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## SPEAKERS

Binay, Diane Williams, Scott Lewis, Jimmy Carper

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I am what I am I am special creation so come to give me the all the Ovation it's more than I wanted a little brighten and it's not a place to live not worth a damn to you can say



01:04

I am what I am I don't want grades I don't wanna



01:12

bang my own drum song it's pretty and landed bangle things from a different angle. God life is those jam to you can shout out what I am and what I need feel my own deck sometimes it's been up you're not damn tell you and shout out



Jimmy Carper 02:38

Hello and welcome to after hours a continuing tradition here at World Radio KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. The crew of after hours is ready to bring you news interviews and music geared for the gay and lesbian community. 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



D Diane Williams 05:35

Hi, welcome to after hours. You've joined us here at World Radio KPFT 90.1. My name is Diane Williams and I'm here with the lovely Binay and we've had a wonderful, wonderful holiday evening so far. And we're going to bring you some music. We've got lots of music tonight, lots of interesting news and stuff happening around town and in the TROs in gay Ville, USA. We've got some good music from Venus envy. Rhonda, the lesbian reindeer, we like that one a lot. The 12 Days of Christmas, I'll be home Oh for Christmas. I have the Doris Day Christmas album and I'm really excited about that. Also, we'll have my favorite my personal favorite Barbra Streisand doing Jingle Bells and that girl can sing a jingle bell song I'm telling you lots of news lots of information and right now we're going to and also we have after not after hours, what do we have? We have some some new things gay world news. What the heck is it this way out the international gay and lesbian magazine 12 792 This way out. But we have that at about 115 130 The producers shaking his finger already and I just got here 115 ish. We're gonna have the international gay and lesbian news magazine. For all you gay and lesbian interested straight people out there. Coming up immediately. We've got some music for you and it's the Gay Men's Chorus singing We need a little Xmas. And we're back ladies and gentlemen and all those assorted others we are back and you're listening to after hours. We're sitting here going through some information what kind of fun and interesting stuff we want to bring for you tonight. If there's anything in particular you'd like to know about you want to talk about or if you want to give us the 90.1 Party report. Christmas parties across the city information on what's happening. If you're having a good time if you're having a lousy time and by the way if you're having a lousy time please don't give us name and address of the people whose house you're having a lousy time at. Please call us and tell us where all the fun and happen and stuff is and if you're at a bar and for some reason you're like out in your car listen to the radio or they have the radio on in their call us let us know tell us what's happening. We've got some more music for you right now. We've got what do we have? We have this right here. We have some Madonna men Jana What about a Madonna is Madonna is doing Santa baby



J Jimmy Carper 08:19

right Amanda wait and then we can't have this daddy fondling Santa Claus. I mean, this is a fun show.



D Diane Williams 08:26

Why not? We like that sometimes. Hey, who the heck is That Santa Guy anyway, he lives in the North Pole. He doesn't get a lot dad can fondle Santa. Okay,

J

Jimmy Carper 08:34

well, that was Kipper. Dots. Doing I saw that he kissing Santa Claus.

D

Diane Williams 08:39

What I want to know is that you finished this song early. What came after that

J

Jimmy Carper 08:45

while they took off their clothes.

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Diane Williams 08:46

Ooh, that's what I wanted. Yeah. What happened next? There was a lot of like belts and red stuff to do.

J

Jimmy Carper 08:53

I don't know actually. What actually to be honest. What turned out was that Santa Claus was really Mommy. Oh,

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Diane Williams 09:01

I get it. Yes, I had a row thing. I

J

Jimmy Carper 09:04

had the wrong thing. That's why I cut it off early.

D

Diane Williams 09:06

Okay. Well, you know, I know ahead are my parents are had row. No kidding. How did that happen? I don't know. I don't get that sometimes. But you know, that was some really cool stuff. You were playing that Elton John is really nice step into Christmas.

J

Jimmy Carper 09:19

Now that's that's a good classic song. You know, I was thinking about classic music. And then I got to thinking boy, that all depends on how old you are. Because, you know, if you were born

in like 1975 stepped into Christmas by Elton John is pretty classic, because he did that in 73. Now,

D Diane Williams 09:37

there would have been two. I mean, there wouldn't have been anything at all. They would have been minus two.

J Jimmy Carper 09:41

I mean, it would have been there. They would have been hearing that on the radio as they grew up. Yeah. See, see? See, you know, stuff that we heard well, that you heard is growing up is a lot different than stuff I heard.

D Diane Williams 09:54

I quite imagine.

J Jimmy Carper 09:57

And we'll be playing a little bit of everything later. We're on the show.

D Diane Williams 10:01

That's true Christmas and how many of you out there are just sick of this Christmas nonsense? Nobody? Are you sick of Christmas? If you are sick of Christmas, call me now and say I'm sick of Christmas because I want to tell you, Christmas can be depressing. Christmas can be boring. Christmas can be just too commercial or you can just be too over Christmas. But Christmas has a meaning all its own. And we love it. And you just have to get over it. It's that simple. And we're here to do that for you tonight. And you know what? Let me just turn on Vinay is Mike Vinay Say hi.

B Binay 10:32

Hi.

D Diane Williams 10:32

That works. This is good. Hi, Vinay. Glad you're here tonight.

B Binay 10:36

Good morning.

D Diane Williams 10:37

Good morning. Good morning. Real I'm glad you're here this morning Oregon. Guten Morgen.

B Binay 10:42

Guten Morgen.

D Diane Williams 10:43

Gosh, I feel so I feel so bilingual. Yeah. The only thing by I feel that, you know, bilingual is good. I just heard news that some people cannot hear us very well this evening. And we're at full power. We're doing everything right in the way we can. But part of the problem is the the weather the fog and then the nastiness so he can hear us very well. Were really sorry, really turn your volume up, put your ear to the to the speakers, and just scream really loud every time you talk back to us. That'll help. Okay, we want to get down to some business here guys and folks and women and ladies and all that kind of good stuff. I get in so much trouble when I say guys, I want to ask you some questions. Ben Yang about this zoning stuff. This zoning stuff is like a big issue. Zoning. There's some zoning motions coming up in front of the city about rezoning Montrose, the Montrose area.

B Binay 11:45

Actually, it's the whole city. Right. But where I think this has come from just based on on what I have read, right, it's it's only been in the newspapers, probably about the past week, there have been smatterings of, you know, gossip about this for probably about the past year. I live right in the heart of all of this area. And basically, what I gather is going on is, once again, we find ourselves at the end of the political stick,

D Diane Williams 12:14

little bit of homophobia happening per haps. I think what's going on in relation specifically to the Montrose area is that I think there's a lot of little associations, community associations that have sprung up or have been in existence for you know, a couple of years but kind of gained ground in their little Civic Association type of, of, you know, maybe groom and all that. And I think what they're doing is they're, they're trying to slowly but surely kind of move the gay element out of Montrose. And that would be such a shame to see. Yeah. Well, let me ask you this. Playing devil's advocate for a minute. I used to live on Hawthorne and Hawthorne, I just think it's one of the greatest streets in the world Hawthorne is is a really nice little street one block off Westheimer the problems that Hawthorne encounters, much like the same problems that you encounter on the other side of Montrose on Avondale. And you know, the streets that run parallel to Westheimer are problems of noise, you get a lot of traffic, you get a lot of drunk bar, matrons and patrons go into the bathroom and vomiting on your yard because they walk

out, you get more problems of thieves, and vandalism and things like that car theft, right. So, so what can they do to keep the bars in the area and maybe help change the behavior a little bit? Is there any? I mean, I personally would love to see like a gay Civic Center. And I don't care whether there's alcohol there or not, but I know many gay people go to places like that. And, and that's, and I do too, and I enjoy going to I enjoy going to the ripcord you know, I enjoy going to, you know, places that other gay people are frequent. So, so when where do we draw that line between if we live in that area and want the best for our neighborhood, and yet, we want our community to still thrive and to thrive, along with our gay bars, which are a part of our community since forever, you know? Well, I think first of all has to be peaceful COIC coexistence, right. Obviously, the Montrose when I was a kid in high school, very, very few years ago. Last year, just last year, just graduated from Katy High School. Robbie Lee. Eat him up. Oh, no, that's the wrong I went to college there. Anyway, I think what what needs to happen is that there needs to Be a peaceful coexistence. And where that comes from is that again, going back to when I was in high school, you could always come down to the Montrose and he has been here. Good God, how many years? You know, since Moses was a boy, yeah, you know, Montrose -- --older than dirt. Yeah, Montrose has been the gay area, and you cannot just come in and all of a sudden go, Okay, let's zone it. Let's just chop it off. And let's, let's dissect it. I live in this neighborhood, the bars, I live very close to where the bars are. And I hear a lot of night traffic and cars and edited it. Uh, I'm also an in queue patrol. And, you know, when I have had the opportunity to go out and patrol the streets. It's, it's a part of our community, and heterosexual people, homosexual people, people of different cultures and races and colors and religion all live here. Right. And they all seem to get along pretty well, don't you think? Right. I think in answering your devil's advocate question there is there is no actual, real answer other than people know that this area is what it is. And let's make it better by maybe increasing commerce by making some beautification projects going on an insular community associations that that are for the betterment of the community, not just a certain color of people or, or orientation, sexuality orientation. I think also what might help is if we had a better working relationship with some of our taxi services. I know this sounds really bizarre, but I think a better working relationship with some of our taxi services would help those gay people with little money that are on foot that have had too much to drink. Everyone knows that if you go to a bar, the bar can call you a cab, and the cab will take you home for free. How many people utilize that? And how many tabs offer that verbally? Not many? Yeah, I mean, it's just it's not a people would rather just go hop in their car and drive drunk, which is unfortunate, or try to walk and end up getting run over or perhaps even be a bash jig be gay best or, or commit crimes themselves, like stealing somebody else's car, because maybe they didn't even know what's in their car. You never know at that point. I mean, that's stretching the truth. But you know, well, it's a, it's a problem, it's a real problem. I really think that the Montrose area is one that can that can thrive in that we can have a mixture, a good mixture of commerce of little neat little corner stores, you know, like Fairview, that could become a really neat little antique row, you know, they're really neat little boutiques and shops and increase entrepreneurship. That is, you know, the big push for the beginning of the 90s, from the, God forbid, Bush administration. But what is real big on that as well. And, and I would love to own, you know, a couple of businesses, and there are certain sections within a neighborhood that can be, you know, business oriented. Now, I think the the whole part of this is the, it's the gay element, the gay and it's the bar element. That's what people find a bar element. And that's what they're trying to move out. I think that what's pushed them to that extent is the people that live around bars, where people come out, like perhaps wearing leather. Oh, my goodness, not leather. Yeah, very cheeks. Yeah, whether their butt cheeks are showing, or they have their pierced nipples flying in the wind or something. And, you know, maybe that's a little odd or awkward for some of us, but it happens. And it's part of society in general. And it doesn't mean necessarily that it's evil or bad. It's just different. You know, the only thing that denotes evil or bad is your perception of it. And

our perception of evil and bad has to change. Well, I'll tell you what, this is not the suburbs, we our inner city. That's right. And you know, you need to change your attitude the minute you drive inside the loop period, right. And, and even, you know, as you get closer to near town and downtown, things change culturally and socio economically and everything changes. And you just can't make Montrose, the woodlands or Katy, or you know, something like that. It's just not, but you can make it nice. Sure. And you can keep it nice. Even next door to a bar God forbid. Yeah, exactly. I was in San Francisco on vacation this summer. Lucky you. Yeah. It was expensive. But it was wonderful. And it was really amazing. There were little areas and we stayed inner city, right smack in the middle of San Francisco, and the the Bay Area there and now I can't even remember. Castro was such a neat area. I mean, it was clean. There were businesses all up and down the street. And then how about next in between where people lived in neat little Victorian homes. How bout adopt the blocks. the rip cord does Fairview and the rip cord can go up and down, Fairview and clean the streets literally pick up the trash and plant trees and do whatever else they need to do people want community associations, civic associations, then let's all get involved. Let's have the businesses involved as well. Anybody from near town listening, Charles Armstrong, any bar owners propose this? It's important. What do you think? How do you think we're gonna fix this? I mean, don't you think that that would be a kind of a good a good fix it and might help for a while anyway, I'll tell you what. I don't know when the vote goes. I haven't gotten I've read all the in depth information have not prepared myself but the vote is going to city council very soon. And that could kill so much business in this area is checked today. Yeah, it's not even funny. I mean, there's there it's not only the bar owners that that are going to suffer the tire store. It's going to be tire stores. Bobby Yang is if I can say you know, restaurant restaurants. My dentist is over here. Here places and tears. There's the Montrose veterinary place is right there. And it's a huge beautiful facility. brand spanking new. Well, I think you're talking more about like on the side streets. Yeah, but it's in a residential street. It's on actually it is on Montrose. You're right, it does but it faces the side street and the owner Omar, whatever. Yeah, that's just a shame that these these other businesses are going to suffer because certain people are targeting. They've got their hidden agendas, which is seek to remove the gay element in the bar element, I think well, and I agree with you. And I think that it started with the most bizarre of us, which is the which means in essence, those those of us that are most unlike white, middle class suburban, straight people, and that would, you know, I think men and leather and women and leather, and women on motorcycles scare people. I mean, I think that that scares I guess I would scare somebody then because I do have a motorcycle. You do? Really? You do have a motorcycle, but I've never seen you on your motorcycle even though I know that you do ride it. Yeah, that'd be cool. Can I come over? Sure. Okay, I have two helmets. I've been in your house. I know. 17 motorcycle. Cool side. It's I don't keep it in the house. I bet I quite imagine. Oh, I want everyone to hear this right now. You know what this is? Faithful listeners. I bet some faithful listeners do because you know that is that is the annual or the the weekly rattling of the paper because it sounds so darn intelligent when you're talking. And in the background here this like you're referring to notes or something. It's great. And I'm doing that for Jewel who's not here tonight. Jewel, if you're listening I love you give me a call. We've kind of played folk played phone tag a little bit, but wish you were here. Anyway, also, I'd like to say hi to Betty Betty for listening. Hi. Love you too. hope things are going well for you. I want to talk about my dear friends Tori and Stephanie who through a wonderful Christmas bash this evening. And what a great time it was. A lot of us attended. Tori and Stephanie are known for their wonderful parties and they have in the past included Easter bonnets, water guns, Easter egg hunts, all kinds of fun stuff. Yeah, the little bee things. There's this wonderful little bee game that looks really stupid. We hate it. We didn't want to play it. It was obnoxious. And I did not want to do it. No one wanted to do it. Finally, they got me to put this stupid thing on my head with a magnet that you had to buzz and the magnet. The magnet had like a plastic gadget that you leaned down and had to pick up little

metal balls with the magnet stuck to your head while buzzing was really stupid. And I hated it off of this giant flower was like your pollinating visions of the old Saturday Night Live. Exactly, exactly. But you know what, we had a great time. We really enjoyed it. And part of what makes those two people special is the ability to bring out the child and all of us the innocent, positive happy child in all of us. And I just want to say thank you to those two lovely women and all the friends that colored Christmas trees with me tonight and colored Christmas stockings. flyers that we colored with our crayons and then hung up on the wall with our names on him. And banana did the best one. Of course, being who we are no, yes. And I just want to say thanks to to everyone that was there. I also want to say wow, what a great Christmas lights are out there. What great Christmas lights are out there. We we threw a bunch of women in the car through some cokes and some beers and some things like that in the car and went traveling around Northwest Just semi northeast Houston, and we saw some amazing Christmas lights. I just want to say Frank and Dottie Great show. Kind of a little inside joke, but if you're driving down what Chantilly or something No, it's racially shaloo Richelieu and Briar Haven that's about where their Stokes are. It's in like North garden oaks, it's candlelight Plaza and Shepherd Park Square forest, forest, all that out there. There's some amazing Christmas lights and it's really heartening to see all those lights out there. If you don't have any money. Throw some foil into star shape and stick it on your window. It's that simple. You gotta get in the spirit you got to do something because can't be sitting around doing nothing at Christmas time. Even if you're not Christian. Celebrate. Wait a minute, I'll get the name of this holiday Kwanzaa celebrate Kwanzaa celebrate Winter Solstice and all that other kind of fun stuff that's happening and Hanukkah and celebrate life. Whether you're by yourself, whether you're with friends, whether you're with loved ones new or old, whether you're with family, whether whether or not you're with your straight parents who just don't get it or haven't gotten it yet and you're hoping they don't anytime soon. Wherever you're at whatever your situation wherever your place. There's a place for you. There's a place for you and there are people that love you and care about you. One of those places boys and girls is smile sexual minority youth assistance leg and their team talk line is 520 teen five two o t a n and also Yeah, no, but the line still works. This phone number still works in there. That's a good line. Also, who has a number to hatch? Nine four to use. Nine for to use. Yes, actually, isn't it? Yeah. Why you? th Yes. And that would be hatch. And I don't think that would be hippie.

 Scott Lewis 27:00

Oh, did you Hatch?

 Diane Williams 27:01

I said hatch?

 Scott Lewis 27:02

Oh, hatches hatch.

 Diane Williams 27:04

scooter Lewis

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Scott Lewis 27:04

we you know, I knew all the phone numbers all the younger.

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Diane Williams 27:07

You better get on the microphone scooter. Because these people can't hear words You're saying

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Scott Lewis 27:10

you know, I know the phone number to where all the young boys are.

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Diane Williams 27:12

We know that about you. Scoot baby. Hatch. I don't know. You're guessing you're guessing I look up 911 to 702. I think Oh, yeah. Yeah, you're guessing. Let me let me check my wallet. Oh, stop. Give us the give us that little square article. But there's gonna be article right here. Well, I'm looking at that's what you want. It's in the back of that magazine right there. It's in the back of this week in Texas. I'm trying to give you some information and I don't have it mapped out. Gosh, how unprepared that is. We want to talk to you briefly to write an article in the Houston press about hippie hippie house. And the article in Houston press starts out the main streets of Montrose for some runaway teens live on their own can be a death sentence. And it says you open it up and it's the centerfold and it says tricks are not for kids. Life on the streets can be a death sentence for gay teens. I want to talk to you much more about this. But before I do, I want to get some phone numbers, any phone numbers in the back of that twit for these lovely young people that are listening to us this holiday weekend or this weekend before a holiday. I'll tell you what we're gonna be looking and while we're looking, we're gonna give you some music. Ladies and gentlemen, this is Garth Brooks be on the season. Go tell it on the mountain. You gotta be kidding.