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There is a crippling disease that no amount of medical research can cure. No amount of fundraising by telephones can prevent a disease most often transmitted from parent to child, and unchecked in its early stages can be fatal. The disease is called racism. It's early symptom is the belief that one's racial group is somehow superior to others. In advanced stages, the symptoms of racism are violence, death and destruction. A cure however, exists. It's a non surgical change of heart. It takes time, effort and understanding compassion, forgiveness, respect. Let us agree today that in our homes, in our hearts and in our lives, we will all promote and encourage racial harmony, unity and understanding this message in support of racial unity was brought to you by the Bohai faith



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where the yeasty girls were on the radio now we want to talk about sex, but we're not allowed because FCC is cracking down hard you want everything to sound just like a hallmark. They won't even let us talk about number two and I wonder what they call it when they get it on a shoot we know what would they use them but we can't say it because FCC is full of both when these two girls and we're here to say that you better do something and right away Yeah, you better wake up and start using your head because your first amendment rights are just about dead. Well, the FCC will tell y'all haven't you heard? I think a freedom of speech is a dirty word. Well, the East has got a message for the people who agree with the stupid regulations of the FCC. You think it kids would be corrupted if they hear about poo and there's nothing wrong with them. We think the problem is you biology is neat. We like our bodies just fine telling us a story. Well, we say you lie and call it a free country but it feels like a prison. All right, the Federal Communication Commission in Japan and paper ready because here's the address 1919 M Street Northwest Washington, DC 200360 Tell them that they're stupid. Yeah, tell them that they're destroying our expression because they think it's outrageous. Tell him that I live in in the dark ages, whether yeasty girls and we're here to say we want the FCC to go away yeah,



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go away.

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H Harvey Milk 02:25
not to but the game movements about after I got elected, I got the phone call. I knew I'd eventually get quite a few of them. One was from a 17 year old child in a small town in Minnesota. And the boy is handicapped. And the boy's parents feel that he's gay. And they want to put them into the status. That boy needs help. In the gay Moon is about the letter I got from Southwest Africa when he read about a gay person getting elected here. And that person has hope. And that 17 year old kid in Minnesota has hope. And we have gay men is not understanding that and are more worried about their own personal power. They're not Elite is the offensive.

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That's why you a husband in a nice clean hospital. You know, I lost mine. I lost my brother's Street. It's like they killed him on the street. 27 years old. They had dead on the street killed by a bunch of cats by baseball bats. That's why my children chose to drop by people like you because everybody knows that grants don't matter.

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Guys

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I think that brought us either on the stage the chance for love or we're not going back.

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You savor this next moment. The task of that the official count of the Isb and gay rights march the official count is


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already have a

 Harvey Milk 05:22


few words for KPFA come on out. Join us bring a friend. What do you think about the rally?
Deborah Deborah?

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We want to persuade society our gay children are not acting out of defiance and self indulgent. They're being true to their own nature. Our children are fine men as women. And we say to society, the parents and friends of lesbians and gay men will support their children

 Harvey Milk 07:05

Hurry up, come on out. It's China's bring your friends. What do you think about the turnouts? Well, it's never enough never enough. You may all come out. We must destroy the mess once and for all shatter them. We must continue to speak out. And most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must come out you must tell your immediate family you must tell your relatives you must tell your friends if indeed they are your friends. You must tell your neighbors you must tell the people you work with you must tell the people in the store if you shop you once they realize that we are indeed their children and we are indeed everywhere. Every myth every lie every innuendo will be destroyed once and for all you do you will feel so much better. People come out

 Buddy Johnston 09:13

hi there try Baby How you doing? Oh I don't know. Bastille

 Jimmy Carper 09:18

Day Happy what Bastille Day What the hell is that all about French independent we're

 Buddy Johnston 09:23

not going to have to march in another parade. No, no, no, no no. Okay, we can handle that. Okay, so what else is going on? Oh,


 Jimmy Carper 09:29

there's a lot of stuff going


 Buddy Johnston 09:30


to Live Crew again. Oh, they got a new song out here called band in the USA. I have been looking for that. Can you believe that lammeter sound warehouse really finalists and all this other record store.


 Jimmy Carper 09:43
That didn't last


 Buddy Johnston 09:46
girl and what else is going on? Well, the police Oh my god. It's been such a week at the police department. What's the deal? The deal is the guys got worn out at the damn summit standing out in the heat. Or I can't blame on some of them got cheese sandwiches and potato chips. What else is going on


 Jimmy Carper 10:04
in their madness owl right

 Buddy Johnston 10:05
ain't gonna take it anymore. I don't blame and what else is going on?

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We are fake. Yes. Yeah, somebody

 Buddy Johnston 10:12
real specials here. You talked about important thing

 Jimmy Carper 10:16
HGL PC and if you don't know what that is, then it's federal failure. Yeah. So stay

 Buddy Johnston 10:20
with us. It's gonna be great. This is after hours radio celebrating life. And the heart of the motto is that every week Alan comes in and says, We quit. He certainly does. So we're back in a minute. Hang on. There's a lot of good stuff coming your way. Here's



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who is Luke Luke Campbell.



Jimmy Carper 10:40

Now Luke Skywalker, isn't it? No, Mary, I



Buddy Johnston 10:43

can read. It does say that. 20 letters to live.



Jimmy Carper 10:51

Let's hear it. Okay. You ready? Yeah. The people for the people. I



Buddy Johnston 11:01

wish I knew child. Well, here we are another Saturday night.



Jimmy Carper 11:09

There was something exciting going on today.



Buddy Johnston 11:12

Well, I mean, Dennis is here. That's exciting. That's exciting, but very exciting. When the caucus comes to pay. It is it is but sometimes it's such important work. It really really is. And what else?



Jimmy Carper 11:23

Well, something that are I'm really kind of behind the Colt. 40 fives are having their stone soup Christmas today. Yeah, what time is that? It's at five o'clock. They're having an auction. Seven o'clock, a variety show. And, of course, any kind of Stone Soup function here can have canned goods will get you in the door. So this starts at five o'clock at the BRB, bring your canned goods and your checkbook.



Buddy Johnston 11:52

That's always a lot of fun. Yeah. And stone soup is such a good organization, just one of the best in town stone soup. And I think about Bruce cook, been kind of down in the dumps lately.

best in town stone soup. And I think about Bruce Cook. Been kind of down in the dumps lately. Have you noticed?

J Jimmy Carper 12:05

Just detach? Really? Yeah, yeah. I have noticed you've been down in the dumps?

B Buddy Johnston 12:10

Well, I think a lot of it's due to the fact that my dad died. Yeah. And I realized that I'm getting older. And I'm sort of alone. Not really, because I got a lot of good friends. And there are a lot of people that care about me. But still, every Sunday morning when I go home from this damn place, I have to get in bed by myself. And I don't like that. There's got to be a way out of it. But I don't know what it is. And it kind of bothers me that not only myself, but a lot of gay and lesbian people are stuck in this rut. So I guess it's just the springtime blues, I don't know what it is summertime blues.

J Jimmy Carper 12:47

And then they all go back to you know, when we were growing up. We didn't get lessons on dating. Well, that's the truth. I've been trying that without much success. And you'd be amazed that the people I talked to you that just hate the thought of dating.

B Buddy Johnston 13:02

And I've also I even tried putting an ad on one of these 976 lines. How did that work? Well, most people want to know whether you're top or bottom. That's all they would care about. And I did have one hateful person that called it said he was going to call during the show. I don't think he's going to call but if he has the numbers five to six 4000 He wanted to discuss my ad on the radio. I guess he really doesn't think I worked for the police department or do this show. I don't know what he thinks

J Jimmy Carper 13:28

there's there's something wrong with having an ad on the lines or

B Buddy Johnston 13:33

I did it. I did it because there wasn't any of the any of the places for us to go. I mean, we can exactly meet people at work,

J Jimmy Carper 13:41

or insurance. As a matter of fact, I'm about the only person I know that hasn't placed the

or insurance. As a matter of fact, I'm about the only person I know that hasn't placed the personal lap but then again,

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Buddy Johnston 13:49

I even computer dating thing and I got matched up with the newsman here. Yeah, boy.

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Jimmy Carper 13:57

Well, lots of people would say, oh, boy,

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Buddy Johnston 13:59

but I mean, just a nice guy. But he's not the kind of guy I'm looking for. Not the kind of guy he's looking for you go at least we're real. I think what bothers me the most is that I've realized that there are 40 million faggots out there and where the hell are they? Well, the one that was harassing me wanted to get on the radio. Apparently he doesn't want to because he's not calling oh, five to six 4005 to six KPFT he doesn't have the coaches is that the right word? That's a good word. I'd like that to call in and do whatever it is you wanted to do. But anyway, I just have been really down in the dumps and trying this dating thing. I think what bothers me is the fact that I'm so out. And I'm so involved at the police department in the union. I don't want to go to Union functions with a different date every time because that will only reinforce the stereotypes that they already have about us. Man, you know. So I've just been trying to figure it out. And last Last week, I guess it showed through a little more than I like it to because it's

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Jimmy Carper 15:03

this, you know, it doesn't have anything to do about something you mentioned last week and something I hadn't thought of, but it certainly is true. You being the company faggot. Down at HPD.

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Buddy Johnston 15:13

Yeah, that has a lot to do with it.

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Jimmy Carper 15:15

Because it's never easy being the first one to come in

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Buddy Johnston 15:17

the company queer is no big deal. I mean, I get a lot of respect from the people I work with. But I don't get people coming up to me going, Hey, buddy, what do you think about television today? Or did you see the new movie or they all want to talk about stuff? No, they don't want to

today? Or did you see the new movie or they all want to talk about stuff? No, they don't want to talk about nothing. But business. It's business. Oh, and there are gay cops, I think who are gay cops, but they don't come in and talk about, you know, how are you what's going on? Because they're afraid that if they get seen talking to me, they're going to be

J Jimmy Carper 15:48
flagged? Oh, yeah, the old guilt by association.

B Buddy Johnston 15:51
So just rather, it's just a real downer. So you know,

J Jimmy Carper 15:54
I have a lot of straight friends. But nobody certainly accused me of being heterosexual. And

B Buddy Johnston 16:00
then you get these hateful people that call like this queen Colin from my ad that won't, you know, call me at home and said, I told him I was coming to the radio station. He said, Well, you don't talk to me. And I said, Well, I spent eight hours at the police department, and which was delightful because it was real busy. And now I'm getting ready to go spend four hours at the radio station, and I can't talk to you and he can't. He just is real rude and crude and shouted obscenities and said things like you don't deserve any body. And you'll never find anybody. Very My mother has been telling me that for 30 years, and I don't believe it anymore. So good. All I need is this hateful queen to call and tell me, I think what I realized during this program is that everybody deserves better than what we've got. And as gay people were some of the most talented and some of the most fascinating, and some of the most educated and certainly some of the most financially influential people in our society. Yet we let these bigots and these homophobic bastards and these idiot church people like Pat Robinson in their 24 hour Christian Broadcasting channel just broadcast garbage about us. Yes, and it really gets under my skin. And then you've got wonderful people like Dennis Spencer, our guest tonight, who, you know, really gets out there and believes in what he's doing. And we'll talk to him in a little bit about registering people to vote. And, you know, we'll find out how that the response from the community was later. And it's just, it's just really wild that things like this have to happen. And then we see wonderful things happening in the community yet. It's a couple of folks doing it, you know what I mean? I remember when saying the names project came. And as the guys inside the parkway Athletic Club, were pumping up to get get laid. The PW A's were the ones carrying the heavier the programs. And it just doesn't seem fair. But through all the insanity that goes on in life, you know, you get depressed and you get blue and whatever. And last Sunday, I spent Sunday in bed and I think most of Monday, and I was getting ready to come to KPFT to do my program on Monday night that I do at 10. And I got a telephone call. And this kid said he was 16 years old. And he'd listened to the show quite a while. And he was pretty blunt. Well, at first he said, Can I ask you something? And I said, Yeah, what what do you want to ask me? And he said, Can you tell me what was wrong with you last night? And said, What do you mean? He said, Well, you sounded depressed? Well, I am depressed. And I said, you know, life

isn't always fair. And it's not fair that as gay and lesbian people, we have to stand by and watch our straight friends get married in a society that won't accept us. And we have to worry about some bigot like Jesse Helms saying that we're being obscene, just by being ourselves and worry about going to jail. I live in a state like Texas that has a sodomy law that says if you do get in bed and do what's natural for you, we're going to find you. They're only going to find you \$200. But think in the last month I've racked up about \$10,000 and find good for you. Anyway, this young man called and said that he listened to the show and that he really enjoyed it. And we just wanted to say thanks. You bet. And I was thinking of something to play for you and I found a song. And if you'll just listen to the words of this, it sounds a little hokey because we're always talking about going out and getting the Karen Carpenter albums and it's true. Because a lot of these songs were rolled down or I think the reason they were is the same reason that Loretta Lana and Dolly Parton and all those other people got famous is a large percentage of life hurts and it hurts a great deal, whether you're gay or straight. And the success that you have in life is learning how to deal with it and I think we as gay and lesbian people, through our friends, and the families that we build, we really learn a lot more than straight people do on how to deal with it. And I think they're so damn jealous of that,


J Jimmy Carper 20:11
that may have a lot to do with it. You


B Buddy Johnston 20:13
know what I mean? And I think that we need to continue to celebrate that. It's like the song we play Glory, glory, from the young lady in San Francisco until we really get excited about being gay and lesbian. We're not going anywhere. And what's happening is we are getting excited. And what's exciting is to find out that the legislators are slowly coming to our side of the camp, so it's nice, but baby, I really appreciate your phone call, and I found a song that I want to play for you. So just just don't think about anything. Just listen to the words, okay. And we'll be back in just a minute.


H Harvey Milk 20:55
Destroy the myths once and for all. We must continue to speak out as men. Most importantly, every gay person must come out tell your relatives, you must tell your friends if indeed they are your friends, you must know your neighbors and show people your work. You must tell the people to the stories once they realize that we are indeed children, everywhere, every now every every day your windows will be destroyed. You will fail. I ask people to do one thing


B Buddy Johnston 22:15
I can guarantee you on here that on the morning show. I know that's right. After hours radio celebrating live from the heart of Montrose.


J Jimmy Carper 22:24


 Jimmy Carper 22:12
We're here and we're clear. Yeah,


 Buddy Johnston 22:27
we'll be back in just a second.


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Incidentally I'm here partly tonight to say some good things about tech. I'm proud to be here. I know that I could not have heard Harvey Mills challenge to me, had not something in my life. And this state prepared me to hear the word of freedom that Harvey spoke to us. I am here tonight. Because it is time that all of us who love this state that gave us life and has nurtured us and taught us our values to stand up and play the history of the state for freedom and justice and human respect away from the forces of narrow mindedness and bigotry that too often dominate the politics of the state of Texas.


 Buddy Johnston 23:56
Whoa, Wilson Phillips I bet she would die if she knew we were doing that to her. I don't know.

 Jimmy Carper 24:02
I don't have it. Have you listened to the whole whole CD has it's got a whole lot of them. Yeah. Got a lot of good messages like that. Runs

 Buddy Johnston 24:13
through like, wow, those are straight kids. Of course. Well,

 Jimmy Carper 24:16
yeah. They kind of look at if they're in the music business, they got to get over themselves.

 Buddy Johnston 24:23
Anyway, a lot of exciting, wonderful, fabulous things.

 Jimmy Carper 24:29
Yes, indeed. Calling to the floor, including a wonderful guest this evening.



Buddy Johnston 24:35

Yes. Dennis Spencer, who's going to tell us all about right now. What's it called? What? This is called Radio. Yeah. So



Jimmy Carper 24:44

you must speak into this funny looking thing.



Buddy Johnston 24:46

What's this group called? Child? It's all over your shirt. I love that shirt. By the way. Thank



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you very much. It's the Houston gay and lesbian political Congress. And this year I'm serving as the president of the organization.



Buddy Johnston 24:59

Jim Me. Yes. Say that again. How come you're not working? You're gonna have to share this mic because this mic isn't working. Yeah. Say that again, Dennis. I'm sorry. Welcome to KPFT where we run on a shoestring like this one is much bigger and much harder and much rounder. And he's much tell us what HG LPC



Jimmy Carper 25:23

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the Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus. And this year, I'm serving as president of the organization. The caucus has been active in the political arena in houston and harris county since 1975. So this is our 15th year. Wow, that's exciting. We're very proud of that. Because we have a continuance a history, a reputation which we've established, and we intend to continue. Whereas in the past, there have been a number of splinter groups or individuals that are not happy with, particularly the operation, the COC has gone out organized other organizations. And literally they've not survived because they don't have the expertise, the political knowledge or the backing of the community,



Buddy Johnston 26:20

there are a lot of things that don't survive when they

 Jimmy Carper 26:25

do show that's another show, please. We're here to talk about. That is how can you tell I'm not a very political person. But I think HD LPC is a very, very important part of the gay community. It has to be I'm a member. And I must say I don't go to meetings, because that's kind of not my thing. But I think it's very important to be long to it. It has to be and give the monetary support that they need so they can do their work.

 Buddy Johnston 26:56


Because unfortunately, what we have is a community that thinks there are gay and lesbian people that pick up the voice and the TW T and that's it. And we know that's not true. And we have to reach out. What was that? I think I just ground on. Are you growing at the twit? Perhaps perhaps, for the voice? Perhaps it was no secret. I don't like those those things. Because if you know why I don't like them. I would read the I took the voice to work the other day to read it. But you know why didn't read it? Why? Because all it had in it was sex ads, 976 ads. And I thought, Mary, I'm not gonna hold this up. It's just gonna reinforce the stereotypes as I thought we are. And that's not true.

 Jimmy Carper 27:43

It's very difficult to have a viable gay and lesbian publication these days. Without the support of the so called Sex ads, they pay the bills. That's true. How do you feel about that Dennis, we didn't

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even see the sex ads are what you call your call up for sex numbers. Unless it was not a profitable business. That's the true value up to be a fantastically profitable business. And that's why they can pay for these ads and all the gay and lesbian publications. It's not just the voice of the twit. It's all over the United States.

 Buddy Johnston 28:20

But what we need to do as a gay and lesbian community, don't you think is to write to Coca Cola, and IBM and all those other folks and say, hey, they're 30, or 40 million of us here. And if you don't do what we want to do, we're gonna quit buying your stuff. And if we did that, they would turn around

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and do watch and listen to us, don't you think and take out ads in our publications? Eventually?

Maybe

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Buddy Johnston 28:43

not in the beginning. But don't you see what I mean? They're dealing with a community that's hidden. Who cares what those faggot think because they're not going to write their congressman or register to vote. I mean, look at the referendum in Houston. How many of the Montrose precincts went out to vote for the referendum in 1975? Or in 1985? It was less than 20%. So how do you go out? I mean, this is a big job, right? How do you go out and get people registered to vote and change things when they're too busy getting drunk and getting laid and getting pumped up so they can go pick each other up? Do you see what I'm saying though? I Yes. So you have a big job job.

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It is a continuous problem. Not only for the GLP. See, but for other politically oriented organizations to motivate their membership to go out and go door to door block to block knocking on doors, finding people who are not registered. Secondly, when you do that process, you would be amazed at the number of people who are not interested in registering to vote. Why do you think that is the main cause Client are reasons for not registering is because they don't want to serve on jury duty. And under the current system, your voter registration number and card is used for the random selection. However this process is going to be changed. New Program is using your driver's license number.

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Jimmy Carper 30:21

So that means these silly Queens will have to give up driving if they don't want to.

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Buddy Johnston 30:28

That's, that's a society wide problem. That's

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what I was saying. Don't throw out. But don't you believe that I should not just the gay and lesbian community? Don't

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Buddy Johnston 30:37

you believe that the community as a whole a gay lesbian community as a whole, if we would register and vote, we could change things tomorrow.

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I think this is a personal belief that the gay and lesbian community probably has the highest percentage of registered voters amongst their population versus the general population. And I see that because of our constant voter registration effort, whether it be at Kroger's or at a gay or lesbian bar, we literally get hundreds of voter cards continuously, as long as we stay within a close proximity of where there's a gay concentration. If we go outside of that area, the likelihood and in our history, the actual turnout, or the number of registration cards we get is much lower.

B Buddy Johnston 31:33

So how are we going to reach the 10s of 1000s of gay people that don't ever come into Montrose. And that make them aware of what's going on. This

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is primarily through your gay publications,

B Buddy Johnston 31:45

which are twice but they don't go out to those outlying community.

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That's right. And then through public news, you do it through our mailing list, which is last count 12,000 names, which is goes into the suburbs in Harris County, goes throughout the state of Texas. We are currently in the process of trying to update our mailing list. This is by telephone contact, last telephone number we have on the individual we call if it's disconnected, we could use criss cross we call up information to get a new number of possible, we call individual and get the new address. Reason why we're doing this. And it is a very, very monumental effort is because of the upcoming November election, which is very important. We have to have our lists and our telephone numbers correct. A month before the election for our mailing of the election news. And for our telephone banking to get the vote out on election day. The importance of the November election this time is sometimes hard to comprehend. We're going to elect statewide, and judicial candidates, which will have an effect on our lives throughout the 1990s. Whoever is elected governor this time unless they really mess up will be elected a second term. That's a years of influence on our life. Think about

B Buddy Johnston 33:19

the last eight years of Reagan.

J Jimmy Carper 33:21

And Governor, what's his name here of Texas?

And Governor what's his name here of Texas?



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What do you mean, what's his name? Bill Clements, you should never forget his name. He's done to all of us. And that's absolutely that's true. So



Buddy Johnston 33:36

how are things going as far as getting people registered? What's the reception that you get?



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Well, tonight, right before the program, that's what I was doing. I was in the studio 13. Disco on Westheimer. And we in two hours did very well. And I plan and asked to go back tomorrow night, because they're going to have an a big show at 12 o'clock. And I hope to get a big influx of individuals going there.



Buddy Johnston 34:05

You've got a big job on your hands. Well,



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yeah, it'd be motivated to and gotten work while we are what motivates you? I don't know. I mean, why



Buddy Johnston 34:12

would you want to? I'm president of the Union at work in the police department. I don't even know why the hell I am. Because it's a lot of work. What motivated you? Why do you want to?



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Well, I reverse and about 19. It really got involved in community type of activities. I was the Community Development Commissioner for the heights for four years, and also served on the formative action commission for the city of Houston for four years. I have a very strong sense of commitment and obligation to not only the gay and lesbian community but the population of Houston as a whole. Just like Craig Washington said, if, if one of us is not free, none of this is free. And I know that I have a great deal of freedom of movement in the city and included called circles and in social circles, which I want other individuals to be able to enjoy as well.

 Buddy Johnston 35:06

You're talking about the election in November, how critical is this? What if we don't go vote and it doesn't come out the way we know it should?

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Well, I've written, we I'm in the process of writing a series of articles for our publications for release leading up to the election in November. And I hope everyone listening will read these articles, because I think it will show the importance of exactly how this selection might or might not turn out is not a question of how many you know what percent say and Richards or Bob Bullock, or Nikki van Hightower will take the Montrose and Heights area, I would say in the 80 percentile, the importance is the percent of turnout. If you get 80% of 10 votes, you got eight votes. But if you got 80% of 100 votes, you have 80 photos. And that would that is the important thing is the turnout. And we will have a master plan. We've already been devised on organizing precincts have precinct leaders do block walking, distribute literature, register voters, telephone banking on Election Day and working the polls on election day. Because we know this is a make or break election. Who does all

 Buddy Johnston 36:31

this that's exactly what I was gonna ask you that sounds like an army.

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It's a small cadre actually of individuals that work. Surprisingly enough, even though Hughes the Houston gay and lesbian Political Party caucus is the largest Political Caucus. in Harris County, as far as in our community is concerned. Membership is right out of 300 people of the active people are now that's membership total those

 Buddy Johnston 37:00

here those are the police department to membership. Those are

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the people who pay their annual dues.

 Buddy Johnston 37:08

Those papers and lick those stamps that

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usually there's about a 75 individuals that when you call you can count on to volunteer. That's a pretty good sometimes 35 show up, we have a requirement in the caucus to in order for us to conduct a meeting, we have to have a quorum, which constitutes 25 individuals. There have been times when we haven't had 25 members at a meeting and therefore could not conduct business. This has not been the case the last year during re heels term is President nor my term. We've always made quorum which I'm in he both are very proud of you to get 25 people out at night, as the first and Thursday, first and third Wednesday night of each month

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Buddy Johnston 37:57

is the job and it's very hard. But you know what? Thanks. That's fine people. I was out at the police academy a couple of weeks ago, and there was a cop talking about splintering again, they want to break out from the Police Association and the police union and form a new group. And I said, Well, why don't you elect leaders that will do the things you want elect said that body send people up there that'll do the things you want? He said, Well, we won't do it. I said, he said, What do you do at the meetings? I've only been to two meetings. I said How long have you been on the department? I've been in the Union 15 years. 15 years? And he had been to two meetings that maybe could he bits about it.



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Find that in any organization

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Buddy Johnston 38:36

or any organization? You always



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have the dissenters, the agitators and what people who are always have this, you know and what is it little Abner that has the black cloud over his head.

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Buddy Johnston 38:48

What can we do though, Dennis, do you think to wake up gay and lesbian people and make them realize just how important this is?



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Well, if we had a key to that particular problem, and we were able to enter into the brains of you know, everyone involved, and it motivated them to come out to vote, then I think that every political party, every political consultant would beat our doors down to find out how we did it, because they haven't figured out how to do it themselves.



Buddy Johnston 39:22

I think we've got a lot more than they do to lose, and certainly a lot more to gain we definitely do



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with 2106 still on the books, and that's one of our long term goals.



Buddy Johnston 39:33

How can we explain something like 2106 Even I mean to our people, I mean, here's a law that says you can't perform sodomy. And we read those rules one night and here I am openly gay working for the police department where they get 5000 cops that can arrest me, but it's just a slap in our face. That seems like we should get angry enough to write our legislators and say, Hey, guys, this is a joke, so let's get rid of it.



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As long as I've been involved in the past political process and this particularly is in the Democratic Party. At the state conventions. This item has been brought to the floor only in the last four years has it passed the floor of the state convention to repeal 2106. First you have pressure by your party and then you place pressure on the elected officials. And if you get enough state legislature tours to support that, they will repeal it. We're looking at the 1990 census with hope. We hope that it will redistrict the state of Texas Legislature to be a more our buying group is very conservative in rural right now. But with that, that's one hope one step second step would be to elect a governor and we have endorsed these candidates before I anticipate we will endorse them in the November election. But we must elect enrichers as governor and Bob Bullock is Lieutenant Governor. The reason I say this is because of their pro gay and lesbian statements that they have made and the pledge by Bob Bullock not to have any anti gay or lesbian legislation submitted to the Texas State Legislature if he is elected Lieutenant Governor, and he does have that power to prevent it from getting it on the floor.



Buddy Johnston 41:20

Dennis Spencer, president of the gay and lesbian Political Caucus here of Houston, the Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus, and we'll be back in just a second. Okay.