I can't remember which of those.

Then you look at Jesse Helms, and now you've got someone that used to work for him who's an openly gay judge now that's running to replace him on the Democratic side, and I'm just sort of-- it's phenomenal how many people-- I don't know if they were there because they weren't out or they were in denial or what. But you've got gays and lesbians that have been instrumental in helping some of these people, and eventually come to our side, and coming to their senses.

But it's amazing that they place-- these folks that they work for, place their trust in them and they seem to be doing fine for them. That's why I don't understand how they don't see the value of gay and lesbian people when they contributed so much to their success.

JIMMY CARPER: Because in so many cases, it's not a matter of really hating gay and lesbian people, it's a matter of a fundraising tactic for the church. That's what it boils down to. I had one of my best friends in the world say, whenever you don't understand something, look for the economic side.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: Good advice.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, and you'll find your answer.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: Speaking of fundraising, on the 21st if you want an excuse to go to San Antonio, speaking a little Latino soccer boys.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh.

FRANCISCO We won't have any there, but finding them on your own shouldn't be that much of a problem in San Antonio. On the weekend of the 21, I wish I had the date on me. I think it's-- the weekend of the 21 at the Gunter hotel in San Antonio that Saturday.

JIMMY CARPER: The what?

FRANCISCO The Gunter hotel.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: Gunter?

FRANCISCO Yeah, it's on the Riverwalk.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: Oh OK.

FRANCISCO Yeah, I've never been there, but it's supposed to be a nice hotel. That Saturday evening of that weekend, we're

SANCHEZ: having representative Barney Frank come in.

JIMMY CARPER: No kidding.

FRANCISCO No, he's going to be there-- so we try to get him to come to Houston, but he's only doing San Antonio and Austin--

SANCHEZ: to do a fundraiser for National Stonewall Democrats. And so he will be there. If you want to swing by, it's very affordable, it's \$25, I think--

JIMMY CARPER: Oh that's cheap.

FRANCISCO --to get in through reception. And I think there's even a cheaper event the following day in Austin. There's a

SANCHEZ: Saturday event on San Antonio and the Sunday event in Austin. So if you want to feel like getting away for a weekend and giving to a good cause, just \$25. But more than anything, I'm sure it's an excuse for folks to hop on over to the Riverwalk.

JIMMY CARPER: You bet.

FRANCISCO But we'll have to make sure we don't run to the same park rangers that Chris was talking about earlier, so.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, no kidding.

FRANCISCO But we'll get over there.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: I'm sure things have changed with the park rangers since all of the publicity they've had thrown on them from that incident.

FRANCISCO So. Let's take a little break, and then we'll come back and talk about the Latin Grammys. They're coming up on

SANCHEZ: Tuesday.

JIMMY CARPER: OK. And I don't even know if this man has even been nominated, probably not, Jade Esteban Estrada. We have played him before. He is the only openly gay dance artist in the country. And he's got a wonderful CD out called Angel. And this is number one cut, "Bella Morena." And you're listening to it on After Hours, queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston, and KEOS College Station.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

[LAUGHS]

JIMMY CARPER: Jade.

FRANCISCO What a breath.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: Jade.

FRANCISCO Big Roy and I were just dancing out there.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. Jade Esteban Estrada from his CD, Angel. Lots of high energy music, it's all good. All good.

FRANCISCO Well, we were also nominated for something, I'm sure will be nominated something soon, very talented--

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, he is very talented. So as you were saying the--

FRANCISCO Latin Grammys are Tuesday.

SANCHEZ:

BIG ROY: Yes, and they've moved from Miami to LA.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh.

FRANCISCO So.

SANCHEZ:

BIG ROY: Yeah, they made that move because the Cuban community down there in Miami was going to protest the Latin Grammys.

JIMMY CARPER: For what possible reason?

BIG ROY: It had something to do with Elian Gonzalez.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, good Lord.

BIG ROY: I mean--

JIMMY CARPER: It's over.

FRANCISCO The boy's back home, he's doing all right.

SANCHEZ:

BIG ROY: And so-- well, I think that they felt that they did not-- the Latin performers did not give enough support to trying to keep Elian Gonzalez in the United States. I mean, there's Gloria Estefan and--

FRANCISCO Well, Andy Garcia was there.

SANCHEZ:

BIG ROY: Andy Garcia, and you name the superstar, they were there.

JIMMY CARPER: Well first of all--

FRANCISCO And the fisherman guy was there.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: --it had nothing to do with Latin performers. I mean, they could lend all the support they wanted, but it had nothing to do with the decision.

FRANCISCO Something called the law.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

BIG ROY: Well--

JIMMY CARPER: Why do people think that because you're a celebrity or a musician or an actor that you can affect all these changes?

BIG ROY: You really cannot. And I do know this, that that *QV Magazine* is really all hyped up about the-- if you don't know about *QV Magazine*--

JIMMY CARPER: I don't know about it.

BIG ROY: That is the Latin gay magazine, it's a slick. It's not porno. It's like *Out Magazine*, and it comes out every other month. And it's a slick, and--

JIMMY CARPER: Now we want the audience to know that Big Roy is not Hispanic.

BIG ROY: Halfway there.

JIMMY CARPER: He is only Hispanic by injection.

BIG ROY: Oh.

[LAUGHTER]

Ouch.

FRANCISCO Well, it's kind of like that saying, I wasn't born in Texas, but I got here as fast as I could.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, exactly.

FRANCISCO I wasn't born Latino, but got to them as fast as I could.

SANCHEZ:

BIG ROY: Well, my mom is. I mean, my mom's Cuban.

FRANCISCO Oh there you go.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: OK.

BIG ROY: Yes, and my dad's an Irish, so that means half of me wants to get--

FRANCISCO So I guess-- so it's half Hispanic by injection.

SANCHEZ:

BIG ROY: So part of me wants to get drunk, and the other half doesn't want to get paid for it. And any--

JIMMY CARPER: Please don't, I don't want to get those phone calls and letters. Please don't do that.

FRANCISCO So they'll be protesting us.

SANCHEZ:

BIG ROY: No but that is a very good magazine, and--

FRANCISCO It's called QV?

SANCHEZ:

BIG ROY: It's called *QV Magazine*.

FRANCISCO As in the letters Q and V?

SANCHEZ:

BIG ROY: As in Q and V.

JIMMY CARPER: Standing for?

BIG ROY: I have no idea.

JIMMY CARPER: OK.

FRANCISCO Queer Vattos.

SANCHEZ:

BIG ROY: There you go.

FRANCISCO It stands for. I'm just guessing, I have no Idea.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY CARPER: Whatever, yeah.

FRANCISCO I told you about the little gangster boys, all right, that I saw at Crossroads last year.

SANCHEZ:

CHRIS: No, no.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: It was phenomenal experience for me. I was at Crossroads, I was rushing in. I'm sure I was like by-- I never actually go there to like drink coffee, I either go into this-- I pass the counter to look like I'm not cheap and just sort of pick up the paper, and so usually I end up buying like David a little knickknack or a card, some little gift, and then-- or I'm short on cash, I just walk back pretend I'm shopping, then I get my little Houston voice and out of there. I don't want just walk in and get the paper, and look like I'm just there to get the paper, but--

I was there, and then I'm like I was actually getting something, though, I was at the register. And in walked these two ghetto-looking boys. Had these little bandannas on, little baggy pants. Those cute little Spanish kids walking in, but--

JIMMY CARPER: They're so intense.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: They looked all gangster like, and they were in there. I don't know where they went, they bought something, they went out--