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Sarah DePalma 00:00

Talk about over the years in trying to get people to become activist Is this too will happen to you? And of course, they never believe it will happen. And then one day you get a phone call from them and they're crying. And they say, you're right. And now what do I do? Well, you could have been working with us two years ago, that would have been a start. But and that's, you want to know what being an activist is like. That's one. That's just one example. Here's another one. I used to get these phone calls to three o'clock in the morning. Hi, my name is so and so. And I just got arrested by the police. Oh, well, what did the police arrest you for drunken driving? Don't call me again. You know, well, but But Well, no, no buts about that. Here's another one. When I Deray Hill, and I are doing a show, and we're doing a show about what it's like for transsexual transgender person to go to jail. And Ray happens to mention just in the course of a conversation, that if you have outstanding warrants, pay them otherwise, you're going to go to the city jail. And I didn't realize that you only stayed the city jail for a little while, and then you could send to the county jail, folks, I've been to the county jail, not as a prisoner, but as a guest to go and see it. It's a hellhole. If you want punishment for your, for your criminals, believe me, the county is punishment for criminals, okay? If you're a transsexual, and you're dumb enough, you don't pay the warrants, that's where you're going. A person that that you and I both know, heard the show. And the next day went down to the police station and paid 50 tickets, five, zero. So that's just another little example, you want to know what it's like to be transsexual. Here's a funny, real funny incident. But it also says a lot about things. I was early in my transition, and I had a DPS identification card. LC had a driver's license, my driver's license showed me as a male still. And the ID card showed how I look like as a female, I got stopped by a cop in Houston at about 130 in the morning, I take out my IDs, and I show it to him. The cop looks to stuff he looks at me, looks this stuff, looks at me, looks at stuff, hands it back to me through the window and says I don't want to know. I still do this day don't know why the cop stopped me. But he didn't want a part as

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Vanessa Edwards Foster 02:20

well. This isn't part of life of the transsexual community, unfortunately. And additionally, since 911, now they've come up with new airports

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Sarah DePalma 02:30

are nightmare. Well, the pat downs are our problem. Even

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the Social Security, Social Security has now gotten to the point of sending letters to your employers. Id thanks to the Bush administration exactly. I used to think that, well, if you didn't have to change your name, say if your name was Carrie or her credits or something that was you know, generic, and you kept the same name, that you would be safe. That's not even true. Now, either. Now, if your gender does not match what they have in their records, and the employer sends this in, they will send a nice little letter to your employer stating your records do not match our records. We show this individual as being a male, you need to change your records to reflect

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Sarah DePalma 03:12

because of course, we became terrorists. We could blow up a building in New York.

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Vanessa Edwards Foster 03:15

Yeah, exactly. There came out with a warning about a watching poor males dressed as females trying to board fly to one point about a year and a half ago, and people complained to me thinking that I was basically trying to whip up a bunch of fear, you know, just fear mongering. It wasn't fear mongering, this was real. And now it's actually taken yet another step. Now they're wanting to bring people's IDs, their driver's licenses into a uniform standard, across the US REAL ID Yes, your national ID card. Yeah. And so whereas once upon a time we used to be able to and we

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Sarah DePalma 03:56

said Nazi Germany. Well, I mean, that's what reminds me of

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exactly what we're talking about. nationalizing

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Germany here, we come here, and

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they want something that's basically going to be standard all the way across.

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Sarah DePalma 04:11

Now, they have machines at the airports, they can literally see through your clothes all the way to your genitals. So if you have a driver's license, and it says female, but they look through there, and they find out that you've got male genitalia, they yank you out of the line, you end up missing your flight, and in some cases end up having to go to a jail to explain it all. This is, you know, and so, we will go to meetings, and we'll try we're trying to recruit other people to come and join our cause. So we will tell them stories like this. And in you know, we each have lots of stories that we can tell experiences with legislators and all sorts of things to which most of the people in our community go. Thank you so much for doing this. But no, I don't think I'm going to help. You know, I can't risk it. It's hard to say to somebody, you should risk this so you can have the same kind of trouble we're having and At the same time, if you don't stand up for yourself, you're guaranteed to be a doormat. They were. So the answer to this is, I don't know you have an answer. I haven't found it.

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Vanessa Edwards Foster 05:08

I really haven't found it either. And once upon a time, I used to continue talking them into it. One of the things I guess that kind of shocked me was one of the people one of my protegees was Terry and summers in Jacksonville. And this was someone that got involved in activism in earnest there, she, she saw what we were doing via the internet. No, actually, our newsletters, we exchanged newsletters with their support group there in Jacksonville. And she saw what we were doing in one day to replicate that there and contacted me and I contacted her back and told her a number of the things that we were doing. And she tried to do the same thing there. And actually, I feel sorry for her because she really didn't have a lot of support. And would, you know, basically call me up almost, you know, in tears or send me an email saying, I just, you know, I can't take this anymore. The whole community is against me, you know, I don't know what they are

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Sarah DePalma 06:04

against you. You remember, I used to tell, I used to tell you that all the time. I used to completely you know, and I'm sure you thought it was paranoid. But I used to complain about that all the time. And then finally, one day, it dawned on me, actually, it was a discussion with Ray hill where this finally snapped. I asked Ray about was talking to Ray about leadership. And Ray said, a leader means you lead and the hell with those who won't follow him. And I thought, Damn, do you mean that works? And I thought it's worked for Ray for 30 years. I think I'm going to try that. So I did. And if remember the next the next criticism he was, she's a damn dictator. And my response was, that's right. And I'm going to keep going forward unless you stop me.

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Vanessa Edwards Foster 06:41

Well, what terian I just, I felt bad that I got her into this. And in the end, unfortunately, I still

don't know who or what happened, but she lost her life. Someone shot her when she came home. And this was about a month before. The second Winn Dixie protests. I remember that. Yeah, I remember that who had coordinated those. And

 Sarah DePalma 07:05

it is true that in the transgender community, we have a very high suicide rate. I would say that it's at least as high as you find in the gay lesbian community.

 Vanessa Edwards Foster 07:13

This wasn't a suicide. She was shot by shot. Yeah, someone ambushed her. And I started, I guess, kind of rethinking this in a sense,

 Sarah DePalma 07:22

I remember you blaming yourself? Well.

 Vanessa Edwards Foster 07:26

In a sense, I still kind of wonder whether or not you know if this was, if this was her last months on the planet, what was I doing, driving her back into this?

 Sarah DePalma 07:37

Because like you knew this in advance? Yeah. Well, I can't

 Vanessa Edwards Foster 07:40

know this in advance. But the thing is, what am I getting people into? Am I getting them into a position where it can be dangerous, I found I found it out myself. It's not something without its own costs. There are costs, there are consequences. And they're very,

 Sarah DePalma 07:57

very hard to be an activist. And I've always admired Ray, because just I mean, Ray has been at this for 40 years now. But Ray has been successful, in large part because he hasn't much cared what other people thought. And honestly, he almost had to have that approach. Because there's nobody, nobody can attack leadership, like the gay community can attack leadership, they are the best at ripping their leaders. Nobody's as good as the gay community. All transgender communities working at it, they do well. I mean, I've seen some of the hate mail

that Phyllis has received over the years. And it's incredible. And she's smart enough to throw in the trash and say, you know, you were nowhere for me when I was when I was having my problems. I don't want to hear from you. Now.

 **Vanessa Edwards Foster 08:38**

I got my special little violet. Oh, yeah, a little while. Yeah. And some of them. I mean, some are blight. And I've literally had my life threatened some. But the thing is that I worry about, you know, things like, it's not so much the community I worry about, I worry about the other aspect of it, what's going to happen if indeed, this comes from someone outside of the community, and especially right now, with the social political environment, in the passion that it is, with things moving in such a kind of a nationalistic sense and a kind of, I don't even want to say a national pride, but just her kind of a national hubris, almost to the point of where people are just inordinately, I guess prideful, but to the point of where you are with us or you're one of the country is suffering from

 **Sarah DePalma 09:28**

an incredible case of an incredible case of testosterone poisoning. Well,

 **Vanessa Edwards Foster 09:32**

and kind of a bipolar. Yeah, approach today.

 **Sarah DePalma 09:35**

We are so we're testosterone poisoned from the President's ship on DOM.

 **Vanessa Edwards Foster 09:39**

Exactly. And I worry about that aspect. Basically filtering its way down into societies hand because having this come from a political is is one thing but having it at the ground level, where you've got people that are frustrated, that are also in the same position today. This is us, that may be losing their jobs. I

 **Sarah DePalma 10:00**

think we've actually lost ground in the last few years. Well, we definitely. I mean, as a community, we've really lost ground. But so has everybody else. I mean, I would feel really well at worst about it if it was just us. But it's not

 **Vanessa Edwards Foster 10:12**

sad to say, I mean, it really shouldn't have been this way. But the marriage issue coming up in the victory that happened in Massachusetts actually kind of worked against the rest of the community. You

 Sarah DePalma 10:22

know, I was against them doing that I was about the only person on the air that was saying, Don't do this, this is going to come back and bite us. And no one was listening. And of course, it came back to bite us.

 Vanessa Edwards Foster 10:31

I had a private conversation with Matt foreman, right about the time that this was happening. Matt's executive director with National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce. And both of us were saying the same thing. This is the wrong time. This is bad news. It's coming up right before an election year and it plays right into the hands of we are so good for control and turnout,

 Sarah DePalma 10:50

derivatives love us because we are so good at raising money for conservative groups. All they got to do is wave the gay flag or wave the transgendered flag and money comes rolling in well,

 Vanessa Edwards Foster 10:58

and it's not so much as as much as them the way that they structure things, the way that they politically market these things and stir up. Well, exactly this market. That's exactly what all this is about. And I mean, you get political marketing on both sides, you know, it'd be fair. But the fact is that they are masters that this, their masters have been able to stir up this, I guess, this paranoia, if you will, that is able to generate funds in generate the masses to activate people, it gets them active. And now, you know, to the polls or sitting in the phone banks, and doing the things that they need to further their cause. And they're much better organized at this. They've got churches that work with them.

 Sarah DePalma 11:41

I've got tons of money. Exactly. They've got deacons been doing

 Vanessa Edwards Foster 11:44

this for 30 years now. They've been doing this roughly ever since the Nixon scandal happened. They wanted to find a way to bring America back to what they felt were, you know, a proper, I guess, Republican ideal. Well, I'm a godless heathen.

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Sarah DePalma 12:00

So it's too late for me.

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Vanessa Edwards Foster 12:03

Sadly, we're, we're seeming like we're less and less of the country anymore. But I really worry about that element. Actually being out there in the public at large. I worry about you know, what's going to happen, when all of a sudden these chickens come home to roost and start manifesting themselves, maybe physically. And we've even seen a little bit of a spike so far this year, and transgender murderers, I don't know what's going to happen, you know, overall, maybe it'll be just like last year and be a little bit of a lull. But right now, at least, you know, for the past couple of months, it's actually seen a spike. And that kind of concerns me, I worry about, you know, the way that things are structured in the press, and how they stir up a lot of this and how they can actually kind of create a lot of this controversy as well. Typically,

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Sarah DePalma 12:52

this is Texas, you know, it's

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Vanessa Edwards Foster 12:55

not only Texas anymore, this is a national phenomenon. Texas politics has now been exported to Washington exported to Washington, and the Washington set has basically gotten the word out to the national media, the National conservative media has taken this and basically pushed it and pushed it forward. Now we've got this on a national basis, it's not something that we can get out of Texas and get away from the thing is, there's

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Sarah DePalma 13:19

not much we can do about that, then, you know, we're talking about that off the air. It's one of the reasons that I've refocused my goals to be much smaller. On Wednesday, I'm going to talk to a class at Houston Community College in Sugar Land of all places, that shirt lands the bastion of republicanism. And I cannot wait to get out and do that class just because of where it's located. Yeah. I'm trying to focus energy on getting some things done within my church. They're very friendly people just not particularly educated about it. And so what I've done is I've not really given up activism, but I have lowered my I don't want to say lower my goals of it's, it's more of focusing on smaller issues, or a field that one person can have an effect, rather than trying to take on issues that would require 100. Me and I'm finding that it would that it works. It works. Because it's a slower pace. You're focusing on what you know, where you know, you'll make a difference. And, and you can go home at the end of the day and say I did something good. And you don't have a headache thinking, Oh, my God, I'm overwhelmed because the rest of the country is going to hell in a handbasket. You know, if if we can only do what you can do and the rest, you just have to let it run off your back.

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Vanessa Edwards Foster 14:32

Yeah, this is true. And you actually kind of hit on a point. I think that one of the things that we're probably going to have to do whether we want to or not, is rethink how we approach activism. I used to be of a mind. In fact, one of the things that especially over the past few months, I've been thinking a lot about Sylvia Rivera. And this was something I had an opportunity for those

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Sarah DePalma 14:55

who don't know Sylvia Rivera is widely credited as the person who threw the first Don't Stonewall exactly we had a 35 minute interview with her on the show with. And in fact, I kept that as a historical piece. I've still got it about what happened. What happened? Yeah.

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Vanessa Edwards Foster 15:12

Yeah. And it turns out it wasn't a stone. It was a Molotov cocktail. And she was correct everyone. She was the second one to throw Molotov cocktail. It was probably more she Johnson than do the first one. But she was she in essence was the firebrand, she was the one that really got this whole thing kind of started. And she

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was that kind of activism doesn't work anymore. Well,

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it doesn't work anymore. But actually, this was just to kind of back up a little bit. As I mentioned, I had a chance to chat with her. And this was before a protest vigil in New York. I was there to actually speak before it. And we had a nice long chat and, well, a discourse, if you will, she

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Sarah DePalma 15:52

was not very, her brain was pretty fried from drugs. And she was not always lucid. Well,

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Vanessa Edwards Foster 15:57

not actually in the latter days. In fact, the last couple of years, she was actually very sober, didn't even drink. And it pretty much kind of cleaned up her life. And of course, she had a lot of health problems. Yes, she did. But for someone that really had had such a hard life, and had had so many problems with both drugs and alcohol, as well as just, you know, never really having a decent shake to start off with. I mean, she was choosing straight level prostitutes for a long time from the age of 12 on I mean, her mother died and she was pretty much you know,

she had no one else she was out on the streets in New York City, you know, which is the toughest life to be able to live in yet. This is someone who actually survived it. And not only that, was very astute in a lot of ways from you know, that may be a crude sense. But she was very canny in being able to kind of determined how the world worked and how a number of things worked within it, and especially the activism game, and she did mean game. One of the very groups that she absolutely despised, was HRC.

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Sarah DePalma 17:02

And well, she wasn't alone. Well, how many years did I spend on this on this show? Beating up the HRC. And every opportunity? It was Hello, my name is Sarah. And let me talk to you about the JSA. Exactly.

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Vanessa Edwards Foster 17:13

Well, if if you think you had a hatred of them, nothing matches what Sylvia Rivera had for them. I mean, and she went down to her grave, literally kicking and screaming the whole way just absolutely could not stand them. And I kind of actually tossed out a comment on the intake list. At one point, when someone was oppressing us to protest a lot more around the main Amanda Milan vigil. And I went up to speak for it, I really didn't want to actually have to go to New York, and kind of go into the teeth of the beast, if you will, but you're saying you couldn't make it and so it was pretty much kind of up to me as the the other spokesperson to at least have an intact person there and to speak at the vigil. And I showed up at train teahouse, even against several breaths, the more he called me up and said, No, don't come over here. Please do not come over here. But tell. Tell people Transy houses Transy house is basically a commune style house in New York City, that home resting more is the owner of it, but she and her partner, Chelsea Goodwin, actually do a service for the community, they bring in a lot of the street level, individuals that they feel have a chance and you know, cleaning up it's a sort of rehab. Exactly. And kind of you know, they don't force a manual program to transgender people. Exactly. They don't, you know, basically tell you, you must now go straight and give up all alcohol, no drugs, you know, immediately, but they do what they can to try and get them to move towards it and destroying their lives out as they did with Sylvia Rivera. In fact, she was one of the 20 house residents here. And I showed up winning does speak with Chelsea Goodwin will Chelsea was out for us to get her away from the house to keep her away from me. Because I was bound determined. No, we're going to clear the air and we're going to clear it tonight. Well, they were gone. But Sylvia was there and she was upstairs asleep. And I said, Well, I'll wake her up and see. Sylvia Rivera. Yes, I woke up Sylvia Rivera, which was probably not a good idea. She came down. Initially, it wasn't too bad. She was still half asleep and didn't realize who I was. So that held for the first couple of minutes. And then all of a sudden, she heard me talking about intake, and it was like, Oh, I know who you are. And that's when the fight began. And we basically had our words and aired out a lot. And a lot of it kind of stemmed around a comment that I had made on the list, which was that intact, you know, did not want or did not seek to exist solely to protest and to focus all of our energy on protesting HRC. In fact, eventually, we wanted to become a professional organization at some point, you know, something kind of like what HRC had, I think I They get this way comment. But that got taken the wrong way you don't say to a trans group, I want to be an HRC like organization, because that started everything. Well, I think

S Sarah DePalma 20:09

in the future, the key to success for transgender community, and not just does but for the gay community as well, is going to be all about political alliances. I think the days of individual organizations or individual groups, being able to stand up individually to take on these gigantic religious organizations is not going to happen. True. And you're seeing already already you starting to see some of that, for example, you're starting to see some of the liberal churches get together. And there's a sense among some of the liberal denominations now that they failed their community. And they failed their members by allowing these conservative religious groups to run over them. And so now you find Unitarians and gotten in many of the liberal denominations, proletarian Presbyterians and getting together and say, Wait a minute, we need to get an alliance in that. And I think you're going to see more and more that that's going to be the case, I think the days of individual groups standing on their own are pretty much over. I think it's all about alliances and in strength in numbers on in, which means, sometimes we're going to have some bedfellows that may be a little strange, you may end up seeing the transgender community allied with the anti abortion groups, for example, but they're on the left of the spectrum. But having said that, anti abortion, I don't mean the anti abortion, I mean, the pro the women's rights, women's rights groups. Yeah. And I think in the end, that that's, that's going to be the answer. But it means we have to educate the people in our community to accept this is a new way of going about it. And I think that'd be that's gonna be a huge fight. Because people are used to the hotkey to put this, they used to the Phyllis fried confrontational method, and it worked in its day. But this is not that day.

V Vanessa Edwards Foster 21:58

I'll try. And that's actually that was one of the things we we had a meeting of the minds during that. Sylvia, of course, you know, basically stated that she knew that she wasn't that insider type of activist, that she was there to basically get that message out, hit the street level, in order to make people immediately aware because nobody else was doing it. Nobody would get out there and scream for the community. Nobody would march in the streets, for our community, unless she or someone like her did that you can't have, you know, the folks who are going to sit down with the politicians doing that. But she also understood that there was a need for that. She just did not want what she considered activism becoming a her words were a playground for the rich. She didn't want to deal with but it is a playground for the rich, where it is now. Hollington it is now. And that's just that money is corrupting. Exactly. And that's one of the things that I've noticed, even with this years, lobby days, within tech, we started checking around with the hotel rates in Washington, even something is, you know, inconsequential as you would think that would be that is actually becoming a major issue. Even in just the past six years, we have seen hotel rates more than double. In Washington, it's almost as if each year there is a new obstacles to surpass. There's no barricades around, well, you're

S Sarah DePalma 23:22

a sales organization, and you don't have money to begin with. Everything is an obstacle.

V Vanessa Edwards Foster 23:26

True. And it was bad enough as it was just to begin with. But then you you know, you've got the

It was bad enough as it was just to begin with. But then you know, you've got the barricades and you know, the people with the metal detectors and everything at the door. And then they're starting to check the IDs. And we're starting to have problems, you know, a warning about well, what's going to happen if we get a crossdresser up here, and their ID says one thing, but it doesn't matter. That

 S Sarah DePalma 23:49

was always problem. We had a problem with the police. One year because of that, oh,

 V Vanessa Edwards Foster 23:53

yeah, but they didn't really have the metal detectors and everything hit the door, but even walked in. Nowadays, that's a part of life in Washington, DC. And nowadays, they want to see what's in your purse, and they want a little bit more information. And on top of that now, it's basically getting to the point where we're being priced out of even being able to stay out in the suburbs in Washington, we were one thing just to try and get a couple of trans people to pair up for a \$100 a night motel room. Now it's actually getting to the point where 200 Plus is the norm, and then everything's moving up to the three and \$400 range sleeping bag time. Well, exactly. How do you actually function in Washington if you're coming up as a grassroots person who doesn't have that kind of wherewithal. I was pretty much kind of forcing us further and further out.

 S Sarah DePalma 24:44

I just took a look at the clock and I know we have to do a station break. Yes. I just want to I have to go because two o'clock is my limit. But before I go I want to say this on the air publicly. I don't know anybody who's ever worked harder. At Doing being an activist and you hate then you have. And I don't know anybody that overall has been more successful at it than you have. And I've told you this privately, but I'm gonna say it on the air, you're one of the people that I most respect. And I don't have a lot of respect for a lot of people. Because they haven't earned it, you know, but you have. It's, I'm proud to know you. I'm proud to be able to call you a friend. I think you're making the right decision. And I hope eventually you're going to come to peace with it. Thank you. But it's a pleasure to know you and to work with you. In I know, I'm embarrassing you but, but I but I've always respected what you do. And be go easy on yourself. You deserve it. I can't. Okay, come on that no, let's do station break.

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You're listening to KPFT Houston. 90.1 FM 89.5. And yeah, Elvis in the show is after hours queer radio with attitude.

 C Chris 26:04

And we have got a listener we have to thank I hope we can do that. We know we already took care, Teresa. Okay. Yeah. Isaac called in and straight. Truck Driving man doesn't agree with

everything we say. But he doesn't like Bush day. The person not the right, right. Not the part. That's and he's also a virgin. We've got one of our virgin Oh,

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he's never it's the first time we

Chris 26:36

the first time. Wow, we took

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that is pretty amazing. Because most people who hear things they don't like on this show, you know, have a hatred, you know, oh, you said something and I really hated it and I'm never gonna listen to you again. And you're

Chris 26:55

thinking hey, I don't think he hates it he disagrees with okay. And you know, like I said, you know, and we're gonna be talking about it later. You know? Usually they send us they send us

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letters that's an incredible credibly Christian added to

Chris 27:08

not their credit card number and that's Christian, Big C Big C will not little sake. Right. We'll be discussing that part. Yes. Oh, yes. We're gonna have fun later on. When it comes time for letters. We're gonna wait till the three o'clock hour because he was listening at the three o'clock hour last week. Hopefully he'll be tuning in then. But

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so that means that we're still doing our winter membership drive fun drive at two at 713-526-5738 hybrid Little Prince Michigan's.

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That was a new Jimmy Somerville. Yes. Yes. It is. I recall. Well, it's not new. Actually. It's from 2004. I think. Okav. it's.

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Chris 27:54

it's older than that. last millennium. Really? Yeah. I,

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I kind of tried to keep up with him. And I never saw that CD, the before until two weeks ago.

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Chris 28:09

Unfortunately, there what's the name of it? The CD CD, it's managing the damage

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and the cut. We heard some things to look for. Yeah. Okay. Yeah, that's a good one. I think

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Chris 28:22

got a soccer player here getting his thigh rubbed on the picture. My

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mind my Oh, okay. That we heard the prince Myshkin Yeah,

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Chris 28:31

we heard one and a half songs by them. Yes.

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One was requested and

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a lot of Muslim. Yeah.

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When was an error in judgment? No, not judgment. It was an error, or mechanical error. You know, like he put in the wrong number.

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Chris 28:51

Oh, that's good. He's covering for me now. Quid pro quo.

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And Vanessa is back.

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Chris 29:01

We sent Sara on her way she left minutes ago.

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Yes, yes. Yes. Laurie, Sarah's gone.

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Chris 29:09

Were saying that a nice way people you know, someone has a curfew and

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Okay, so we're we're wrapping up the transgender segment. Thank Saqlain. It has been really a privilege to have you on this show.

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Vanessa Edwards Foster 29:22

It's been a privilege to be a part of the show that says part of the history of peace and yeah, and really part of the history for at least for the transgender community nationally. This was the very first show that actually made it onto the airwaves Herald was actually a pioneer. And that or at least the first, I guess, weekly show, regularly done, and has been continuously done since

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then. That's right. We've had several women through here Monica and and bad veteran and gosh,



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Daniel McClenney for a little bit Yeah. Oh, yes, yes,



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incredible guests.



Vanessa Edwards Foster 30:03

And I've really enjoyed being able to do the show and be able to bring on some of the guests. Some of more, I guess, quite as exciting as the SOFIA, we're very interview.



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Yes, yeah.



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Definitely unique.



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But because of because of you, Vanessa, it's because of you and your standing in the community and all of the hard work that you've done over the years. And the contacts you have, that's how we have had these fantastic guests. Say what Sarah, you know, I mean, you were out there in the trenches, doing the hard work, we



Vanessa Edwards Foster 30:42

get to know a lot of people when you're traveling around the country, and I guess, kind of dealing with folks, some, I guess, I've got an advantage in that, then, you know, I guess maybe most would not be able to enjoy. But But then again, I mean, that's part of activism, it, I guess that's the good side of it, as opposed to what most of the, the segment tonight could have been dealing with, which is more just kind of the after effects of it, and how it leaves folks and, and really to be truthful with you. That's one of the primary reasons I'm so happy to have Sarah on tonight. I really appreciate all the work that she's done over the years. And to be to be brutally honest with you. I think this is someone who really did not get her just recognition from the community at large, nationally, or even locally. And I



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think you're very right, because she's always been out there saying what's on her mind. And when you do that, you're gonna piss off some people. You know, to be a good activist, you have

to go out there and say, What's on your mind? Fine.

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Vanessa Edwards Foster 31:51

And nowadays, especially, it seems like everyone wants to, I guess, play the accommodating game, you know, we need to have more tempered responses to everything we need to play the game, otherwise, we're not going to be allowed in to, to be able to negotiate and yet, you know, this is a Texas politics that's actually taken over the national scene. And I know what they've dealt with here in Texas for years. They just don't deal at all right? It's virtually impossible. And they play hardball, every possibility that every possible moment that they can to my hearing dogs.

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I don't know what that was, like

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Vanessa Edwards Foster 32:31

dogs bring out the bag. Oh my god, they're sending in the hounds after me.

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Chris 32:37

Oh, we're serious about that for you. Three interview you wanted to do.

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Vanessa Edwards Foster 32:44

This is an interesting show. Turn it on now. Just ever know that that's one of I guess the issues now is we're finding it so difficult for people to speak out. And if there was ever a time that you needed, that voice, that voice of reason speaking out hits now. And I think a good example was what we went through in this last election cycle with the dean situation. And even before that, in 2000, with McCain, you had people that were very outspoken, and didn't have a problem speaking their mind, and were absolutely ridiculed, and virtually ruined personally and professionally. By doing so, they were actually made to be pariahs within the political community, based upon them actually saying things that others felt well, this is just not playing the game, you're not playing nicely. And so we're going to take it out on you. And Tara was one of those people who spoke out, I had basically been doing the same thing, especially recently. And to be truthful with you, I don't want to give that up. I don't want to basically play a game when the game is only going to lead to a loss. And unfortunately, we're playing a game that we're bound to lose in the overall grand scheme of things they will string us along as long as humanly possible. In fact, a very good example of this was the end of vote back in 1996, I guess it was 1996. Were, in essence to kind of throw a bone to the community. They decided to give them a cosmetic vote there in the Senate, it was 50 to 49. But yet it was paraded around as if it were a victory. And it was nothing but politically structured, with a number of Republicans crossing lines to vote the way they were not planning on voting normally, strictly to give them I guess, maybe some kind of accommodation for such a devastating loss with the

DOMA bill just earlier in that session. And when I saw things like that, and that's all what was happening in Washington, I saw the way the political game was played. That was another one of the reasons I did not want to go back up there after the first time in 1997. And it really just absolutely hacked me off to no end. I don't know if I can say the P word. And so I'm trying to avoid it. Well, piss me Oh, yeah, we can say that. Okay, you can say

 Chris 35:24

you obviously didn't hear it's part of our new disclaimer, yes, it's the beginning.

 Vanessa Edwards Foster 35:31

I was unaware of that. But before long the FCC will claim down on even then I have no,

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you can say pissed off, you can't say pissed on.

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Like we just said, I can just say,

 Chris 35:45

well, just wear your yellow hanky.

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Anyway, I want to, again, thank you for the years of, of devotion that you've given to the community and to the show. Thank

 Vanessa Edwards Foster 35:59

you, to me, thank you for the devotion you've given to the community and, and for having me on here and dealing with me and dealing with all of my quirks and eccentricities. And, and my ADD, which normally isn't so great, but especially with stress, stuff at magnified,

 Chris 36:17

your add your add works well with his Alzheimer's. Listen,

 V Vanessa Edwards Foster 36:22
neither one of us can remember that compared

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to some of my other co hosts you're a dream to work with. Don't worry about it.

 C Chris 36:30
This time, I want to make sure that co host doesn't qualify.

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What kind of a dream though?

 C Chris 36:40
The other show the show? Yes, we're gonna gaggle of therapists.

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Good luck. And you know, if you ever want to come on and talk about an issue, the doors are open for you. Oh, thank

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you, sweetie.

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I really appreciate it. Good. And I hope you take advantage of it. Well,

 V Vanessa Edwards Foster 36:57
I just may do that. I may take you up on them. And thank you so much for having us on. Thank you for doing this show for the community and

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and listen, the transgender segment is not going away. That Sara will definitely be here will be here. And we've got a couple of people lined up. And we're only looking at them to fill in your place. They can't fill your shoes, but they can maybe fill your chair. Hey,

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Vanessa Edwards Foster 37:28

I'm not so big that my chair can't be filled. I don't know. Last time, look, I've expanded a little bit. And that's one good thing about stress, it keeps the weight off of I guess you don't need too much. You don't sleep too much. You don't do a lot of things too much. But it's a wonderful life, and someone's got to do it. Well, thank you so much again. And if there's anything I can ever do for you, let me know. You bet I owe you one.

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You did take care stay here. Let's go to some music.

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Chris 38:01

I think I found a good one. Good. It's Philip J. Kearns. And you know, he's talking about something that to know versus worked a lot with human rights. Philip J Kearns with human rights. And we're in the middle of our fun drive here at KPFT. And, you know, we've had five people here so far, who have called in to empower our human rights on the show to be able to come in here and talk about who we are and what we do and not be demonized and vilified by those who may not agree completely with us who pull out a book and pick and choose what lines they want and decide what they want to say about us. And that's what this show is about is we want to give you the other side, you know, we want to be able to pick our own gay role models. We don't need to be told by somebody who got their doctorate from whatever school he founded to, you know, declared that Tinky Winky is our role model or Spongebob, or Velma or pet, Peppermint Patty, in my mind drew a blank of sir. But that's what the show is about. We want to be able to say who we are and say it loudly and say it proudly. And you know, if you don't like it, that's okay. You can understand it. You know, that's why there's knobs on the radio. But you know, if you're out there, you're listening and you do agree with what we're saying. Or even if you just agree with the fact that we have the right, we still have the right it hasn't happened yet. We don't have it anymore, but it's getting close. We have the right to be able to say proudly that who we are and what we are and live our lives without hopefully one day without fear of being attacked or fired or losing a job. So we need you to stand up and stand with us. Yes. And the way you can do that the easiest way you can do that is calling in your pledge of support. Because, you know, we don't subscribe officially to Arbitron ratings, when we know that people have listened to us. And we know that you're out there in the free world. There's a

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lot of people who listen to this show a lot. And it's several years ago, I haven't because we don't get Arbitron ratings much anymore. But several years ago, and this was several years ago, we were the number seven show in this time slot number seven radio show. And the first for we're,

you know, big commercial stations.

c Chris 40:57

Oh, now by the same company, doing the same generic format out of the same little studio and the middle of Texas. We won't name any, any the names of that. It clearly you should know what channels we're talking about. Yeah, absolutely. And, you know, this is different. We're live here in Houston in the throbbing heart of Montrose. And, you know, we're giving you a different view, a different slice of what this community is, you know,

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what your community is? I mean, you may be out there, you may be straight, and you may say, I don't know any gay people. I don't know any transgender people. And yes, you do. You absolutely do. Because we're all over this town. We're not just in the Montrose. In fact, this probably the smallest concentration of us are in the Montrose. We are spread all over this city. Yes, Pasadena. Yes.

c Chris 41:56

I can guarantee I can guarantee Pasadena because I dropped a big ol fag off down in Pasadena here tonight. Dickinson you've got a couple there. Yeah, you name it. And I know that for a fact. We're

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there. We're your neighbors. You see us in grocery stores. You see us everywhere. You may not realize you see us but we're there. Are there

c Chris 42:19

I mean, I'm out in suburbia. I'm out there on the west side. Nor I Northwest. I you know, one mile east of Cal tipping as a hobby, and I know

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a ton of folks out in Katy. So I'm

c Chris 42:35

out there taking care of the sick and injured. There you go. So you know, we're out there now. We want we want you to show and say you know, I'm gonna call us role models, but we ain't Tinky Winky. I may be I may be shaped like, like Tinky Winky. And sometimes certain parts of

Jimmy reminds me of SpongeBob. But



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but you know, like I said, I am the stand Laurel to his Oliver Hardy. That's what we look like. We're a



c Chris 43:09

perfect 10 You do the math. And that's not Roman numerals. But you know, that's the things we need for you to call on your pledge of support at 713-526-5738 at 73536 KPFT.



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I am absolutely thrilled with the people who have called in already. And I'm very happy that we haven't had to take a lot of time out of the show to pitch and ask you for money. Because you've responded you've called in and, and you've given pledge I think the last one was a straight man who didn't really agree with homeless man



c Chris 43:49

who you know was was quote and script. The funny thing is he got a hold of one of our straight workers. Yeah, yeah. Because we are straight people here to we'd love the straight worker, if it wasn't for them, you know, what's the US? There's not enough turkey baster to go around people. No, absolutely. I mean, you know, this is what this is what we have to do is, you know, bills have to be paid.



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We're not we don't recruit we're born this way. Just so



c Chris 44:16

you know, this is a way you can make your voice heard and you know, we're doing a lot with the the Focus on the Family stuff. And, you know, we've next week we're going to kind of take off I guess I have to say our right turn on a little of it. We're working on a stuff where we're actually going to hear from the Focus on the Family. You're gonna do an interview next week those folks and



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then we're going to hear their side of it.

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Chris 44:45

Yeah, that's the thing is we can sit here and say what we think they say, but I want to give them the opportunity to roll. Yeah, absolutely. Give them a chance. Let's preach that let them preach to the sinners instead of the choir for once. There you go and after talking with one person here and she said some of the things that are sitting in her face. I'm looking at going oh my god, I did that all in the past four hours. I'm going to hell four times over, but for what a ride well

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713-526-5738 I've just been handed. Something that says, sweet like chocolate and sometimes cream filled. Go diva. Or go diver. Saturday February 12. That was tonight, actually. It's no it's it's actually Sunday morning. 3:30am To 8:30am presenting another spoiled boys debut DJ dough desk Spinoza from New York City. And that's happening at the Empire bar 108 Main Street at Commerce. So folks you've got about an hour to get over there for some head you

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Chris 46:01

an energy drink.

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Yeah, go dive. Sweet like chocolate DJ do. Joe desperate knows. Lots of pretty boys lots of dancing. Oh, yeah.

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Chris 46:12

The sport. You miss those balls, boys?

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Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. A lot of skier intrepid after hours photographer just saying to me this. And I know he's going over there. Take some pictures. And he already has his drill cloth on its parking available at the intersection of commerce in Maine next to the spaghetti warehouse. Oh, that's cool. And it's only a half a block south. To 108 Main Street at Commerce Empire bar. downtown's newest and nightlife destination. Cool.

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Chris 46:52

Before we go on to the next thing, do quick programming notes. For those of you who are expecting the Hispanic segment, unfortunately, I lost the number to contact our guests that we're going to be coming in for the Hispanic segment today. And so I'm gonna have to contact

Mr. Globo out there. And so we'll have that lined up for next and we'll have rescheduled here and bring you some voices of the Hispanic community. Now Francisco has gone on to other things. And another programming note is the fact Dean Becker due to some of our pitching that had graciously bowed out again this time. For us, they're so sweet,



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because I know he stays up later than normal. Give us a call at 130 every every Sunday morning. And he'll be calling us back next week, and we will make time for him.



Chris 47:42

And if you want to catch Dean Becker at his regular scheduled time, he's on Tuesday nights at 630 here on KPFT. He also does the 420 drug news at 420 in the afternoon, and supposedly in the am too. So some of the shows that work for 420 in the am they fly him I heard cool they should be the 420 drug news report here. broadcast from here at KPFT. to Now two dozen radio stations around North America. Wow. He's just expanding.



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We've got a couple of guests in the studio. Who do we have in there? Hello.



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Hey, how's it going? Hi. This is Ozzie. Hi, I



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see. So and who else?



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And of course Devin. I'm just here to



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we're gonna be talking about something that I don't know a lot about. And I should actually



Chris 48:38

why you ain't furry. Stanley is



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my lover is very, very hairy. Very, very, very



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talked about me when I scan all the bones on I have hair on the front side.



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No, Stan, Stanley Stanley's got here, front back, all over. We're talking about hair.



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Hair. Now we're talking about furry which sorry, this phenomenon that has been in the news for a while. And in the mainstream entertainment venues such as programmes on major networks, which have been spinning different angles of this community. And



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I didn't know that is this a gay phenomena?



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This is not a really a gay phenomenon. But many people in the community are gay or queer. Identify as such. Sure. So in the future, we'll be having some people come in other furs, as we call ourselves to give our stance on what our community is about and what we are often perceived as and what do Well,



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if there are gay and straight, queer and straight furs, then I assume that it's a it's a group that is it's a very closely knit group. And it's comprised of men that are hairy. And those who admire them. Well,



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some of the men are hairy, but I mean, our community we, we have, have a thing for cartoons. We admire the, the art form, tunes and identify with certain characters and personas. Oh,



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okay, because I'm thinking, I guess I'm thinking more about the bears. No, this is, this is something entirely different. Yeah.



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Oh, seems like



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there are a few bears involved. But I wouldn't say that's a major part of the furry community. Okay. So,



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we're talking about cartoon characters, cartoon characters, okay.



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There are lots of people who identify with cartoon characters. And some take it to different levels, and others view it as simply something to connect with other people on.



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And so it's like art and stuff like that. Yeah, it's



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kind of like art. Like, I have a character and his name is Ozzie Fox. And he's a fox that well, it's kind of hard to explain, but it's pretty much my alter ego. Sure. So that's



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not so hard to explain. You know, we've got drag queens, in our community. You know, these are men who have an alter ego, as a female, be it you know, glamorous or comic or whatever, or horrible. It's, yeah, I guess it's kind of the same. Same thing, right?



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Yeah, and some some furries. And this has been really emphasized in the other media venues. But really only a small group of furries certain small percentage actually build their personas,

Assassin mascots, more and more commonly known as fursuits. Okay. And these can be either I don't know. Sometimes they're trade as sexual, but I mean, yeah. Often enough, they're just like I said, character personas.



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And they have adventures and they do things and yeah, some sexual some not some sexual. Yeah.



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Cool. And my definition of furry would be just it can be this community that gathers around the cartoons and basically, art very heavily influenced. Which is why I'd like to have a more more people more people to sure share their views on what Ferrari means to that. Okay.



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Okay. Let me ask, you talked, you talked about your own Alter Ego? Yes. And are there furry creatures who are like in nationally or internationally distributed comics. Um,



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you know, like, like Bugs Bunny and like



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Superman and yeah, and all of that.



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Well, I wouldn't say people actually will some mean take on that form. But I mean, I wouldn't say that there is this mostly internet or this is mostly internet. Okay. Okay. Okay. But it's becoming more accessible. Yeah, community. And I actually have a link to one of the forums on the internet. Specifically for the the Houston and the Texas area. Okay, which would be www.Texas.fers.org.



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Texas. First fu R S Yes, Texas first.org. I'm going to write that down because I need I need to check this out. And for this is something new for me for the



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IRC savvy. We have IRC that fernet.org And that has a multitude of online channels dedicated to free so



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I'm not I'm not that sophisticated. We're out there and a lot of folks out there are so they need this information. So



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this thing goes into like detail and stuff about what it's about. Yeah. But how to post on it and get involved.



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Has a lot of and a lot of the Texas first post on there share their views and well, how would



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somebody like start off a post? You know, as far as to get into the community? You know, is there like different rules? Is there



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there really aren't any set rules? You know, it's it's a very inclusive community. That, basically, I mean, there's like no membership, there's no real, there's no real guideline to joining the community. Okay,



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because I know some places like forums like that you add something, and then everybody be like, Who is this? You know? I



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mean, you just introduce yourself as someone who's interested and are willing to, to?



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Yeah, yeah. Just trying to find out more about it and stuff like that, I might try that out. And I was worried about I know, I went to the websites, you know, some of the few of them and, you

know, I really am worried about posting, what are these people going to think, you know, and,



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and, I mean, the community has been around for quite a while, but it's been mainly internet based. Okay. But I mean, nowadays, it's becoming more and more something that people tell each other about, you know, on the street or in the coffee shops. And that's



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what I heard a coffee shop.



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Oh, okay. So so it's getting more out in the open? Yeah. Not just



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Okay, so So how do you come about, you know, finding what's your personality or your character is and all that. Yeah. How



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did you? How did I Well, growing up, I really had a really enjoyed, you know, watching cartoons, playing video games about and the ones that would cut the most my eyes were included. characters, such as foxes, like Star Fox.



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Have a new game coming out? I just don't own the system.



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Yeah, and a lot of people just even not even cartoons, but I mean, animals in general. Yeah. Sometimes it starts with like, what's your favorite animal or why it appeals to you? It's, it's different for every every different person.



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And that's why you want to have different people here to explain their their different outlooks and views. Because



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Fury is it is a community of like individuals, but at the same time, it means different things to them, and I being an artist, and draw a lot of art for the, for the for ease. So



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well, I know you've mentioned that a couple of weeks ago to me, and well, maybe more than a couple and I was thinking along some different lines, so you must have thought I was an idiot.



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No, he's a really good artist. So he did he did a little picture for me or thing a couple of weeks ago and I was like, Man, that's that's interesting. That's really cool. I'd like to get a copy of it. A



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lot of furs do such things as art and create suits and that's really the spirit it's going to the spirit you go as far as like where an actual costumes or some some furs do, okay, others just enjoy the art or like meeting new people



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saw on the website, some of the some of the people had like animated art, you know, little things were animated. And they were pretty cool. You know, pretty interesting looking. I saw one he was like a, he was like a panther or something. And they were she was like going wow, or something, you know, and he was like, really cool. How they animated it. Yeah. It was a tiger. It was a tiger. That's what man's.



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So that's great. I want to hear more about this. We want to have you on again, with more folks to talk about this soon. I'll



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be doing a post tonight or soon about gathering some more people to come in and do you bad.



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Will you be doing on that website there? Yeah. Okay, Texas.



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first.com. So



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p.org



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Oops, I wrote it down. first.org.



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Yes. So it's so you're on that website and you just people post and Yeah, talk about that. Anybody can come and post. Okay, cool. I might do it if I get some internet access.



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Oh, I'm gonna check that out. I am find out more about this phenomena.



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And earlier, like some some big like news venues have done, like articles on it. And I'm not sure if that's been something that you know, people talk about, but I mean,



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it says it's a different negative.



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Well, the community views is pretty much split on how that how we're being perceived. A lot of people perceive for as being totally a fetish thing. Yeah, well, it's a lot more deep than



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Sure. Well, for some people, it may be a fetish and others Yes. You know, it's, it sounds like it's very all inclusive and I going back to not the drag queens but to the transgender community. I mean, there's a whole spectrum of people who are transgendered from people who, who like to

wear lingerie and or have it sexual, these are straight people are straight people who like to cross dress, or gay people who like to cross dress all the way over to people who want to have sex changes. So, I mean, that's what I mean by a full spectrum of people with all kinds of different interests in this subject.



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And the great thing about the furry community is, it's, it caters very well to the GLBT community, as many members of it are. Our queer gay,



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good, good. Yeah,



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I know, I've checked a couple of the websites and I can see how the media can, you know, can can mess mess up the way the concept of it, you know, like, like, numbers, a couple of the posts and different like, like lists, where they were talking about stuff, like, like, she ravages her, you know, and stuff like that, you know, it seems like they were role playing, you know, some some some things out in these small rooms, simply



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some people do roleplay. And I



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think that's what they your community probably got a hold of is a lot of that. And they thought it was more of a fetish than an actual community based, you know, thing.



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We've actually had an article in the Houston press last year. That was more positive than some of the other good news groups



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or 1%. This is in a positive light, you know, because that's what we do here.



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Get you the truth now. Yeah, yeah.



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Yeah. It's just, it's just something I want to know more about. And I'm gonna check that out.



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And we're not censored media.



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No. Thank you for being here and telling us a little bit about it. And I look forward to hearing more about furries. And out there again, you can check that out at Texasfers.org. Right. Yes. Thanks, Ozzy. Okay, some new music by an artists we played with beginning of the show, Mike record. This is from his album, stirred not shaken. It's called *Lucky* and you're listening to it on after hours queer radio with additude right here on good ol KPFT Houston. 90.1 FM 89.5 in Galveston and we are in our winter membership drive at 713-526-5738 Give us a call



Chris 1:03:06

I have returned Yeah. And that was Mike Ricard. Jimmy What song did you play? I'm gonna guess he played *Lucky*. Sounds good to me. Because that was number one on there. It's time Yeah, it's early enough I can do it. You're listening to after hours queer radio with attitude on listener sponsored commercial free *Pacifica* radio for the Gulf Coast. KPFT 90.1 FM 89.5 Galveston and always on the World Wide Web at KPFT dot O R. G is time now for letters we have letters and as we promised last week. It's time now for the mini novella that is



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it's actually not bad this time.



Chris 1:03:55

And RJ just so you know. He's sucking on something cherry for you. Working that golden voice today is



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Yeah, I got Terry something on my tongue.



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Smells like cherries. Now. I put the cherry sentiment this morning. Thank



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you for playing I guess the only thing in your car that smells like cherry after the sneak specially it's only boyfriend's lip gloss his ex boyfriend boyfriend wet Oh, oh



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let's announce it all on the record we



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dish dirt can we dish dirt for a second because Travis has got some interesting stuff going on in his world. Talk to RJ for me now let's



Chris 1:04:35

wait let's get to all the other stable leave and stop listening to the show because he though then we're gonna think about recruiting. Hi, David.



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Recruiting.



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I don't know. There was a point at which I'd been with more straight guys had gay guys. That was weird. Like because all the guys had fool around with like a couple days later a couple months later would freak out and Sam straight and I'm like, you weren't a while ago but okay. So



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maybe you should attend a couple of master classes to prevent that from happening in the future.



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I don't know. You know, actually 70% of men were born gay, the other 30% were sucked into it.



Chris 1:05:12

And now we go to RJ Slater. Hi,



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RJ.



Chris 1:05:15

Hi are pictures



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of Stacy and Amelia. Do you? Yes. Hot



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third downloadable. No, they're not. You



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can upload something onto them though, anyway.



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And you'd have to get the address first.



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That's the tux. And



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I'm still mean or



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WWE.



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Not going to your website. Scott.



Chris 1:05:39

Excuse me. Excuse me. We've got a lot of stuff. And I want to make sure we get our Jays letter in. Where's the other letters? Did anybody else read them? Or do I need to do them one over there somewhere?



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Anyway, it says,



Chris 1:05:51

I've got the important one. But there you go. We just got it. Anyway,



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hey there, babes what's going on? And a whole lot swing in my way. Just sitting here thinking of you. Hope this finds in the best of spirits and health. It's Sunday afternoon Superbowl Sunday, and I'm waiting for the game to start so I can cheer on New England. What a loss. What a loss. It'll be if they if they lose the spread is seven and a half. I have no idea what that means. But I like seven and a half so



Chris 1:06:23

and spread



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that too. It's a betting thing I'll explain to you later.



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Right. I figured I believe they'll clear that easy, didn't they? Well boasts two hands, okay. I don't care. It's football. All I care about is tight ends wide receivers and you know that hiking the ball thing?

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Chris 1:06:41

Yeah, you're stealing. You're stealing. I'm stealing big Royce playbook.

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That's okay. So he needs to get some use. I listened to the whole show last night. Y'all kept Bible thumping and kept me short. But I don't mind. I still got to hear you for a few minutes. Which is better than none at all. It always puts me in a good mood when I hear Yeah, I find new strength. I find a new strength. I was all lubed up last night. And Gigi did a good section on masturbation. Was she doing that up in there for real or what? Well, you'll have to come down and find out what that's all about. What a crazy scene you said it. Can't wait to visit. Show me a few days show you a few of my techniques. You'll learn some interesting stuff in here. And what's the I'm ready for the library session. I may have to reserve a room at a hotel so I won't have to drive back to drive back home after the show. Cops are on the prowl at 4am you know any places nearby I may need to get my Stacy fix first. Hope you don't mind. I don't mind. So he goes on and on about the Mustang. I hope you get the Mustang but I really want the Mini Cooper. So and yes, I'll give you a ride on it. And he's one. Well yeah, he was asking for that kind of ride later on down the road to says Okay, I'm back. I just got in from playing softball. That's nice. In his nice way to burn off some steam. What's it gonna take to get a picture? I need a visual. My mind's eye has you in perfect form. And that's why we're keeping that but the reality will be much better come on, hook me up. On and on. He's talks about having to lay a track for a to PAC. Man, those dogs ate me up. So what he trains the dogs to the guide dogs, not Guide Dogs for the search and eat dogs, the ones that like go looking for people. So what they do is they like send him out and apparently a two pack means he has 12 dogs chasing him to hunt him down. I don't know. I got bet on my legs, arms right hand and the bites on the back of my right calf are bad. I was bleeding and now it's a big bruise and it hurts.

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Chris 1:09:12

RJ you're just getting prepared for when you finally get to meet Stacey. Because that's gonna be a walk in the park. Compared to what marks and bruises he's going to leave on you.

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Not true. I don't leave that many marks are your piercings. Well, I have to be discreet. You realize half the guys asleep but they're straightened if they can't come home with mushroom prints on their forehead. Their wives wouldn't like it too much. You think a guy getting bitten by 12 dogs would suffer from some kind of muscular soreness but I really never do. This is the worst he's been attacked yet. He says he thought for a while and then he got mad and started kicking them and they kept biting the same spot and it started to hurt And yes, I was really thinking about you on the camping trip. Although it was in the middle of the city and we were camping in a backyard, but it was a big backyard. So yes, you occupy space in my mind. And no, I don't think of you are just some MBB that sends a kite my way every week, although I really enjoy these letters. I can't wait to get out to meet you face to face either. And he says, Where is it? The after our show is important to me. I love to hear. I love to hear y'all laugh. It

opens my senses to the real reason of the show. I'm grateful for you and the rest of the gang and I do wish I could come up there and hang out and hopefully someday you'll open your doors to me. Maybe if I'm lucky. I can get you to open your fire. Me too.

 Chris 1:10:48

Yeah, if you're RJ you'll have him at Hello. Sorry, you'll have him at huh?

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Yeah, that's as far as I'll get.

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It'll just fade into Ho.

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Well, Mr. X is X. Was this keep that door shut? Who was watching the library session or I can I could get it videotaped. I like to see myself worked and getting worked on. Are you down for a few tapings? Could we get Chris to video it? I think he would. He'd probably pay to tape it. Haha.

 Chris 1:11:31

Bye by the way, stay so just wait till the DVD comes out and do the D pixelation. There's

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no DVD. I'm very careful. I only I only do things in my apartment. So I know where the cameras are. Know your movie. Oh, the tarnation yeah, that's, you've seen it live? Why would you have to see it on DVD? And there's no action in the movie. Come on. Especially with a hot muscular man. And a prison uniform. Please bring it with you when you get out. By the way, I think I heard Chris on the radio Friday night. So I think we're you know, you weren't here for esoteric NO.

 Chris 1:12:11

Jimmy. Well, I mean, if you got Jimmy and me confused boy. That was Roy. I wasn't here last.

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He says stay true. Chris. Don't be a traitor. But see, we like that we like esoteric. Those are it's a Jimmy and Jimmy. So that's to tell you about that. Or I think more you on the radio that Friday night. He said it was late. It was late on a Friday night. So

c Chris 1:12:39

I wasn't here last last Friday.

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I mean, maybe not. But you've been on it before. Yeah, I've

c Chris 1:12:45

done esoteric one. Back though. Was this last December that both gyms couldn't do it? Yeah. Or no zero before I did. Did esoteric and

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when you know we liked them. Yeah, we came back and we like esoteric. Jimmy and Jimmy. I used to live above Jimmy and Jimmy. When When I ordered Jimmy moved into my old apartment downstairs where he lives now. I moved upstairs and so I lived above Jimmy and Jimmy and drove them crazy with my Nirvana CD. Playing on repeat over and over and over. Nirvana. Honey, I'm 100 years older than you they were still new doing letters.

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Just talking about the artwork. We

c Chris 1:13:27

haven't gotten to we haven't got there yet. We're doing RJ then we're doing Victor so he may make sure he gets his stuff in there. We're gonna get the rest of the MBB letters so i i definitely because we've we've talked about Victor's letter we definitely are going to hit him. I'm sorry. Hit his letter.

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Every so unhealthy. I'd like to do on hail. Excellent. What's

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our single winner that



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maybe it says he's thinking about starting a business someday something to do with cars. sort of leaning towards an off aftermarket racing shop with audio video installation alarms, Windows tinting, maybe your rims, I can help you there. And racing parts. Maybe but I also thought about a Starbucks. They don't franchise. Just think of after hours coffee on me every week. Yeah. Something on you every week. There'll be some I don't know about coffee, but so he has some other ideas that he's keeping to himself. And he's inviting me to a tubing trip down the Guadalupe and a fire in the pit tube down the river. I don't know if I'd want to be on the river but that's some nasty water. And then there's a bunch of stuff about a ranch sounds good to me. Oh, you know it seems like the guys that after hours don't like me writing long letters. Is that true? Tell them not to hate me. Chris, I can't help it. It's just what comes out so far. I'm on page six or close to seven. But I'm not sure when it'll end. You know, I know you'd like them. So oh, well, I guess I'm stuck writing them anything that keeps you happy. We're just



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jealous of Stacey. That's all. Well,



Chris 1:15:15

no, it's not just that, you know, trying to get all this stuff in. And so, because of my orientation and positioning and all that, you know, I'm not used to stuffing it all in there. I'm just used to having to accept that. All this being pushed



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through. lube it better honey.



Chris 1:15:29

Well, that's why you got the cough drop in your mouth. Exactly.



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Well, the game's over in New England when but yeah, I knew that. I actually had to find out that day for some reason. Except for the QB, which I'm taking it as quarterback. Oh, he's not good. They said go ahead and can him it was a good ballgame. For



Chris 1:15:49

the for New England.



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I guess a boring game



Chris 1:15:53

I heard We'll bring him over here to the to our game.



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I didn't watch it. I don't care. He's talking about heating up some barbecue and watching some TV. Sounds good. And he made a new belt to work on. I hope it's carving my name in the back of it. And carving in backwards. So when I slap somebody on the boat with it, my name prince who were really good. And there's no you actually you spell my name right? So I'm gonna have to tell you how to spell



Chris 1:16:19

his name or their secret. Remember who he is.



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I remember I remember everybody. I have good recall, honey. I've never gotten anybody confused. I know who they all are. And I'm glad you got a letter from your daddy. And I'm actually really honestly working on yours. I started writing it today in the rain, because there was nothing else to do in my house. And I didn't feel like cleaning the kitchen. So I appreciate your letter and I will let them move on to other letters. Since your novel wasn't so long this week.



Chris 1:16:51

Well, it's not that we like said this is this is an interesting one because you know killing your mics. I'm taking over. This is a letter that came in to our program director he forwarded on to us from a listener from last week His name is Victor. And I'm going to read it to you so that you see what we were talking about. If you listen to the show last week, you know we were discussing love one out. So here goes while listening to your station at around 3am. During the Saturday night, actually Sunday am February 5 Sixth, I was expecting this and BBC News. Much to my surprise, it was an advocacy group pleading in favor of gay rights and against quote normal unquote Christian people, including Dr. Dobson. It made me think whether the quote hate crime quote unquote thing should not apply to gays who preach against the quote, normal unquote society, while promoting the homosexual agenda for political and underscored

economic reasons. It is not a matter of tolerance, who cares about whom is busy, whom is doing and parenting is not great. Whom is doing what in his or her bedroom? Leave us alone with our private life plays? Or call this program about sexuality? Some word morality etc. Which would all all be all right as long as we deal until educated deal with educated and competent people away from this political agenda. God made us as made us male and female to procreate. As nature shows us, whether human or animal, do we have to explain it? If there are deviations and vices, let's call it so and not turn around the problem or the sickness and trying to justify any like I said, not owe any advice, alcohol gambling, drug addiction, womanizing, pet history, etc.



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bad spelling to



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tomato tomahto. He didn't put any at the end. Let's be honest, without being contemptuous in any way. Have you ever considered the listeners involved in those gay bars? As well as any bars? Is that normal behavior? Do you want to impose on innocent children? A pedophilic behavior or a quote unisex couple? Without a proper father and mother in the name of equality? Have you Have any of you lost your mind? Or do you want our nation? Our modern Western society fall in decadence? On the same way as Sodom and Gomorrah? are ancient Greece and Rome. Do you want to lead us into the bottom of propriety in the name of freedom which is actually the slavery of vices. I would rather fight to bring society back to a higher ground itself, wouldn't you? I do not write this letter with hatred. But I want to be honest about your problem. I understand that some people were born that way. And I feel sympathetic, even interested in that genetic predisposition to study and be understood. This is tolerance not to promote a vice or an abnormal behavior which would be against nature in a normal society. Let's hear both aspects of this issue. Let's be honest for a change yours respectfully, Victor. Say the name last name to Victor San tat.



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spell that.



c Chris 1:20:43

I'm sorry. Saw tat. You weren't a cleaner. You always signed on the back there. Saw tat with a you. So, Victor?



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Well, first of all,



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first of all, I actually saw we on Yeah,



Chris 1:20:59

I put your mics back on



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the microphone to relieve some steam. I



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didn't realize I was gonna be diplomatic.



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Hold on. A second. I actually heard something from somebody this man might actually respect because I was watching the eyes of Tammy Faye earlier today. Oh, and I love what Tammy has to say about it. She said that we're all made out of the same old dirt and God doesn't make junk right. Now,



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the other thing I want to say is he is taking the stance that we are second class citizens. And I beg to differ because I there I see no difference between he and I in that respect. He's right, it doesn't matter who we sleep with. And but we are a part of nature. There is homosexual homosexuality in the animal kingdom. Almost every species of animals has



Chris 1:21:55

been in the National Zoo. There's there's lesbian penguins. He



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probably thinks that humans are above the rest of the animal.



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No, yeah, well, I have born the way we are. And what we do on this show is not to put down the straight community and I doubt that you have ever heard a split down the street community.

As such, what we're doing is showing that our lives have meaning and purpose and we are equal to the straight community. Now let somebody else talk. Okay,



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first of all, to be honest, I am an atheist. While I respect, you know, everyone's religious dogma, it means nothing to me and preaching it to me is not going to do anything about my views on my homosexuality. Also, I heard a politician once say that, you know, gay marriage defies he used the phrase, barnyard logic. Because you when you're breeding cows, or chickens or anything like that, you need a man and a woman or a male and a female, you know, okay, I think humans are for a large part defy barnyard logic. You know, we're a little bit higher on the totem pole than all other animals. You know, of course, we have self reflection, we have more emotion.



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We have opposable thumbs. Exactly. Well, that's like the major defining differences I



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see not applicable in Tennessee. So I mean, you know, that's just



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genetic defect of inbreeding.



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I definitely feel like I was born this way. And I'm glad he said that, you know, he acknowledges that gay people are born this way. But you know, I don't think it's a perversion. I don't know any gay people who are pedophilia, who are you know, pedophiles? Thank you. Sorry. I mean, I I don't know any straight people who are either for that matter. I mean, it's there are going to be pedophiles in any kind of group.



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You know, but they're gay or straight



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on that on and on that note, turn on the news where you have a man on trial a heterosexual man on trial for raping a 47 day old baby and a husband and wife heterosexual couple for in jail right now for beating and molesting their six month old to the point of like skull fractures.

Bones fractured from collarbone down. That is a heterosexual couple.

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Let's talk let's talk about the I 139 device. We'll talk about the 39 year old teacher who sexually assaulted her 17 year old special needs student took him home and she even offered to do his brother the brother declined



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okay, but these are like

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these are these are aberrations. But the fact is this. Unfortunately, we get defined by the aberrations you know arcs is our community is defined by very simply, for the most part the Roman Catholic priests right now. For that occasional Scoutmaster. that you hear about. We hear more and more of the clones of Mary Kay attorno. Week in and week out than we do that we hear about others, then, you know, Jeffrey Dahmer, if Michael Jackson wasn't famous, we wouldn't be hearing all this stuff about potential pedophilia. It would be on one day and gone. But because of the star quality, it's making a lot of noise right now. And the Catholic free story is making a lot of noise. But tune in your news. week in week out, you will see a story of some teacher who decided she wanted to screw around with a 1314 15 year old student



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and even the Michael Jackson case. I mean, Michael Jackson is pretty decidedly homosexual or heterosexual. He was married, he has children. The magazines that they're using as evidence were straightforward. They were straight porn. Exactly. I mean, what's a gay man doing looking at straight porn anyway? Let me



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actually I thought it was an Asian woman.

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The fact here of what of what here's, first of all, we're not an advocacy group. We're a group of people who just show up at the station. And we say are we



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give her opinion, is he listening, I really hope he's listening. Because I'll state this and Jimmy

and I were talking about this outside. I'm about to turn turn 32. I started calling into this station when I was 14. And this station is all about the disenfranchised, and you don't get more disenfranchised than a 14 year old kid. Growing up in a Redneck suburb, like trying to make sense of an orientation and a lifestyle and have a positive effect is something needed to have a positive effect. This show saved my life. I didn't end up hanging from my closet or laying in a bathtub with my wrist slit wide open, because I had somewhere to have an outlet that said, You know what? It's going to be okay. When you can come into this world, there's a place that will accept you and you don't have to go through this hardship anymore. And then all your hardship and all your struggle doesn't make you unworthy, you know, and it was like, there was compassion and there was love, and no one tried to pick me up. No one tried to make any moves on me. Everybody had words of encouragement, and love and support and there was no devious sexual behavior. There were no overtones, you know, and I refuse to listen to someone call my love for someone else. Or my sexual desires advice. My cigarette smoking is a vice, my caffeine and take his advice. You know, desires of my heart or my body are exactly that. You know, that's not advice.



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I mean, you know, you think you look at uh, you know, older straight men flirting with younger girls happens all the time you ever waitresses, waitress get hit on all the time. My sister was one and she come home every night telling me about you know, of this 60 year old guy hitting on me and blah, blah, blah. But you know, it's youth it's what older people look at and last after whether they're straight women or straight men or gay men or gay women, it's



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just a fad. There's a certain model that people are attracted to Exactly Okay. And you know, some people will will generate towards other people some people are older some for younger some people what certain color hair someone was certainly in a body hair. There's some of us like them all. There's different flavors here. The fact is this basket but let me let me put this one part in here of fart racism there gays, you preach against the normal society while promoting this homosexual agenda for political and economic reasons. What are the econd? Victor, let me put it this way. The gay marriage debate that started in San Francisco that started panning out certificate was a straight mayor. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is a predominantly has a predominantly heterosexual legislature. They were pushing for gay marriage, because the Supreme Court of straight people said they need those rights. The mayor of was at West Islip, New York, who was a candidate for the Green Party. He is straight. The fact is, we didn't have any. I mean, the only homosexual those running in a presidential campaign was on Showtime. The fact is, it was Bush, who started putting gay marriage into this fold. brought it into the political spectrum.



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Who made it sound like we're fighting the straight community? I mean, I'm not I'm not. We're not sitting here like attacking straight people.

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Chris 1:29:55

What our conversation was based off of last week For Mr. Saw, it was very simple. That next weekend, February 19, Focus on the Family, an organization that is run by Dr. Dobson is bringing an event here to Houston. And it's going to try and change people from being gay. So you're going to get some people who, you know, are going through questions. And I'll be honest with you, I have spent the past month really questioning it, I have, I've written it down to people, I've sent emails, it's in my Live Journal, or you know, I'm going to this event, I'm not sure if I'm going as an attendee or a reporter. I'm completely honest about that. Because of some things that have happened with that I've gone through here recently. What you're going to be getting here is people who are confused. Who may, you know, may not be really checking into what's going on, and not sure. And you're gonna get some parents who think they're well meaning who basically want to be able to hold a grandchild. And they think the only way that you can do that is if they get their child to see the light to go straight. And repress those urges. Those are one of the contributing, that's one of the contributing factors, if you want to say homosexuality, is a cause for the disintegration of marriage, that's when you're taking a gay man or a lesbian, and forcing them to go into the society and say, I have to sleep with someone of the opposite sex, and I've got to make babies, but I'm not happy. Very simply, you know, you turn into a mechanical process,

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I'm going to be something I'm not, and I'm going to make it work at the sacrifice of other people. It's, you know, we can't also denied that there are some people who are going to be confused and questioning and go into this conference, who are going to buy into it completely, and may actually live out the rest of their lives as happy heterosexual individuals, it's, it's totally possible. It's, you know, it's not

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delude themselves to think they're happy homosexual, and bisexual, or I

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think are basically bisexual. And they end up with lots of they're there with lots of guilt and lots of shame. And what this type of organization does is make them repress their same sex side, well, you

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know what, maybe they were just experimenting with something that's really not for them, and they got freaked out. And this provides them a nice, safe, comfortable place to admit it and go back to the life that they were truly born for.

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I think also, there are probably going to be people there who really are straight, but think they're gay. I mean, I've heard of people who never fit in with straight people never were good with girls never were good at sports, that sort of thing. And they found acceptance among gay people. So they figured, well, if shrink, won't accept me and gay people, well, then that must mean I'm gay. I mean, those are not people who are homosexuals, the only thing that define the thing that defines you as a homosexual, is an emotional and physical attraction to someone of the same gender as you.



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But the whole concept of, of changing your sexual orientation, from gay to straight. If you believe that, then you've got to believe that it's equally possible to change a straight person to get gay.



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Sure, now and honey, we could sit down at summer's records all day long, I'll



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buy into both know



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what, you know, deep in your heart, there's no way that you can be gay, you know, where your desires are, are, and it's not with same sex? Well, I



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think the the underlying psychological issues be beneath the change why people would want to do it or whether or not it really actually works. I mean, it's, it's the outward effect. That is really the, the whole point of this conference, we can sit here and guess on what their real desires are or what their psychological or emotional motivations are. That's, I think, really, that's just sort of playing into the underside of the argument that really kind of heats up the discussion more and keeps people from listening to one another. I don't need to guess why. You know, Joe Schmo is going to the conference that maybe he's bisexual and he just needs to find a way to repress it, who cares why he's going, he's trying to do something to either have him fit into his community or to try and improve his life. If it works for him. Great if it doesn't, one of the reasons you know why I would like to go and attend this is for the people who really may actually be gay is to be able will do provide an alternative voice and say, You know what it is possible to love yourself and be loved by the community around you, and not have to buy into this you can be happy with who you were born to be and not have to force yourself into a, you know, completely different mold, which I think



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is a huge reason why people would choose the idea of, of changing their their orientation. Because there is so much discrimination, there is so much of a wall put up to surround you and say, like, there's just so much negative backlash from an intolerant heterosexual world, you know, towards the gay community. So, if you're not actively involved, or you don't have an outlet, or you don't have positive influences in your life, and you are seeking all of your influence in bars, or in bath houses, or in wherever you're finding that are not the most savory places, and they're not upstanding in, you know, the most morally upstanding people in the world, whatever you're going to find, you know, if you're going to find a certain disenfranchisement and, and that that internal emptiness. And if you're seeking this out to fill that void, you're going the wrong way. Well, one



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thing that I've known who actually have been through the ex gay process, I used to work with one who, you know, was he doesn't? Desi? No, no, this was my current job. He was a happy home for a while, and his mother kept sending him all these information packets on, you know, treating and curing homosexuality. And I don't know whether it was just from, you know, pressure from his mother or whether he I you know, because I mean, eventually, if you hear something long enough, you'll start to believe it. It's just, you know, it's a fact of being a human being another person that I know, I found out sort of down the road after I'd broken up with his ex of mine that he went in and out of an ex gay program. And both of them were brought up in very fundamentalist homes and communities and I think maybe somewhere deep down had a deep vested belief that they really weren't supposed to be this way. And it was just a matter of reconciling where they came from, with who they were. I'm not sure where either of them is now on the issue. I think the one of them has, I think the ex of mine has been seen out and about and enjoying life as a happy hobo. I don't really know about the other guy, but you know, if it's something they're trying to do to really balance their life out more power to him.



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Let's guess a year and a half ago, like if you'd asked me, Do you want to turn straight I would have said Yeah, because like I don't even know what