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Lucy Chappelle



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Steve shifflett passed away. Last week I think it was last week, wasn't it? And he was a real mover and shaker around here and much honored man the day he left Kathy Whitmire. made that day. How do they do that? The Steve shifflett day. That's how important this guy was. And I want to take a minute and say thanks, Steve, for the things you did, and thanks for the care you showed to Houston. And let Maryann read this piece.



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This is in memory of Steve shifflett. Steve shifflett, an influential leader in the National Gay political movement died April 17. At his home in San Francisco. He was 39 shifflett, who had been suffering from AIDS was a Texas native who relocated to San Francisco eight years ago to pursue his career as a sales representative for commercial office furnishings with the record for the company and other companies. While his profession was sales, his passion was politics. shifflett was the fourth president of the gay Political Caucus in Houston. Now the H G LPC, which rose to be an influential force and Texas elections under his leadership from 1978 to 1980. Steve was a driving force and a first class leader said Eleanor Tinsley, a Houston city council member since 1979, who won her first election with the help of GPC under shiftless direction. Steve's legacy is activism and being positive. Tinsley told the San Francisco Chronicle When shifflett left Texas for San Francisco, former Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmire declared a Steve shifflett Day on December 4 1983, and political leaders from across the city honored him at a goodbye party. Whitmire Whitmire, who left office at the end of 1991 said Steve was a leader in Houston. At a time when the gay community had more had made enormous progress. He was at the forefront of mobilizing the community as an important political force, and 1975 graduate of Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge with a degree in marketing shifflett was also a talented musician who played the piano and oboe. After leaving the GPC presidency in 1980 shifflett continued his community services in Houston as a board member of the Texas Human Rights Foundation, and as President of the citizens for human equality, which include which included AIDS education work in San Francisco sheetlets volunteer work is credited with helping to open continuum HIV day services, one of the first daycare facilities in the nation for people with HIV. shifflett said he volunteered for continuum because he saw the need for such

support services after he experienced the long illness and death from AIDS of a college friend from Louisiana. He is survived by his parents Wendell and Janice shifflett of Baton Rouge, three sisters Susan Ducote of Baton Rouge and Sandra Wilson, and Stacy Sneed of Jackson, Mississippi. shifflett was cremated by the cummiskey Roush funeral home and San Francisco. memorial services were held in San Francisco and Baton Rouge and Houston memorial services are planned for 2pm on Sunday, May 3 at the home of longtime friend Billy 615 West Main Street, all who wish to pay their respects are invited to attend. Donate, donations may be made and Steve chiplets memory to any local aids charity.



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Thank you Marianne we have some music by Joan Baez called Brothers in Arms oops, not yet. Oops. Oops, not yet. Yeah. Whatever it is



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Jodie, Jodie Foster. Jodi, this is Nancy. You know who this is Nancy for? Don't pretend you don't know who I am. And if you're listening, you know you're listening to after hours a continuing tradition here on KPFT Houston 90.1.



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It's Sunday morning, or is it Saturday night at three. You're wondering what that is creeping up on you right now.



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Why it's Eric, you're tuned to the carbon dating game, where I give you a meso tunes from Precambrian to Neo Weibo right here on KPFT Houston.



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and listeners should be aware that the following program contains language and audio images which may be found disturbing and may not be suitable for your snotty nose little brat who probably cusses like a sailor behind your back anyway, Parental discretion is advised.



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Oh, hey, this is Jewel Gray, and you're back with after hours. And the continuing tradition as you heard Nancy just just did she do the collars? Yes. She did the whole words to her works, didn't she? Well, nine, you got a really funny grin on your face. What's going on there? Yeah. Did I miss something? You and Marianne right. Did not say were you and Mary and huddled up

over there. Things changed over here. Well, I see things happening in this corner. And I tried to make it. Boy girl boy girl, so I didn't have anybody leave, either. So I didn't have anybody leaving here without being my escort this evening. Or you guys. But



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I shaved for the first time. Exciting.



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Very new got some information about the next upcoming workshop, don't you? Yeah, the mastery workshop. I you know, we were talking earlier. And I was saying that was sitting there this afternoon at the, at the names panel, the quilt there, people came up and asked me about the mastery being graduate. And it was just real hard for me to explain. And I've heard you explain it. So I'd like you to explain what the mastery workshop is. And in terms where people, the lay people out there will be able to understand instead of the way I've heard the way I heard it was done in a very psychologist lingo in the medical terms, but in the clinical terms or phrases, catch phrases, right, but it is a real experience. And I really enjoyed along with some new friends that I have and that I will have for a long, long time. Thanks to the mastery. So what is mastery?



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What is the workshop? I can I can try. Okay, your



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voice it sounds good on the radio.



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Okay, the way I look at it is it's definitely an empowering experience. It allows people to go through the process, let go of a lot of old patterns that you've built up in your life and take power over your life again. It deals very much with the emotional aspects of the disease and the epidemic that we're dealing with right now. Which is is vitally important in terms of people you know, living a productive positive life. It's a weekend long program three days starts Friday evenings at six and ends Sunday evening.



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What goes on? But you know what, I found that probably the most fascinating part part of the master workshop was the back row, which you were you were part of. And in my when I went through, I just I just found that totally just the neatest thing going to talk a little bit about the background, how it, you know, supports the workshop,



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okay? Well, first of all, the workshop is a safe space, it's set up so that if you choose to be anonymous about it you can be it's it's set up to be a safe space, so that you feel free to talk about whatever your issues are in your life at the time. And one of the other very important things about the mastery, at least that I have found important in my life, this is something I feel very passionately about is that it's a continuing experience. It's not one weekend, it allows you to maintain that kind of safe relationship with people for as long as you choose to take advantage of it. And that's what essentially the back row is is people who care about what's going on and they remain involved in it for that reason.



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Well, I know I know, I feel that way about the people that I met in the in the mastery. And we knew each other before that, yeah, Diane and I were in the master together. And my favorite part was the part where we wandered around the room with her and connecting with people connecting with people. I really I really, really liked that that was really experience for me. But we're having one coming up



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and may 15. So it's a week from two weeks from this weekend. Is there still room for people? Yes, there certainly is. There's always room for people. And



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so let's run down the criteria.



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Okay. The mastery is set up for anybody with AIDS in their body or in their life meaning family members, friends healthcare workers, I personally think it would be wonderful to see more healthcare professionals go through the mastery just so they can see the emotional side of it, rather than strictly clinical. A lot of times what I've seen just in care of my friends, it's very disheartening. So I think it's, it would be a very important and positive thing to happen to see more healthcare professionals being become involved in the mastery.



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Yeah, I'd like to see that too. And I talked to a few today from a couple of places, you know, as we were sitting there, we were elbow to elbow with Casa and PWA coalition and a couple of places like that. Thomas, all debt clinic was right close to us, and a couple of the other places were there. And we talked about that. And the couple of people from Casa were healthcare

professionals, who knew very little about the mastery and I, I gave them the information and and did my best sales pitch, you know, if they go they go if they don't, you know, they know, but I tried, you know, I knew that that was important. And I explained to them that I thought it was important that they see something other than their objective bedside manner. side of this, you know, it's easy to be detached when you don't see the emotional side of this. And I think too often are some of the health care workers out there too detached. Others, others are attached to the point of being almost dangerous to their own health. I know. That right, exactly. There are those who are so deep detached, that in the services that the PWA gets is lack, lack some enthusiasm, I think, some supportive enthusiasm. So that's a that's why the master was really valuable to me, because one of the things that I got out of it that I cherish is the support that I can call of connected with friends that I didn't have before. And I know that if if I had some problems or needed to talk to somebody or just needed a hug that I have a list of people that I could call and say, you know, I need some support, and they would be there for me. Everybody except Diane, who never his home. Was never never home. I can get support from Diane, on on odd weekends. When I read her name, I see. Yeah, every time. So yeah, every time you hear that out there every time I'll have Dion's reputation tomorrow. So they're coming up, this one's coming out. And then there'll be another one in July,



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right? In two months. It's every other month program.



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Now this is facility in Houston, facilitated by some special people. Oh, yeah.



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Wonderful people. Stephen Bradley. And Ed Kubler are the other Houston residential facilitators for the mastery.



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Yeah, it was. We had a we had Scott, what Scott was Scott



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eyes. scot free look.



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Yeah, we got out of town or Florida through and got real special treatment that that weekend.



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They're exceptional people they do it on, on weekends off, okay, they do this because they love it because they care about it, aren't they both therapists



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are at his standard edits. Okay. So there's someone there and then as lose, handling, yes. who's capable of handling almost anything that comes up plus they have the their input into the design of the situation, so that there's competent people there to handle whatever comes up. Because it is an emotional experience. And, and sometimes we're not, we're not quite ready to let go of those emotions. And when they do come out, they're kind of scary. So there is a support there. And there are people there to support you while you're doing it. The whole there was someone there who took schedules. I remember Lynn Barkley took the schedules and, and made sure medicine was given out we lost Lynn not very long after that. Pardon me,



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that was not a stretch, right?



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Wait, yeah. We were fun to land at that mastery. And, um, I was real sad, and when she when she passed away,



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but there was a lot of fun there too. There was a lot of bonding and, and there are people that I don't see on a regular basis that were part of the back row that when I do see them, you know, there's an instantaneous common ground, there's instantaneous recognition. They may not remember my name, but they remember me at the, at the mastery, and I remember them. And it was, it was really nice to be able to look up and see people that you know, and are comfortable with. So you don't have a contact number.



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Well, actually I do have a contact number but we're in the pathway to a stage of transition And right now we're changing registrar's. I have the old registrar's phone number. His name is Jim Griffith. A lot of people might know him. He's very active and firm in the Interfaith Council and his number is 4646971. And he can at least give you John McGinley, his number. John, I'm really sorry,



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John, we're sorry. We put our our little purses up here looking for phone numbers versus Yeah. My big black one here, this thing person. Yeah,

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once again, the number is 4646971. And that's Jim Griffith, you can leave a message with him.

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And if you're looking for a life altering experience, this This can definitely be it. Definitely, it's

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very opening. And that word empowering comes up again, but it is.

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And there isn't any age limit is there, there's a children's mastery to for young children,

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right, there is a children's mastery and you can get information from from the numbers

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there. Or if you don't have a pencil on paper right now, you can get these, this information that most of the most of the local guides and newspapers in the Montrose area carry the information of the next mastery. At some point, they'll have it in the paper, you can follow that information.

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flyers out flyers out at the counseling center. clinics around town.

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Charlie's probably got a couple of Charlie's gets his little bit everything. Okay. You know, there was something we were talking about a while ago that seemed like everybody was interested in. And we'll talk about that as soon as we come from this way out at 115. And I want to talk just a second about it. Before we go off to this way out is the gay Republicans I saw article, everybody's face this goes wow, I saw an article in the in the voice about the gay Republicans.

It happens. That's right. It could happen. It could happen. Yeah. About a man who said that he was you know, happy and gay and rebuffed. him I thought what is what is wrong with this picture?



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There's a prominent Houston businesswoman that's very active in the Republican party who's also openly gay and out to the Republican Party. So there's a lot of gay Republicans out there never getting anywhere



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or getting. Well, you know, the thing that I find fascinating is that when you talk to these people, they say, Well, we're trying to change the system from within our software are they're trying to change the system with it. And I think the truth is that they're they're lining their own pockets with the the politics that support them, keeping what they can. I don't I don't advocate taking people's hard earned bucks away from them for taxes and stuff, but I'm really tired of paying my my fair share while Joe guy the Republican doesn't have to he's got all the loopholes, he can afford a lawyer. Anyway, when we come back, we'll talk about gay Republicans. We'll talk a little bit about Kate Clinton, then we'll talk about some violence on our street. And I'll talk a little bit about my friends Becky and the gang Juliet's and dedicating this show to the men and women at Baron Care Center. And Ricky, I love you Janie. And girlfriend get, you know, make up your mind. And we'll talk about salmon berries, which was k.d. lang's movie that will be playing at the Museum of Fine Arts tomorrow at seven o'clock. And right now we're going to go to this way out.



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Come on down to the main membership drive and select your phone. Will it be line one, line two, line three, or line number four, give us your best time and we'll show you what's behind the phone. Call me at 526 4000 to sign up now and come on down to Kpf T's may membership drive.



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Do you want them teaching in the schools? Do you want them to scout leaders? If you don't want them to work in the restaurants? Does the society have a choice? Does the employer have a choice and I've read a lot of articles that this is a choice of lifestyle.



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Even half of the Republicans who indicated to me during my vocab that they were inclined to vote for this bill had actually done so it would have passed people



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I think you have to work on two tracks. If you're on the liberal side try to make the Democratic Party better. But it is self defeating to punish the Democratic Party for not yet being good enough when the alternative is a much much worse Republic. Good party



L Lucy Chappelle 20:15

Welcome to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. I'm Lucia Chapelle.



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And I'm Greg Gordon, gay Chinese couple of finds refuge down under



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Iowa Legislature issues civil rights IOU and Barney frankly discusses congressional closets and reasonable rhetoric,



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all that and more because you've discovered this way out.



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I'm Cindy Friedman,



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news wrap a summary of some of the news in or affecting the lesbian and gay community for the week ending April 18 1992. Australia has granted refugee status to a gay couple from the People's Republic of China, ruling that they had reason to fear persecution if they returned to their homeland. The couple had filed the request in 1988 when they came to Australia on student visas only to be outed to authorities by an Australian resident. Immigration authorities interviewed them in 1989, but would not make a determination because, according to their attorney, the case was too hot to handle. Now after another round of interviews, refuge has been granted in what Keith house of Australia's gay and lesbian immigration task force called a triumph of common sense and justice, and really a great love story because they've gone through fire together.



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The gay and lesbian organization total relations has become the first to win official recognition in Romania. viewed as one of the most homophobic countries in Europe, Romania currently outlaws both gay and lesbian sex. The 50 member group began organizing only about six months ago, but offers telephone counseling and aids information.



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There's also a new gay organization in the Mexican state of Sinaloa, Grupo gay kuliah con Grupo offers aids information and has made itself heard both in the media and in the States Commission on Human Rights.



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As we reported last week, the Human Rights Campaign fund received a positive response on the question of domestic partner rights from us Democratic presidential hopeful Jerry Brown in its survey of candidate positions on gay and lesbian issues. The brown campaign now claims the unauthorized response was made by an overzealous volunteer and issued a formal press release to clarify the situation. Quote, although Governor Brown supports the intent of the Domestic Partnership Act, including the rights of some same sex couples to health and other benefits, he feels that this legislation should be pursued at the local level. He does not support federal legislation recognizing gay and lesbian marriages and quote, incidentally, there is no Federal Domestic Partnership Act.



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The US Supreme Court has overturned the conviction of a Nebraska man who bought a magazine with explicit photos of boys on grounds of entrapment, and a sting operation. Postal Inspectors repeatedly solicited Keith Jacobson by mail over a two year period to order child pornography, and then arrested him and won a 1987 conviction for his possessing it. One solicitation actually presented the purchase as a fundraiser for a phony organization promoting sexual freedom and freedom of choice. The decision came by a narrow five to four vote, with Byron White's majority opinion joined by Harry Blackmun, John Stevens, and the newest Supreme Court appointees, David Souter and Clarence Thomas, Attorney Evan Wolfson of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund remarked, quote, the ruling doesn't mean a great deal for the chances of liberal pro gay judgments in the future, but at least it shows there is a bottom to their pit. Surprisingly, the Court refused to rubber stamp at extraordinary invasion into a man's life and quote,



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another question of entrapment was decided differently by a federal appeals court in the case of three white supremacists convicted of conspiring to bomb a gay nightspot in Seattle, Washington. to three men were part of a spin off of Aryan nation called the order and were

Washington, to three men who were part of a spin off of Aryan Nation called the Order and were arrested in 1990 After buying the parts for the bomb, but before assembling it. The defense claimed that the role played in the plot by an informant paid by the FBI constituted outrageous government conduct The Court unanimously disagreed.



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In California an openly lesbian officer has filed a lawsuit for harassment and discrimination against the Sacramento Police Department. Six year veteran Sean Henson called the filing on her behalf by the Employment Law Center of the Legal Aid Society of San Francisco. A very sad day for me. The filing is one of only a handful of sexual orientation discrimination cases brought against police agencies in the US.



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For moms bill to protect gays and lesbians from discrimination has passed the state Senate by a vote of 20 to nine. The measure which would prohibit discrimination in employment, banking, insurance, housing and public accommodations, will next be considered by the State House of Representatives.



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And finally, there's a victory for women's rights activists you're tired of waiting for equality and in essence being told to keep your shirt on 10 Women in Rochester New York have won an appeal of convictions following their 1989 arrests when they let it all hang out at a picnic. Monroe County Judge Patricia marks ruled that the law used against the so called topless 10 violated their constitutional right to equal protection or lack of it under the law.



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That's news wrap for the week ending April 18 1992. compiled and written by Cindy Friedman.



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Follow the news in your area and informed community is a strong community for this way out. I'm Cindy Friedman



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Don't know how about the Iowa way to treat you when we take you. We may not do all the layers on Iowa. That's special chip on the shoulder attitude we've never been without



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Lucy Chappelle 27:28

when the Iowa State Senate passed the gay and lesbian anti discrimination bill late last month, activists issued a celebratory press release. The traditionally more conservative Iowa Senate had defeated a similar lesbian and gay rights measure in 1989 after it had passed the Iowa State House. The press release called the current bills prospects in the house excellent and said there was every reason to believe that the bill would be sent to the governor for his signature within a few weeks. That optimistic view vanished last week when the Iowa House of Representatives defeated the bill by a 55 to 44 vote. We'll have a reaction from Iowa's gay and lesbian rights lobbyist Michael current following this report on the house action from John Deeth in Iowa City



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shortly before debate began. Democratic House Speaker Bob Arnold of Davenport said the bill was short of the votes it needed to pass. Arnold stepped down from the speaker's chair and gave a rare speech on the floor to support the bill.



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We like to think of our state as a place where people are welcome. Where we recognize diversity in our population. The not everyone is the same, and those that aren't the same get treated with as much compassion as we can possibly treat them.



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This piece of legislation is about



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compassion.



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Bill manager Tom Yocum of Dubuque said on the floor that many of the 11 Democrats who crossed party lines to defeat the bill privately told him that they feared voter backlash. Des Moines Democrat Tony bisate Nono refuted that argument.



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How do you talk to someone on the telephone? Who starts with the premise of the word queers scum, slime animals and then continue the debate. No one's gonna go home that has supported this bill and be given a ticker tape parade. The real test of the ethics and the character and the constitution of people that take a position of public trust is that from time to time. You have to turn your back on the popularity polls and do What you really believe you have to do,



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Republicans charged the passing the bill would be an endorsement of the gay lifestyle. Representative Phil Terrell of North English,



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this bill is telling the state of Iowa, that the activities of homosexual people the act is acceptable behavior. And that the state of Iowa accepts it as acceptable behavior and condones it and puts it on a pedestal and puts it in the Iowa code and says to our kids and our grandkids, this is okay. You just go ahead and do anything you want. Or let isn't okay. And I'm gonna go right on loving the center. And hating the sin



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43 Republicans voted no, only one, Dorothy carpenter of West Des Moines supported the bill,



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the issue before us really is whether we are going to continue to have a significant group of people in our population, who do not have protection from this kind of discrimination, a kind of discrimination that women have experienced in the past, particularly in the area of getting credit, certainly in the area of employment. And we still have suits that come up about that. This group indeed is different. And it was pointed out, it's different because people do not know who they are. This is an invisible group, and many people want them to be an invisible group. Being an invisible group and having to hide your love relationship is a very painful ordeal. These are people who are responsible. They hold jobs. Some of them are wonderful and some of them are bad.

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During the heated two hour debate, most Republicans followed the lead of Robert Lager Sheltie.

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I think society has a right to make the choice to do you want them teaching in the schools? Do you want to discount leaders? If you don't want them to work in the restaurants? Doesn't society have a choice? Does the employer have a choice? We're talking about a choice of lifestyle, and I've read a lot articles that this is a choice of lifestyle. I am going to vote no on this bill. And I would encourage a lot of the rest of you to thank you.

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One fear expressed on the floor was the passage of the bill would mean gay teachers could proposition students

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well, it's illegal the proposition a child again,

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Republican Dorothy Carpenter,

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I never can understand why we're so upset about a homosexual proposition your child than a heterosexual propositioning your child. This bill does not protect a person who's propositioning your child from being fired.

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In Iowa City for this way out. I'm John D. Eight.

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Lucy Chappelle 33:20

You're listening to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine with Greg Gordon. I'm Lucia Chapelle. Idea the Iowa dignity and equality advocates played an aggressive role in the attempt to pass the bill. Legislative Director microcurrent provides his analysis of the setback with this way outs Greg Gordon,

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we went into the process of dealing with a house with a pretty strong expectation that they would pass it it had passed fairly handily and 89. And the fundamentalist Christian community. I just assumed that because of the conservative nature of the Iowa Senate, that we couldn't pass the legislation there. And I think they were taken very much by surprise when we pass the legislation out of the Senate. And they did get very mobilized. There was, you know, kind of an onslaught of phone calls and letters and petitions and folks go into legislators town meetings on the weekends. I think those folks are a small number of Iowans. I think they don't decide legislative elections. And I think that we have strong support across the state. But this is a group of folks this year in the House of Representatives, who seemed to be kind of adrift in a sea of election year pressures and trying very hard not to offend or alienate anybody who they thinks is going to be electorally decisive.

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Are you talking about the key being what we would call moderate Republicans?

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Absolutely.

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The fact is that when this bill passed in the Iowa House in 1989, it passed on a bipartisan vote. More Democrats than Republicans, but certainly with a fair number of Republicans, when it passed this year in the Iowa Senate, it was very similar, a bipartisan vote again, more Democrats than Republicans. But in neither instance, could we have passed the bill with Democratic votes alone? And we certainly didn't expect to do so in the house. We didn't know quite frankly, what the governor was going to do. We expected that he would not look favorably on the bill, though he hasn't really spoken about it. He's he's had his press secretary speak about it. And they've repeatedly spoken about the issue of quotas, to the point that it's become somewhat embarrassing, because our bill very specifically sets forth that quotas, not only are

not authorized, but are specifically forbidden in carrying out sexual orientation, non discrimination policies. They're forbidden in the language of the legislation. So it simply was a non issue, but it was the only issue that the governor's office would ever comment on.



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I wonder how long it's going to take for the media, when people use as issues against something like the quarter thing, which is clearly in no uncertain terms, a non issue why they allow people to perpetual



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you know, that's exactly the statement, I had one of the reporters say to me now, you know, the governor's office is still saying, blah, blah, blah. And, you know, what are you going to do about it? And I just turned right back and I said, Look, what are you going to do about it? What ultimately happened, however, was very strong pressure from the governor's office, that he did not want to have this legislation land on his desk. He saw it as a no win situation, in that he would, by signing it alienate fundamentalists and other aspects of his constituency that were important to him by vetoing it, he would alienate not only the gay and lesbian community but lots of Iowans who care about civil rights. And so his office clearly exerted strong