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SPEAKERS

Jimmy Carper, Bobby



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It's bizarre when you see them even they recognize that Yeah. And they have an interest in opening their arms to our community for an entirely different reason. Yeah. I mean, they simply, you know, but even then people are beginning to recognize that the challenge is going to be for people to adapt to that and be able to do it successfully. And, and transition. And



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I've had very, I've had big concerns with the gay community, because it seems as though now, there is a Latin enclave in southwest Houston. And it's an entirely different gay organization, gay group, Ben Ben here in the Montrose and this is not right, we need to get together. And even in the African American community, you've got some disagreements, I know, that had been aired about either to, you know, the separatists opinion or to link up with the rest of the greater commute gay community at large. Yeah. And that was one of my driving reasons to get an activism on a trans level, because I didn't see that. I didn't see that. And, you know, let's say, it was sorely needed. It was sorely needed. Because if you don't, you have to have, you know, what a diverse group, you have to have, you know, people that are members of that group voicing their concerns, you know, so that you can come to a consensus, and they need to be listened to Yeah, that's the other thing. That's, that's the other thing. What is, you know, some people some of the groups have had their feelings Bruce for so long and felt like, you know, they're not gonna listen, bumped this, we're gonna go ahead and form our own group and leave it that they have, you know, they they just given up on the process. While I was there, let me ask both of you, because you're both activists. And that, which would mean you're interacting with a lot of white people. And have you had any problems and being recognized or being heard or?



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No, I? They, I will say what specifically honest, I would say with specific groups, there have been there have been some problems, I think, HR Human Rights Campaign, for example, here

locally, in the national level, that is a challenge they continue to face. For the most part, I mean, I can a lot of folks I've dealt with have either been very open to that have been very intentionally looking to recruit minorities into activism here in Houston or minorities themselves. I mean, the people I tend to work with, on just things. Terence O'Neill, Alan Marula. Michael Crawford, there's a new generation leadership emerging in this community that reflected

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Jimmy Carper 02:59

Yes, and as a matter of fact, I've gotten an invitation recently to join the Gay Lesbian Political Caucus, which I'm going to accept good on that. So it has, I think it's something that I needed to do for a while. But just getting in tact. And getting in tech off the ground was a priority right now. And in tech, for the most part is proud to say is a very diverse organization. We, between the F tam community and the m two F communities. We have Latinos and Latina transgenders myself, so our set, our interim chair is a person of color. Which, you know, when we first started forming, yes, I just coming to the consensus, you know, coming to this consensus, it took us a couple of months. But now, you know, now that we aired all those issues out, we aired all those issues out, and we pretty much come up with a consistent message. Yeah, it's been Yeah, it's, it's been a very interesting journey to where we gotten to where we came from when we came to that consensus. And we have a better understanding of, you know, where each person's vision is, in terms of what they want to do and what they want to accomplish. And we found, even with all say, with always discussion, that we have more in common with each other than we did, as a den we did in terms of our issues, you know, we're always gonna have different issues. There are certain things for example, that Francisco, there may be some issues that I disagree with, with Francisco but the Bane Yes, and vice versa. And there may be some issues that Francisco has that are different from my point of view and even say, Jimmy yours, but bottom line is we all art, it's part of the same community. And we have a lot more in common. We have a group of people that would rather see us back Back in the closet, period, no matter what we look,

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I think one of the greatest challenges is trying to get people to understand that bringing folks from our community, whether they're transgendered, or a different color, or bisexual, or fit into the LGBT community, bringing them into positions of power, whether or not they agree with some of our issues, I think it empowers everyone and gives everyone a new perspective. And I think it strengthens our community, you know, being able to do that. So and I mean, it's something we're trying to do here, locally, at least I've tried to do locally in my work in political activism.

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Jimmy Carper 05:38

Yeah, it is. Basically, we're basically Houston is one of the role models for that. We should be Yeah, we really wanted to role models for that, because it's, it's, you know, and a lot of that a lot of that work started with Phyllis and it's been, you know, fulfill us and Sarah and African major. Yeah, it was for that. But, you know, there are other people at Franciscan, I would have picked up the ball in now, you know, and what the second generation of myself, people like

myself and Francisco, and Vanessa was fostered so many other you know, you know, we have kind of realize, look, we there, there's, you know, there's a old but Dr. King once wrote, you either was like either work together, you perish is false. That's true. And you know, it's the older generation, like me, and older people that should be I certainly I am happy to hand over the reins, because we think where we come from is from a generation that does not exist anymore. And the the ideas that we have may be passe or not workable. And we're not a lot of us don't think freshly anymore. And it's that and that's what we need fresh views. But the on the other hand, Jimmy, you do need the historical perspective. Oh, yes. You really you Oh, yeah. Because I do rely on Sarah and Phyllis, for example, to give me the perspective of what they did that worked, what didn't work so that we can avoid making the same mistakes that were made say 10 years ago. Okay. It is. But there's a caveat to that, too. Because there's I know of a lot of situations where, okay, I know, this is not going to work. It didn't work 20 years ago, it may work today. That is true. That is very true. Yeah. Is it a tactic that may not have worked, you know, like, may not have worked 20 years ago? It may be time for it? Yeah. Yeah. Go ahead. I agree. Bobby has something to say.

 **Bobby** 07:53

I'm very much reminded of something. I believe it was Thomas Paine. And I mean, we're going back 200 years now, when Thomas I believe it was. It was either Thomas Paine or Ben Franklin, who said that we must all hang together or surely we will hang separately. Yeah, no kidding. I mean, that in the end, I think that's what it's about is that no matter what point of view we're coming from, we're all part of a group of people who are being who are, you know, society as a jerk that you know, or the society that thinks they run everything, are trying to keep us out of the decisions. That's

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true. That's true. And that's the first thing your enemies do to you is divide and conquer. And that's something we have to keep in mind. Why don't we take a little break, go to a piece of music? What have you got up here?

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That is David, my boyfriend really wanted Valentine's Day is I had the first song on there. He's been on me and asked me to play because it's his favorite song, which is ray of light. I like the other segments better, but he's got on there that we paid last time around. So it's Valentine's weekend. So it's my way of telling him I love you and I'm actually giving in again.

 **Jimmy Carper** 09:18

And you're listening to it on after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston, and ke o s College Station. Oh, that was nice. What was that?

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That was David doing? ray of light ray of light. Ooh, I was actually was walking into the studios we were getting very, very very and I got Taco Bell for it. So hey, I can be bought. I won't go there. So that's your commercial

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I got the tacos with 39 cents doesn't mean I can be bought for 39 cents. Okay, so

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give me a line like that.

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country's about lines, I wish George Bush would answer that question. Oh, cocaine

J Jimmy Carper 10:29

so you're ready to talk about something else in politics? Yeah,

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we're gonna just very briefly just remind people about the importance of participating in the March primary March 14. And to tell people how important it is to go to their precinct convention afterwards,

J Jimmy Carper 10:42

my card and I'm ready.

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What that basically means on March 14, after the polls closed, whether you're a Democrat or Republican, you go back to where you voted. And you start participating in the party and the party conventions and having your voice heard. So when you go back on March 7, march 14, you go back at 715, where you voted this same for the Democrats and Republicans, you go back and you visit with other Democrats or Republicans in your own precinct. And what you do there is you select people that they go to this that go to the Senate District Convention, and then from the Senate District Convention, you basically do the same thing and decide to go to the state convention, at the state convention, you decide to go to the national convention. In

the 96 convention, we had 150, openly gay and lesbian Democratic Party, delegates, our goal this year is to make it 300. So you need to get out there into your primaries, it's also a place to have your voice heard on issues.

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Jimmy Carper 11:39

Yeah, as a matter of when I was a, as I say, when I was younger, in 94, I got elected to go to the state level, as a delegate. And this was back when Jesse Jackson was running in 84. I got as far as the Senate level, I got as far as the Senate level, I didn't make it to the state level, darn it. But let's see if I can see how far I can go this year. People should definitely give it a try. It's a lot of fun. It

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was very interesting. And it's a presidential year. So it's exciting. What you do is you go in, you sign in, you sign out, you sign up with what's what President who you're supporting for president. And if you're undecided, you put undecided. And

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sometimes there's some little debate over you know, sometimes you might have some debate in someone's on some of these precinct conventions about who you're supporting. And while a lot of times, it's just, it may be no more than, okay, who's going to be the delegate. So who wants to put themselves up to be, you know, who wants to be a vote for the delegates, and it's sometimes dead simple, they just vote for who the delegates are going to be plus a couple alternates, and then go see at the state convention, so it just depends.

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And, and also, it's at the printing convention, you also introduce resolution. So, for example, if you're supporting legislation, or if you pass a resolution saying, you know, the Democratic Party should include transgender and include Irish just support hate crimes legislation, that that definitely is important part of it. And moving on to that, we're going to talk a little bit about something that's going on here with hate crimes in Houston. But before we get on to that, I need to keep Roy busy doing something on the phones before he gets into too much trouble. So we're just gonna do a little straw poll here. So give us a call at the station, let us know. Then we'll be supporting Gore or Bradley in the March 14 primary, we're going to get the pulse of the community here at 713 is at five to six KPFT.

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She's fantastic. KPFT 7135 to six KPFT.

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So call, Royal take your anonymous vote. Dial 10 digits, let us know your support. And we'll let you know what the outcome was at the end. And Monica is gonna let us know now a little bit while we're on the topic of hate crime is something that's very important and going on here that you can have an influence.

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Jimmy Carper 13:58

Yeah, folks are earlier we were talking about. In the first half of the show, we were talking about how the judicial system in the state of Texas is basically a political process. Well, our as I DEA candidates have been making some very interesting statements in terms of hate crimes, mostly on the GOP side. On this one, they were basically they basically come out against new legislation on hate crimes, all of those candidates, Chuck Rosenthal, for starters, Pat Lycos, Michael Stafford, Jim Lightner, and well Lloyd Kelly hasn't made his opinion hasn't expressed his opinion but

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considering he's like got some indictments on road rage pending, maybe he just afraid of like dating anyone that's keeping

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Jimmy Carper 14:59

a low profile I get on that one right now. But they've been spouting the usual GOP line. Every crime as a hate crime. Yeah. Tell that to the bird family. Tell that the match you shepherds family. And I tell that to the families of a lot of the transgender people who are on the remembering our dead website, you know that every crime is a hate crime? Or if you you just enforce the laws that are on the books. Yeah. Let's jail. Yeah, we've gone there too. And Pat Lycos basically said, we don't need to give the appellate courts any more excuses to reverse our convictions. And now let's see. Michael Stafford's comment. The motivations behind hate crimes law have become fashionable, but criminal law should not become too convoluted. Okay. And another one, Jim Lightner, who says there's already a rarely used provision in the penal code allowing courts to enhance punishment for clients based on present prejudice? Yeah, it's rarely used because you boys and girls, don't bother to you that especially since 54, the 55 seats in Harris County are Republican controlled. Thank you very much.

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So in the morning, the Republican primary choice for district attorney is really not the least of you support hate crimes legislation. And I'm looking over the HCPC endorsement, listen, I can't find who they endorsed for District Attorney in the Democratic primary. But if you want some more guidance in that direction, visit their website. And that's WWW.HCPC.ORG. Hopefully, it'll be updated soon. I checked it earlier this evening. And they still got their endorsements from November. So hopefully, the meeting was wasn't too long ago. So hopefully that'll be up soon with some more information on how what, what their selections are for the upcoming election in March.

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Jimmy Carper 17:13

Speaking of hypocrisy, Hey, how's the night dinner one night going these days?

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And no one night campaign is not going very well at all. Speaking with some folks out there some fellow consultants working on that race. Currently the latest internal polls shows that it has 51% of people supporting the know the night initiative 40% opposing it. And 9% undecided. The know one night, the night initiative is an anti gay marriage initiative, put together by conservative Republicans in California. So supporting it is not good. And the night night campaign is about 11 points behind the opposition to gay marriage went on television this past Tuesday. Our folks don't go on air until this coming weekend.

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Jimmy Carper 18:08

Yes, and that there wasn't enough money. So it was like last minute for the for our folks. Matter of fact, maybe the only good thing that comes out of this is that some religious organizations lose their tax status. Yeah, men are contributing matter of fact, the Mormon Church has put a lot of money into the pro se the pro night forces. That's one group and the Pacific. And am I correct in the Pacific legal Institute has been which is a arm of the Religious Right. Yeah, who would the same people that got Dana rivers that are trying to get Dana rivers teaching certificate reversed? Basically, related to pat robertson boys and girls have been a lot of the problem with this. But the interesting thing about Senator night is that his brother and his son are gay. Oh, I didn't know about the brother. So do you think Isn't he the Wicked Witch of the West?

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Say so I find that very interesting. Yeah, that's a very good motivation for passing say, for writing some legislation on this.

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For someone who has problems with that he didn't do a very good job of just trying to keep it quiet.

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Yes, matter of fact, that instead, on that note, one night website, there's a very interesting letter from Pete Knight's son, talking about that issue. And I think it's an Yeah, here's the if you want to take a look at that, ladies and gentlemen, it's www.noonight.org. If you want to take a look at that enough, look at the very interesting comments that Pete knights son had to say

about his father. In terms of this And but matter of fact, when we were at Creating Change back in Sept back in November, the at the opening plenary session for creating change, we took up a collection, we collected about \$2,000, to go to the no one night forces you to help them out and the for. And we also had at Creating Change a night where we knocked on a bunch of doors, you know, we knocked on the doors of a lot of people in Oakland, to, you know, to express our opposition to the night to know on night. But I was hoping they can get that turned around,

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get that elections coming up in about 30 days. I think this is actually the Tuesday before ours. I remember.

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Yeah, March the seventh is when they're supposed to have it. But the unfortunate thing about that, if, if it passes like the affirmative action thing did as California goes, it's it seems to be a trend and politics. But when California tends to do something, other states, either positively or negatively other states tend to mimic it. And if this knight thing passes, I can predict what the next several months you'll have a few other states trying to do the exact same thing. And that is not going to be a good situation.

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And unfortunately, money is a big part of that campaign right now. So when you go to the site, you'll be able to figure it out, tell you where you can go to give and to sort of tag on to what Monica was saying if you don't want to be asked for money on this kind of issue repeatedly get money now help defeated in California up defeated in California for 10 or 11 more times for the American state. So as

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a matter of fact, like with the African American community and Ward Connor least little, you know, besides war, Connor Lee's little clone, Prop A clone. Even if you do manage to squash it with the court system the way it is, once again, they'll try to overturn it remembered the property election, ladies and gentlemen, when we ended up having to when we when those folks before it happened said we will abide by the will of the people. And when the will of the people at the city of Houston said that we want to keep affirmative action, but they do take it to the courts.

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Unfortunately, maybe facing in later this year. You got it. So we'll keep you on that. And while we're on the topic of politics, my personal issue, yeah, we're we're back on the arena thing. Unfortunately, the mayor and his folks didn't learn the lesson the first time around. And so we're waiting to see what comes out on that.



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Now as a as a comment season ticket holder, I've got a different opinion on what kind of season ticket holder and I have been for two years. This is my second year for two years. And my thing my opinion on this is that it has been caught up in it got caught up in Republican Party politics that you know, that's my personal opinion. You have Lee Brown right now who is the highest Democratic Party official, you know, what the biggest constituency in this state and I do believe that Gary POLIN and his boys and girls want it to embarrass Mayor Brown. What it may do is cost us an NBA franchise. And as the NFL experience with but Adams has painfully shown it is more expensive to get an expansion team in than it would be to keep the one you have right now. And let's face it less does have some legitimate arguments in terms of he is now in a 25 year old Arena in compaq. In terms of Compaq center, he is also in now in a situation where you know he's in a highly competitive business where his competitors are building and opening new arenas. As a as a matter of fact there are about seven buildings that are opening in NBA this year. Even the Lakers have moved out of the forum into Staples Center, which is a bigger arena with the luxury boxes. The Miami Heat has moved out of what was the smallest arena into American Airlines Arena. And now compact is not a smallest Arena in the league now whether you know they had an axe to grind with Lee Brown you know whatever he needs to settle that you know as a as a as a rocket fan and as a comment season ticket holder. You know, I really didn't appreciate Gary Poland and his gang sticking the nose and you know, sticking their nose in this and and Bob Eccles I'll say that too, you know, for part Personal partisan politics, you know, it's not going to be, as you know, we're not gonna get as lucky as we did on the NFL deal. They're not looking, the NBA is not looking to expand anytime soon. So you need to get that thought out of your head right now. You know, if the rockets move, they're gone, folks.



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Right? This sort of it sort of responded, I guess a little bit about it, because I co chair the entire arena effort. And I'm a Democrat, and I'm the second highest ranking Democratic Party official. So it wasn't a it wasn't a an attack on Lee Brown. I felt Yeah, and I don't and despite your perception, it certainly was an attack on it certainly was not an attack on Lee Brown because of his ethnicity and, and what he represents the city, regardless of what someone's ethnicity is, or what they represent for one particular party, if they put a bad deal, it's a bad deal. And \$160 million in debt for the city was a bad deal for taxpayers. And I think it's sort of if you look at the profitability of the Houston Rockets, over seven years, they've made over \$100 million. So less isn't hurting. That's true. And and, you know, I think sort of, it's really gonna depend on sort of what deal comes forward now. In the next 30 days or so, to do that, but if you look at New Orleans, they don't have they don't have the, the average or median income to sustain basketball team. If you look at Baltimore, they're in the same situation. You've got the wizards right next door and I don't think he's gonna



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leave land or that kind of a thing. Louisville right now, but New Orleans has an arena ready to go that they're willing to make concessions for now, as far as the arguments you make, said they're good arguments. Houston has a corporation base at 31 major corporations as opposed

to Louisville where they're rumored to be going right now. But my point is dis you know, if you want to be in the major leagues, you know, some you know, one of the cost of being a major league city is you know, sometimes you have to shell that out. Said for that arrange the think LA really want it to lose, potentially lose your spin that kind of money on Staples Center, the \$200 million plus me and I think they spent on Staples Center for the Lakers. Probably not, but that's one of the intangibles. You know, that's one of the intangibles of having a professional sports team in town. I have had great joy out of watching the comments. When and especially with the adversity that they went through last year with with Kim Porat and, and the team in general. You know, there are a lot of intangibles that a sports team brings to a city brings, you know what, especially with the comments, for example, essay and rockets, for example, I will never forget when the rockets won their first title, you know, this is something that feeling, you know, still, you know, it's six years later, and I'll never forget what I was doing the night the rockets won that title. It's, you know, there was one time when you had people across right all, you know, color races in the city, you know, they were, you know, beating their chests are proud to be Houstonians that some of the intangibles. Even how we felt most of us felt when we were looking at former NFL team in the Superbowl for the first time. You know, they're there as a n in terms of insight in terms of that team. And as getting back to the rockets, they have been very good corporate citizens. So they have been very good corporate citizens in that regard with the club city foundation and some of the other work that they've been doing individually as members as members of the community. And but I should I really say I really hope that the city, you know, gets behind, you know, so you just they put together a great deal so that we can, you know, enjoy watching the rockets and comments for the next 3040 years



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or so. And that's the caveat. I mean, I think anyone can support a good deal. And I don't think driving taxpayer debt at \$160 million should come out of my pocket or come out of programs that we should we should hand over. And I and everything. I mean, certainly we, you know, we've got an NFL team. Now, based on the principle that and that, you know, we've got an NFL team that we're helping to finance we get a baseball team that we're helping to finance a new stadium for. We've got a hockey team, and



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we've got a well,



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that that's there and I mean, it's certainly supporting an arena it will be fine if it's a good deal for Houston and it's not going to rip us off. And I'm a Democrat, but you know, and I want to support this mayor, I've supported this mayor. I'm supporting several other public initiatives of this mayor, including the census complete Census count and 30% of the African American community voted against the arena. Yeah, if you look at Montrose in the heights and progressive communities that support the mayor overwhelmingly supported the mayor, but 50 to 60% oppose the arena, the Hispanic community 55% oppose the arena. And I think it's just incumbent upon that opposition, the people that are gonna put this deal to sort of recognize that if they're going to bring a second deal within like half a year of that overwhelming defeat,

and if He intends to keep the leverage that he's got now, which benefits us all, including this community, is that the deal that he puts forward needs to be a deal that's good for the city. That's not a rip off. And that really is the deal that keeps the rockets in Houston. I you know, I think there's a lot of NBA teams out there that would love to be in a situation that the rockets are in now. I mean, we're a large media market, something new orleans doesn't offer something Baltimore doesn't offer. And it doesn't, doesn't offer so I mean, I think the threats of the rockets are going anywhere,



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is really endless. And learning to be a sharper businessman. Yeah, well, yeah, realizes that. There not a whole lot of cities you can move to. And so



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I mean, the deal is good, then certainly, I think people will support it. But if not, I don't think you know, the rockets will really be going anywhere soon. I mean, that was their cry last time.



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Well, he's stuck in he stuck in at least till 2003. Anyway, so, but I would like to make sure that they're not going anywhere. I would like to make sure that, that that arena gets built, but looks like we're getting close to the end of this show.



Jimmy Carper 31:45

Or we got a few minutes left. I've just just a little background music here. So it's kind of a piano thing by Andy Monroe, a gay artist. He It's a strange album, because it's mostly his compositions, a piano and, and he kind of not exactly sings he just kind of it's, uh, hum it with some data and audit audit. That type of thing. It's just nice background listening music.



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We had some good piano music last time. Yes, here. Yes, yes.



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tend to get some good ones. So



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you had some good stuff going on. And then, I guess in terms of other things, I guess, the coder wants to local issues of HRC that apparently created quite a stir on their endorsement of gore.

And hopefully, I don't know if Roy, you got any calls when we were taking a telephone pole and people calling in if they're supporting Gore Bradley, but I didn't see the phones lined up at all. So hopefully the actual turnout will be better. March 4 to March 14. Yeah, that's easy enough people just called pick up the phone and call but hopefully, they'll turn out a little bit bigger numbers come March 14, to support their candidate or make up their minds. By that point. Yeah. The game was my committee does account for about four to 5% of the vote right now in the primaries, at least in the Democratic primaries. So

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Jimmy Carper 33:14

it seems from what I've been seeing on the web, that people are kind of split as to the you know, the Gore or Bradley thing. So that tends to water down the gay vote. However, after the person has chosen, then I'm sure that most of the gay community will back that.

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Because the alternative is, okay. And our governor, our governor, and the governor, that Rob, and you're looking at folks, potentially three Supreme Court seats opening up. Yeah, within that particular president.

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Jimmy Carper 33:54

I think that's why this presidency is vital. Yeah.

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And the question is, you ask yourself, simply, if it comes to Supreme Court vacancies, where you have a conservative court, where decisions are going five for Who do you want, picking those three judges that put our three Supreme Court openings a conservative? Or do you want someone that is at least going to consider our community when he makes that decision? And I would be willing to bet that that first judge ship is going to be Hispanic one as it's past time for Hispanic on the Supreme Court, you know, and I would be willing to bet that the first judge ship that does come open would be to a Latin judge.

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Yeah, it's there's definitely a big difference between Hispanics and the Republicans appointing Hispanics that the Democrats want yeah, if you look at Tony Garza, who's now a railroad Commissioner, if you look at all Gonzalez, who's isolation. Now the vows isn't that if you look at Tony Garza, and people that actually have ambitions to go for the positions in the party or public service, it's certainly good. A very distinct differences. I'll tell you there's, you know, there's a huge difference. Jesse Jackson and

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Clarence Thomas, or let's say Jesse Jackson. Well, Jesse Jackson and Ward Connerly. Or let's see Thurgood Marshall as an attorney

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as well. No, does not think at least he's gonna be okay.

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Or like I say a difference between Thurgood Marshall and Clarence Thomas.

J Jimmy Carper 35:38

Yeah, yeah. That shows the diversity of all of our different communities. We certainly have it and sometimes it's hard to swallow for some of us but hey, anyway, you've been listening to after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station. At the top of the hour, that's a minute and a half is Big Daddy j with the Red Eye special and he's queuing them up. As we speak. Francisco,

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we will see people may or not, if you will hear people will be able to hear from us. In a month we'll be back to our traditional Latino programming. We just wanted a month out from primary I wanted to make sure people knew how to participate and how to empower themselves and how to be involved. And

J Jimmy Carper 36:23

it's very important and I'm really glad that Monica stayed because Monica is a whole lot more political than I am.

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Shoot. I think that's an understatement.

J Jimmy Carper 36:36

You're absolutely right. Thank you very much, and we'll see both of you next month. Okay, good night night.