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SPEAKERS

Tom Richards, Jimmy Carper, Gigi, Speaker 3, Jim Owens, Scott Lewis

T Tom Richards 00:00

To allow the younger Democrats to have have a have a have a large voice within your organization?

J Jim Owens 00:10

Absolutely, Tom. As a matter of fact, I'm a precinct chair here in Montrose. I run the elections at the love it in and in the heart of gay land. And the fact is that I have a lot of young people come in and vote there. I employ young people in the polls. I wish we could find a way to get some of those folks to be more active. But I can tell you that they certainly do vote least here in Montrose, they vote and they come in with the complaint and the gay and lesbian Political Caucus card and they voted from top to bottom.

T Tom Richards 00:42

Well, you said something the other day about about that Montrose is the has the largest percentage of voters in Houston itself.

J Jim Owens 00:55

It's right through the turnout in Montrose. The turnout is very high in several communities. One is River Oaks, Montrose is another and another is Meyerland. Those are three of the largest turnouts and then this fall election for President turnout will be 70 or 80% of the precinct will turnout.

T Tom Richards 01:12

Now, I mentioned I mentioned a while ago that come Tuesday, the Senate controlled by a

majority of Republicans are going to vote and most likely will pass especially if it people like like, like in the past that that claim to be friends with the gay community and simply vote present. Which means that they are not absent will not stand up and take a stand. But they're going to vote for to legalize discrimination period against gay people. What would your organization do to elect candidates that are friendly to our organization? That that if this has passed that it might be repealed in the 105?

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Jim Owens 02:21

Well, it's really tough to say because of the organization has not yet formed, it doesn't have a track record. So I don't know what it would do. I would I would think that as long as I'm associated with it, and other people like you, Tom, we would certainly oppose that kind of legislation. And I can tell you that the Gay Lesbian caucus in Chicago, the Democratic National Convention, was very strong and opposing human rights campaign fund did a phenomenal job in the Senate in rounding up 31 votes to vote yes. And was were urging various delegates straight and gay to quite wire their senators to vote in favor of putting end on the DOMA bill.

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Tom Richards 02:58

You can count on me. That that is for sure. But, but I'm hoping that we have others out there that would be very interested in in getting involved.

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Jim Owens 03:10

Well, I hope so too. But you know, it's interesting time, one of the things that was kind of interesting in the polling place, we talked about, you know, this is a straight in the gay organization, the monstrous Democrats. But when I see my voters coming into the polls, I see the gays coming in with the slate. But you know, what, I see a lot of straight people coming in voting the gay and lesbian Political Caucus slate, because they know it's a liberal slate, it's one that they can subscribe to. It's whether it reflects their beliefs. So it's not just our people are voting it.

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Tom Richards 03:37

What do you find that the that the that the Democrats are, are liberal, are they going more moderate like the presidency?

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Jim Owens 03:50

There's no doubt that they're going more moderate. And the only way that's going to change is if some of the people who sit home and are mad about no dogma and so on, join them onto the Democrats or some other organization and, and change the balance back to a more liberal stance.

T Tom Richards 04:08

DOMA, by the way, is the initial for the Defense of Marriage Act. Well, those of you who just in case don't know it. They wanted to attach a non discrimination amendment to that. This is what there'll be voting on Tuesday. Tomorrow. I'll be watching that very closely.

J Jim Owens 04:34

Hopefully, we can make some homophobic senators decide whether they want to vote for DOMA and get ENDA, which is the non discrimination act right along with it

T Tom Richards 04:42

Right. Now, I said last week, over the station, hear that, from that those who aren't registered to vote, please call. Give me your name and address I'll be more than happy to send him a voter registration card. And of course when they send this in. There's no posting to it, just drop it in the mailbox. And a few weeks later you get one in. We do have voter registration cards here at the station. Matter of fact, I, I would like to see a younger group of people now. I'm 53 years old. But I would like to see the younger people of Montrose. Get into your organization. I think it's very, very important. I consider my voter registration card more important than her driver's license. I need to because we have no power in the driver's license. We have all kinds of power in the voter registration card. Absolutely. Right. What can we do, Jim, to encourage people? I often we worked at, we're meeting we have any ideas.

J Jim Owens 05:55

We're meeting this coming Thursday at 5:30 on the second floor of 811 Westheimer. Building, that's the building the twit and voices in the second floor, the Democratic Party headquarters will be meeting there at 5:30 until 6:30. On Thursday, this coming Thursday. More than welcome.

T Tom Richards 06:13

Qill what's the time limit again?

J Jim Owens 06:14

5:30 till 6:30 We don't last more than an hour. Okay.

T Tom Richards 06:19

And once you just dropped by if you have any questions drop by, and Jim and and there's others there would love to talk to you. And if you have any ideas on on what to do. Let him be known. I'll be there. And and and as most other people know that if somebody has an idea, I

never think it's stupid, especially if it's a gay brother or sister. And I'll make sure that your question is heard.

J Jim Owens 06:53
Absolutely.

T Tom Richards 06:56
But tell us more back to organization, what what do you plan to do in the future? Are there do's? Do you plan dinner booths news later on?

J Jim Owens 07:07
I think the dues will have to come obviously, if you're going to have a viable organization, you have to have the funds to run it. So there would be some kind of dues at a later date. But at this point, those aren't aren't the primary consideration. The primary consideration right now is to see what kind of energy can come out of Montrose in terms of putting on a candidate's night to generate some interest in this election. And ask some tough questions of the candidates. I would mentioned to you that here I was listening to a really interesting discussion about Stonewall earlier. And, you know, this is a good time to ask those tough questions. If you've been arrested, if you had a hassle with the police. If whatever's happened to you, in our community here in Montrose, there couldn't be a better forum to come to the candidates night and ask those folks that are there. What they're going to do about it,

T Tom Richards 07:53
It's not going to be very long before we get another mayor. And, and, and I think it's time that we start looking at who is who was planning on running. And we know some of those names. And, and we need to look at him. We have some idea of who of who will be running, we need to look at at our city council, those that represent us and those that that are run our city wide. We need look at all those.

J Jim Owens 08:27
Sure. And they're not for election this time, but our state reps, our state senators. These people have a big effect on our lives. And we need to talk to them. With the two of the moderators for this particular questions and answers portion of the candidates night will be signed to chase Gray who ran for council here in Montrose. And the other person will be former police chief Lee Brown whose name has been bandied about as a possible American date. Still Jackson Lee will also be there on show Jackson Lee will be the honorary chair and she'll be running for Congress. As you know, this is a different kind of election because of the courts action. So when you if you decide to vote a straight Democratic ticket, it would not include congressional race. And so that will have to be a separate place on the ballot and you'll have to do that separately. And Sheila Jackson Lee will be there. She's She's a very hard working Congress person. She was as my

understanding when the district was reconfigured to include the heights. Sheila was campaigning there the following day. So she leaves no grass grow under her feet. And I we've looked at her district that she now the area that now constitutes her district. And one of the interesting things time is that we have of course Montrose with a heavy gay and lesbian population, but we also includes the heights with a heavy gay and lesbian population. And up Northwest includes gardens oaks, and garden Oaks is the home of lot of gays and a lot of lesbian couples live up in that area. So her district may very well be one of the gayest districts in the in the country.

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Tom Richards 10:00

Maybe perhaps we can even get a city council when that is gay. That would be great. Three of our time. But But how did you haven't you starts organization what? What encouraged you to start it?

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Jim Owens 10:16

I didn't start it by myself. The precinct judges here in Montrose, several of them who have been precinct judges for a period of time and Montrose who run these elections. Some of us got together and just decided that the time was right to get together and modulates Democrats, because we, frankly see a lot of activity in the Republican side. And time I see a lot of very expensive townhouses being built and very small lots in Montrose. I see the complexion and nature of Montrose changing. And I welcome all new people to Montrose, but I don't want to dilute the vote of gays and lesbians who live in some of these wonderful older homes here and live in apartments and various places around Montrose either once they're diluted by some people coming in from the suburbs who may hold rather conservative views. So it's time that we get together and say this this is the kind of community that we want.

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Tom Richards 11:06

Yeah, I I've noticed that too. And, and, and often I've wondered, oh my god, a Montrose is changing. And I love Montrose. I have ever since I've lived in Houston. I came to Houston back 73 And to live there Montrose and love Montrose because of the character of Montrose there's there's hardly any place in the United States like Montrose I don't think.

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I don't think so either. I've lived here since 78. Also and, and I love it too. I've watched it change and I see it changing now. And perhaps it will change for the better. I see the new nightclub and Westheimer going in. Started with focus on riches. I think that's a great development.

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Tom Richards 11:56

I do too. Well, is there anything else Jim you'd like to talk to?



12:03

No, I just want to remind candidates tonight is September 29. from four to six this on the Sunday over Lovett Inn.



Tom Richards 12:11

Good. Let me turn this back Jimmy and see if he's got anything to add.



Jimmy Carper 12:13

Well, Jim, I want you to keep us updated. And anytime that that you you have something going on you want to publicize it. The mics are open here at After Hours for you.



12:26

I've been here before and I look forward to doing so again.



Jimmy Carper 12:28

Okay, thanks. And now we have our good outgoing song for for this segment. Do our. Oh, yes, we do.



Scott Lewis 12:37

We need to tell them that you're listening to Jimmy. I'm older than dirt Carper. Right. And Miss Scott Lewis. Miss. And Miss Scott. Send that bitch to Jenny Craig Lewis. Not to be confused with my good friend Jenny Craig on KPFT Houston, and we're still are we still doing KEOS College Station? Do you know Does anybody listen in College Station? Oh yes, they do. They never call this oh they do or they're probably like any tight I won't.



Jimmy Carper 13:07

Queer music sound here on on After Hours is is very popular in College Station. Is it those Aggies love queer music.



Scott Lewis 13:14

Y'all need somebody needs a call from college station was 526-573-8526 KPFT. You know, we come back. We're going to just camp and carry on it for a few minutes. And then we've got that Guillermo Diaz interview the love Miranda from Stonewall right.

J Jimmy Carper 13:31

Now this is a great, great, great song to end that previous segment. It's by Tim Buck three I don't think we're but they have a great song called legalize our love.

S Scott Lewis 13:42

Oh fabulous. We're gonna go do another song before we come back. We're gonna rant and bitch for just a few minutes. In fact, if you've if you want to rant and bitch about something, you can call us 526-573-8526 KPFT we might talk to one or two people and just let you rant and bitch with us. I don't know about you, but I am on a I'm ranting about men. They're all pigs. So if you think men are pigs call up here and we'll just bitch about him for a minute. Anyway, we're gonna go to this song. Her name is Christine W and you might remember her from her 1994 mega hit. Feel what you want. It was a huge club hit. Christine has played the Las Vegas Hilton for the last 12 years. She's fabulous. She She comments that she is a drag queen and a woman's body the outrageous outfits and different wigs and things she's just fabulous. And they're promoting the hell out of her in the gay community. This is her new single it's Christine W one more try. Oh, very odd that hair. Do you know I have to thank Christine not Christine that song is by Christine W. And let me tell you, she hasn't her CD just came out in the last few months and it's called land of the living. Yeah and let me tell you if I was stranded on a desert island and could only have five CDs, this would be one of them. The CD is fabulous. W land of the living. Well, I have to thank not Christine W. But another Christine, who is the local rep for BMG, who brought this to me brought me some other stuff. She said, You need to be kept up on what's the you know, what's going on in music, oh, and brought this to me and thank her very much. You know, I also want to say, Hi, I'm sorry to interrupt you. No, no, no, no. I also want to say hi to Tony. I was at a local nightclub energy a couple of weeks ago, on I think it was a Monday night. I don't remember, Tony. Anyway, whatever night it was. But this guy came over to me really nice guy came over to me. He said, I've been a fan of yours for so long. I love your show. I love listening to you. Would you please, you know, would you take a picture with me? And so I took a picture. And so I want to say hi to Tony. And thank you to that cab driver too. That came and picked me up.

J Jimmy Carper 16:06

No kidding. That was the funniest thing. I'm still telling that story. That is That was absolutely amazing. Scott's there. I mean, he's just over it. He's been it's been a long day. And he just just out of desperation. If if there's a cab in the neighborhood, you know, come by the studio and take me home. Three to three minutes later, minutes later, a capital. That was incredible.

S Scott Lewis 16:29

Well, I know we're getting short on time. We're not ready. I want to say I guess not if she has something to say we have all the time, where I want to babble. You know, it's time for a break. Let's do a song. We got to move it.



J Jimmy Carper 16:41

Well, no. We talked with Glenn and Joan earlier, right. It was being a gay and gay voices. And I also want to mention that Glen is president of cute patrol. And I was on patrol last night and wanted to say hi to Michelle because I know Michelle was listening. She was on patrol last night with us.

S Scott Lewis 17:02

And Q patrol five it was 528 SAFE always needing volunteers and always needing money to patrol and see what you can do for them. What else is going on?

J Jimmy Carper 17:13

I want to say hello to Angel unhealed.

S Scott Lewis 17:17

Unhealed. He corrected me one time in one of his letters. Oh, he's fabulous. He writes me letters all the time. I just love. I love his little letters. He's on Ellis. I think he's 15-16 Low Hispanic guy. And of course, we've already cleared up the fact that nothing will be going on between us. That's right. But he writes the most fabulous funny he's got the best wit and writes these letters that are I just love getting his letters because they're so funny.

J Jimmy Carper 17:48

Yeah, he's been sending me notes too. He's been coming up to the station during the week and leaving notes. And this this last time he wanted to interview someone with AIDS for I think a history assignment and the answer is yes, yes. Please interview me. I'm more than willing to.

S Scott Lewis 18:06

On hell. I will warn you because I just love you to death and think you're fabulous and love your sense of humor. If you interviewed him in person, make sure he has his teeth in Hey, if you if he doesn't have his teeth in, just don't even shower on the way you might bring some talcum powder and some soap and you know your little cap you know that cap you were in the shower on your head. Bring that to make him wear his teeth. I'd say I'm in a bad mood about men are pigs, don't you? Oh, he took them out. You know what? It's funny. You notice so funny? Because we have done this bit. How long have you done this bit? We've been doing this for me? I've been doing this bit for months and probably over maybe even years we've done this bit and I had no idea you had false teeth.

J Jimmy Carper 18:58

It's just a little plate.

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Scott Lewis 19:01

I don't want to eat my dinner off of it. Yeah, we do so many things here that are shtick. Yeah, you know your carry. It's like we do need radio sometimes we're not really naked. Well, a couple of us. But you know you do nude radio and you say everybody in the studio is naked we're really not all naked it shtick and carrying on and that whole thing with your toupee and your teeth weave it next you're gonna pull your hair off the first time you did that, that you did that with?

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Jimmy Carper 19:29

I had no idea until just now really embarrassed me. You know? And I thought and then after a while I thought no, he couldn't you know, he couldn't know.

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Scott Lewis 19:38

I had no idea until just I'm floored. I am completely taken aback.

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Jimmy Carper 19:46

So let that be a lesson to you were out there floss every day.

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Scott Lewis 19:52

I said Bruce Smith always tells me you know it's not often a man leaves me speechless. Let We tell you speaking of men are pigs men are pigs I am so you know there's an I just want to wait I just want sex that's all anymore I'm not getting involved I am not giving my heart away ever again. Mark my words.

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Jimmy Carper 20:18

Let's see how many times have we heard that, yeah.

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Scott Lewis 20:23

Horrible. I know. Well I do-.

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Jimmy Carper 20:26

You know so another another one has gotten kind of sour.

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Scott Lewis 20:29

And another one bites the death. Yes, and other ones go on.

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Jimmy Carper 20:36

You know the old saying you have to kiss a lot of frogs.

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Scott Lewis 20:41

Let me tell you I'm getting worked on my lips Yeah, so another one bites the dust and it sucks because I really thought that I the whole time I thought Finally, I've gone through all the bad ones. I've finally I've got a good guy. There's not some bitch across town pregnant but anyway. Just because I can't reproduce and trap him into some of the but anyway, we're not gonna get into all that. But anyway. I do play a little song for it. Oh, and I couldn't find anything, you rotten, miserable son of a bitch. Which I looked for because I thought Sam Kinison had done that one. Do you remember when Sam Kinison did that thing and he was screaming about screaming about his girlfriend or whatever? And he said, Of course I have to completely edit what you know Sam Kinison said, but he would play on the piano and he's saying this out of this girl you Blippi where I want my records back. You lied to me. You know, I wanted a copy of that. But that wasn't available back God. So Martha I worked with. I'm sure everybody knows Martha washes a good friend of mine. And I love Martha, who has a new single out with Jocelyn Brown available at your local record store. Go buy it. It's called Keep on jump and it's flawless. Martha came to town back in I guess it was February or March. And I asked Martha about a month before I said you have a song called I found love that you it was done. It was a dance remix off of the new c&c Music Factory album that was only released in Europe. Even the version on the album was Elmer Davis doing it. So this was only available in Europe. Mark said those tapes are in Europe. And I don't know if I can get. But I said I went I bought that. Please do this for me. I said this guy. We've been friends forever. We've both always been dating. We're not dating anymore. And it's just kind of happened. And it's like the most wonderful. I think I found it. And this song is all about. We've been friends forever. I never in a million years would even thought of finding love with you. And yet we have and it's wonderful. It's fabulous. So, Martha came. I talked to Martha just about a week before. And they said you know, I don't think I'm gonna be able to get the song for you to do it for you. When I come and I said okay, well, you know, just try that day in the car driving from the airport. I asked, Were you able to get the song and they said no, we weren't able to get it. I'm sorry. And I said, Oh, that night the shows going on. And she's doing all her songs and I she does it her last song but she still has one more song left her next to the last song she does it to writing men. Well, she always encores with it's raining men. So I walk over to her manager and I say if she's doing it's raining men now, what's she doing is an encore. And he said I don't know. Well that raise suspicion. She came out on stage and she was surprised she surprised us with this song. This is Martha wash doing I found love. Welcome back to the stage the one the only Miss Martha wash Oh yeah, she's such a sweetheart. I found out later she had learned that song for me that day in the in the hotel. That's incredible, sweetie. Well, I'm out of here. I'm leaving. I'm turning your ad here. I'm out of here. I gotta go. I do want to tell everybody that two weeks from tonight I have 20 something coming on. And so that'll be interesting because I'm 20 something and I want to find out what's going on. I mean, we're gonna get one of their meetings, which I should be kind of festive. And I also want to

thank everybody for their cards and letters that I've been getting. I've gotten some quite festive ones. One with a big ol penis in the middle of it. Can I say penis? Yes. Oh, good. So anyway, don't keep sending me your penises because I know just where to stick them and Um But anyway thank you and I'm getting you know what is interesting is I'm getting a lot of mail from from prisons, which is neat. So keep those cards and letters coming you can right here at after hours care KPFT 419 Lovett.

J Jimmy Carper 25:16

Houston, Texas. 7706 not just a zip code.

S Scott Lewis 25:20

It's lifestyle. Thank you. I love you and we will see you in a couple of weeks. I leave you in the very capable hands of GG and let me tell you I hear that if you are left in her hands, oh my there's quite a story the next morning. Bye bye Houston.

J Jimmy Carper 25:34

And we're gonna go to a piece of music next year listen to after hours on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. Becky in Houston is wanted to request the Melissa Etheridge song and oh gosh, I'm always willing to play Melissa Etheridge. It's come to my window. Oh Yeah, that was for Becky in Houston. Come come to my window by Melissa Etheridge. You're listening to after hours and now Tada. Let's see if I could put the right thing here. Do I have it? Gigi it is yes.

S Speaker 3 26:18

Test that.

G Gigi 26:20

I do. Yeah, I think I'm coming here. Hello.

J Jimmy Carper 26:23

Oh. Watch out, folks. It's the bisexual.

G Gigi 26:29

Oh, yes. And we are here. And we are queer. Tonight, I was going to talk a little bit about family values and family of choice. But before I do that. I do want to say first binet has an well not so new number but fairly new. You can call us at 4674380.

J Jimmy Carper 26:55

Yeah, I want to remind you that things have changed with binet Houston. Yeah. Meeting at the church anymore. Now I hear I read it in the voice as a matter of fact. Okay, cool. And so all of these wonderful posters or flyers that you had for buying that, you know, in that kind of rainbow paper. Now you have to make all new ones and stripping them at the switchboard. We need them at the station. We need them at Charlie's.

G Gigi 27:22

I need to get y'all some Yeah, yeah. Okay, well, I'll do that. This Friday, we're gonna be meeting a while we weren't gonna meet meet at Super salads, but now we're changing it and we're gonna meet at my house to do VCRs movies. How many of these anybody that wants to bring a movie, we'll take a vote on the best ones and-.

S Speaker 3 27:50

Put them on and then Twilight of the cockroaches will win.

G Gigi 27:54

If everybody votes for tonight, I wanted to read a couple of poems written by Gigi, of course. Actually, they kind of lead in a little bit to what I want to talk about tonight. Went through a hell of a childhood and-.

S Speaker 3 28:18

Didn't we all?

G Gigi 28:19

Oh, yes. Wow. You know, we'll go into that more later. I say bad. Tonight, I just kind of want to get into a little bit of magic, the magic of childhood as well as the heart. A little bit about what family is all about. Family of choice family values, the whole nine yards.