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[Introduction] 00:08

The following program contains language or images of the brain 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 and welcome to after hours queer radio with attitude. Heard every Saturday night at midnight or thereabouts on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. I'm Jimmy Carper. And tonight is the fifth Saturday of the month. That means queer music for three hours, folks. Except I might throw a few little things in like, quack. I kind of expect some quack people to be here later on. That's queer artists. Oops. queer artists. Okay. We have these are the folks from diverse works we had on a couple of weeks ago, and they had their show to a standing room only capacity. They're going to repeat it. So I hope they're gonna drop by. If not, we'll be talking about it here. I'd like to talk about the Walgreens controversy. But there doesn't seem to be much going on with it here lately. So a couple of letters in the voice and that was about it. Nobody seems to be talking. So Roy and I'll be talking about that a little bit later on. new movie coming Friday to the Greenway three the movie we've been waiting for Stonewall. It's a semi documentary about the Stonewall Rebellion in June of 1969. And it's opening Friday. It's a British made film. We have tickets to give away later on for it. And we also have an interview with our very own Scott Lewis interviewing the star of the movie, Guillermo Diaz. will be playing that towards the end of the show. If we can squeeze it in we've got a little piece of tape about gay and lesbian symbols are what they mean how they originated, you know the triangles, pink triangles and the the rainbow flags and all of those colored handkerchiefs and all other kinds of lambda. And all that kind of stuff we'll be talking about let that later if I can squeeze that in. But this is queer music night. And most of the artists you're going to hear tonight are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender. If not, I'll let you know. So unless otherwise informed just assumed everybody's queer here tonight. We are taking your requests for queer music at 5265738 Big Roy is sitting

at the phone waiting to hear from you. That's 5265738 With your requests and your dedications. Let's start off with Double Plus Good. You've heard it here before. And especially after that last show, I think it's a good mix. Awafula by Double Plus Good.

J Jimmy Carper 05:31

Oh yeah. Ross McCoy in God's ear. That's offices, the gravity Bill album. Really good music. He doesn't get a whole lot of airplay anywhere in the gay community or the straight community. But boy, what a good album before that Diana Jones in broad daylight from the Imagine me album. Now Diana Jones was here at ovations a couple of weeks ago. So she's a Texas gal, and openly lesbian. does great music. Hey, what can I say? You're listening to after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station, we do have requests that are lining up here. And I'll be playing them in just a little bit. But guess who walked into the studio? Tom Richards, the activist with the emphasis on the ACT. We talked with Tom by phone last week talking about the Walgreens situation. And I don't know there hasn't been much. There's been a couple of letters in the voice this week. One idiot who obviously doesn't read the voice very often. Who he I don't know where he was coming from. And two others that that I that I remember reading that were very pro. The article in the voice. Yeah, yeah. So what's what's been happening, have you?

T Tom Richards 07:03

Well, this next week, I've talked to some people. And it seems as though they all they all were telling me that we really don't have the time. Right now to handle it. What I figured I got the time. So this next week, I think I'll go and talk with the manager, again, taking more information I have about discrimination against gay managers and so forth. Yeah, I'm not gonna give him the original, I'm gonna give him copies of it. And let him read it. And that to me, and I may take your tape recorder and hide it on my person and record what he says. So he cannot deny it later. But, but I think that's a good way all your secrets. But I think that's what we're gonna have to do this next week. But I think we're gonna have to get get for we'll start doing this. Because if we don't, it'll go and go.


J Jimmy Carper 08:00


Supposedly, what I've heard is that the OutSmart is back in the Walgreens. I haven't been there to see. No, no, I can't I can't say. But the fact that they don't want to, I mean, the fact that they took it out in the first place. Right, ridiculous.


T Tom Richards 08:17

But, but but again, Jimmy I think that's important. But when when this whole thing started, the I basically put out three, three demands. Okay, yeah. Number one, they had to they had to sign the pledge of non discrimination within this area. within Africa, scientists know. Number two, they had to reinstate all of their fired managers that they fired because they were gay, and reinstate those that they had demoted. Okay. That was demand number two, and number three was to put the magazine back in. So-.


 Jimmy Carper 09:05
Magazines back in, but-.


 Tom Richards 09:07
But not the others. Right. Okay.


 Jimmy Carper 09:10
And got a chance to talk to any of the employees that have been either demoted or five letters.

 Tom Richards 09:17
Yes.

 Jimmy Carper 09:18
Really?

 Tom Richards 09:19
Yes.

 Jimmy Carper 09:20
Okay.

 Tom Richards 09:21
Yes, I have letters. Oh, oh, well, I found this out. Do you remember the first week that we came on here? I got a phone call that night from somebody give me a name of somebody in Laporte. Okay, I got a hold of them. And I got a letter from them. And I got a couple of other names. And I wrote to them, and I got information. Wow. And so forth. So so yeah. So and it was in the same same supervisor, district supervisor that is over this store was the same one that that had discharged them because they were gay.

 Jimmy Carper 09:56
Yeah. Okay. Now I know they do still have gay employees.

T Tom Richards 10:00

Yep, they just don't have them in the management. Yeah.

J Jimmy Carper 10:04

Well, maybe except for the photo lab. Yeah, I know the guy there. Well, well, I don't think that's a management.

T Tom Richards 10:12

Yeah. It's what I'm wanting to do. Jimmy is I'm willing to take these letters to him and say, look here I have these letters back from these people telling me such and such and such and such. Now, here they are. You may read them. Or, or, or just give him the copies of, yeah, okay. Not the original. And, and say, Now, what do you what can you tell me about these? Okay, and then start from there. Okay. Okay. That's what I've, that's, that's what I'm planning on starting. And I think that's where it ought to start. I don't think. Yeah. Yeah, the magazine porno magazine because of one complaint. And there were what? 500 people that collected a magazine that saw nothing wrong with it. Wow. You know, and they didn't they pulled it becomes a one complaint.

J Jimmy Carper 11:12

And then you know, and then they had, I know that, you know, that. They had a lot of people from your own complex, who called and complained that it was poor. Absolutely no good.

T Tom Richards 11:22

But did no good. No. So no. Matter of fact, they got really angry after. After about nine or 10 phone calls, they just started getting real nasty over the phone. Wow. But that they kept calling. I appreciate that. And those guys, yeah.

J Jimmy Carper 11:39

Yeah. Okay, so that's gonna be an ongoing thing. We don't want to let that die. We want no-.

T Tom Richards 11:45

I know, if you let one case Najimy then you're gonna have another one. And then if you let that go to another another, and after a while it builds clear over your head. You've got to take one at a time. And then yeah, Take. Take it as it happens. You know what I mean?



Jimmy Carper 12:08

Oh, yeah. Now you want to talk about politics? Yes. I'm so over it. Maybe it's just me.



Tom Richards 12:19

But first of all, let me say this. I believe, I believe in all sincerity. Jimmy. That, that my voting card is more important to me than my driver's license.



Jimmy Carper 12:33

Oh, yes. I believe that to absolutely.



Tom Richards 12:36

have no power in the driver's license? That is a privilege. Voting is a right. That's right. It is where you control people. And and the thing that came that came back to me very strongly was the last city council election, where one of the politicians said, Well, I would be more than happy to work with gay people. The only problem is they just don't vote. And I thought, how rude.



Jimmy Carper 13:07

You-. Actually, that that's not true. Because consistently, even in low voter turnout, the Montrose area has a higher percentage of people going to the polls than almost any other district.



Tom Richards 13:20

At the last city council election, there was a drop off of 30% of gay votes. Okay.



Jimmy Carper 13:30

We can't have that one. Now.



Tom Richards 13:33

We need we need to, to, to the sound or voice. I believe that for a gay, lesbian, bi transgender person not to register is very, very irresponsible. I do too. And it is very, very irresponsible.



J Jimmy Carper 13:49

But you're old enough to vote and you don't do it. I don't want to talk to you. That's right.

T Tom Richards 13:53

Absolutely. Because because we have fought too many battles out here. Too many people have been hurt. Too many people have died. And and I'm just not going to let that as far as I'm concerned. My vote, whether whether my candidate wins or not, is not the important thing. It's the point is that my name was signed in that book. And I'm and I voted.

J Jimmy Carper 14:19

That's right. And very, very much no matter where you live and try it you don't have to be a Montrose block vote.

T Tom Richards 14:26

And also they don't know how you vote now when you go in you sign your name on a on the book that that has your name there you take your voter card. Yeah, but what they haven't got slightest idea how you vote I don't care if you're old, neither do I. Matter of fact, come and watch me you know. And, but, but nobody knows. Right? That vote in itself is secret, but you Write your name to show that you did vote. That's that's all that is. That's all that is. Okay. Now, for someone for a gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender person not to vote, Jimmy, is it to me is an act of cowardice. But let me explain that. Like I said, I remember walking the streets. I remember walking the street Yeah. And and seeing gay people beaten and cops drive by him way that don't happen anymore. We did not we did not get as far as what we have gotten by by staying away from the polls we did. We got what we got by going to the polls. And and the big push on this started with Anita Brian.

J Jimmy Carper 15:53

Oh, I remember that. Yeah, I'm old enough.

T Tom Richards 15:56

And we continue to show how strong we are. And, and if we continue to vote, you'd be surprised what we can accomplish. But as long as we don't vote, we don't accomplish nothing. That's because the politician soon well, they don't want to support us. So why should we support them? And rightly so you scratch my back? I scratch you absolutely you do you kick my ass and articulate the same thing? What about the conventions? I have visions was the most boring thing. I think now I watched both of them. And I the Republican Convention, the thing that struck me the most is not what they said. It's what they didn't say. Now, to those people who who, who who've seen it seen their platform. Yeah. Who have even read an outline of their platform. To a gay person. That should be the most scariest thing to anybody that supports abortion. That should I mean, let's support a woman's right to choose what is right.

J Jimmy Carper 17:04
Right. Because choice means, right?

T Tom Richards 17:07
A constitutional amendment have a choice. You can have one or you don't have to have a constitutional amendment to outline abortion, even in case of rape or incest are going to be choked.

J Jimmy Carper 17:19
I know. I know.

T Tom Richards 17:21
You know. And, and. And believe this, Jimmy, the platform, may they may call it a Republican platform. But it was written by Buchanan, Reed, and Falwell and Pat Roberts probably okay, more than like, okay, but that's why that's why that the Jackass they have now called Bob Dole, the same thing is says I never read the platform. Hey, sweetheart.

J Jimmy Carper 17:54
Don't give me that. What does he What does that mean? When he says he hasn't read the platform? That means it doesn't matter to him.

T Tom Richards 18:00
Right? Right. If this candidate gets in, then you can expect the control then that that control of the White House will be will be taken over by Gingrich will be will be taken over by Dolan, Reed Farwell Robertson, and the rest of these these freaks. Now maybe I'm encouraging you to vote for for Clen. And I understand that Clinton was not our best friend. But when you look at the alternative, well, there isn't any burden. Important thing is, is that you've got to do something.

J Jimmy Carper 18:47
Can we put this all in perspective? First of all, let's say we had two big conventions that cost what 32 million ah, or they were given 32 million from them. And it's like, you know, we can do a lot of money with with with \$64 million here. You know, because the conventions were a waste of time, we knew Dole was going to get the nominee and of course, Clinton is going to run again. So why have these things second? Um, to put Clinton in perspective, I think he is one of the first presidents to come out and meet with gay and lesbian people use the lesbian and

gay words in speeches. Now, the two things that people are pissed off about with him is the military thing. And the domestic partnership thing. Now, as I recall, I don't recall I don't remember any big gay push to get gays into the military or of the partner, you know, the marriage and know the the, the what's the big deal? We never wanted it.

T Tom Richards 19:58

The marriage Each thing was shoved on us we never asked for it was a military, right? That was all the blue, right? That was all shoved onto us. Okay, so why are we so but now the causes, the causes that we have stood for discrimination in the federal government against gay people is now against the law. They cannot do it anymore. Okay. You cannot disqualify somebody from a security clearance because they're gay and which which never made sense to me begin with, because if somebody is openly gay, how the hell are you going to blackmail him with it? I never could figure that out.

J Jimmy Carper 20:43

So this is something that Clinton did, or Yes. Ministry. Yes.

T Tom Richards 20:47

This is and and, and several other things. He did a point over 100 appointees that are openly gay. Yeah, he did do that.

J Jimmy Carper 20:58

And I know under his administration, now, it probably doesn't have anything to do with it. But because it's so open protease inhibitors, got onto the market really quickly, really quickly-.

T Tom Richards 21:13

Causes the Clinton administration and-.

J Jimmy Carper 21:15

I for one, I'm certainly happy about that.

T Tom Richards 21:18

It also in his acceptance speech, the I was listening very carefully, he said, look around you that we have all kinds of people here from everywhere, and he began to name him. We have blocks, we have Chicanos, we have this, we have that. The last two he mentioned, he said, and we

have gay and we have strike. He said that in his acceptance speech, he said, he said, in effect in tolerance in our nation has to stop.

J Jimmy Carper 21:51
The only president, right?

T Tom Richards 21:53
The only one that has ever said it. Okay. So if you're not registered to vote, if you want to call the station here, and give me your name and address, I will send you a voter registration card and just fill it out and drop it in the mailbox. You don't have to worry about you do not have to worry about a stamp on it. It goes, it goes postage free. That's right. And in just a few weeks, you'll get your voter registration. So if you won't call here.

J Jimmy Carper 22:26
If you've moved or you've never registered, give us a call. 5265738 We will make sure you get that voter registration card.

T Tom Richards 22:34
Oh, absolutely. I think it's very important. I'll get that out to you the first thing to sweep. I surely will. Okay. And that's a promise. And I do this because I do care people.

J Jimmy Carper 22:45
Yes, yes. Let's get back to some music. We've had a request from Alma and Sharpstown for son of a preacher man and I was gonna play that anyway because that is you know, there's coming up in October I believe it is, is the first annual gay and lesbian American Music Awards. And Jeff Crasner who sings this song has as this album out called strong for you. We've been playing it since about January or February and strong for you as a as a as I believe the one that has been nominated as Best Original Song and Jeff cCasner has been nominated. Oh, that's cute. Yeah, as new artists new but the favorite