

- I love that.

- Boots are being polished, trumpeters clean their horns, chains and locks forged-- the crusade has begun. Once again, flags of Christ are unfurled in the dawn, and cries of soul saviors sing apocalyptic on airwaves.

Citizens, good citizens all, parade into voting booths, and in self-righteous sanctity, X away our right to life. I do not believe that some, that the vote is an end. I fear even more, it is just a beginning.

So I must make assessment-- look to you and ask, where will you be when they come? They will not come a mob rolling through the streets, but quickly and quietly moving into our homes to remove the evil, the queerness, the faggotry from their midst. They will not come clothed in brown and swastikas, are bearing chests heavy with gleaming crosses. The time and need for such ruses are over.

They will come in business suits to buy your homes and bring bodies to fill your jobs. They will come in robes to rehabilitate, and white coats to subjugate. And where will you be when they come? Where will we all be when they come? And they will come.

They will come because we are defined as opposite, perverse. And we are perverse. Every time we watch the queer hassled in the streets and said nothing, it was an act of perversion.

Every time we lied about the boyfriend or girlfriend at coffee break, it was an act of perversion. Every time, we heard, I don't mind gays, but why must they be blatant? And said nothing, it was an act of perversion.

Every time we let a lesbian mother lose her child, and did not fill the courtrooms, it was an act of perversion. Every time we let straights make out in our bars, while we couldn't touch because of the laws, it was an act of perversion.

Every time we put on the proper clothes to go to a family wedding, and left our lovers at home, it was an act of perversion. Every time we heard, who I go to bed with is my personal choice, it's personal, not political, and said nothing, it was an act of perversion.

Every time we let straight relatives bury our dead and push our lovers away, it was an act of perversion. And they will come for the perverts. And it won't matter if you're homosexual, not a faggot, lesbian not a dyke, gay not queer. It won't matter if you own your own business, have a good job or an SSI.

It won't matter if you're Black, Chicano, Native American, Asian, or White. It won't matter if you're from New York or Los Angeles, Galveston or Sioux Falls. It won't matter if you're butch or fem, not into roles, monogamous, non-monogamous. It won't matter if you're Catholic, Baptist, atheist, Jewish, or MCC-- they will come.

They will come to the cities and to the land. To your front rooms and in your closets. They will come for the perverts. And where will you be when they come?

- Oh, yes, it's time for the After Hours News and View with Big Roy and Chris. Don't laugh at me. I'm your boss.

- Oh, my goodness.

- Hi, guys, how you doing?

- Oh, we're having a gay old time. As always.

- Yeah, I could hear you from the lobby.
- I want to welcome everyone to this week's addition to After Hours News and Views.
- Yeah, no Randy, and don't forget about Paul.
- Randy and Paul.
- Paul is now able to hear us.
- Oh, hi Paul!
- He was transferred back to a unit that is within the sound of--
- Our voices.
- Yes.
- And to all of our listeners here in the Lone Star State, and in the Montrose area, and way down under.
- And Froy, who has been emailing us a couple times.
- Hey, who's listening to our show last week. And well, Chris, that was-- that email was to you. Why don't you say what--
- Oh, he was enjoying the next generation show we had last week.
- Why are you holding the wires to your headphones up?
- Oh, because of the quality equipment we have here, I can't get the damn thing to hear. And unfortunately, since Roy is next to me, I have to hear him. And I'm trying to hear the music to drown him out.
- Oh, OK, guys. Fight night.
- Oh, it starts early here, folks. It starts early. Anyways, we're going to start off this evening's News and Views with a lead-in from the last segment, from Sarah DePalma's segment. And this bit of news comes to us from Tucson, Arizona over the Associated Press newswire.

The city of Tucson plans to cut off one \$1,500,000 in funding to the United Way, unless the charities nondiscrimination policy is expanded to include transgendered people. The nonprofit agency adopted rules to protect gays in its bylaws and policies, but refused last month to extend the protections to the transgendered.

The council voted unanimously to stop payment on United Way funding for the 2002 fiscal year, which began on July 1st of this year, if the changes aren't made by the council's August 6th meeting. Quote, "One can argue that the United Way will have to find another name for itself, because you can't be united when you're excluding people," said council member, Steve Leal.

Tucson's United Way will get a chance to reconsider its decision at its July 26 meeting, which is coming up in about two weeks.

- What do you mean you can't use the word united like that? I seem to remember a phrase, a uniter not a divider. And some people seem to keep getting left off of that bus.
- I know that's right. We've heard about that.

So what's happening with our constipational amendments here?

- Well, the Constitution, who--

- Yeah, Jimmy's looking at me, that's right. They're our constipational amendments.

- Well, you always knew Roy was very analytical.

- Stop the hate.

- Hey, you know-- this is-- look, this is the season of Bushism. This is the season of Bushism. If it's good enough for the President of the United States-- and we all thought Dan Quayle was fun with words. Oh, boy, were we going to--

- I mean, Jimmy, what were you expecting? Last week on the News and Views, we discussed chocolate dildos.

- Yes, I'm still recovering from that one.

- And we at least we didn't get into walnuts, or pecans, or use a little macadamia nuts with it?

Prompted by concerns over possible legalization of same sex marriage, a nascent movement proposes adding an amendment to the US Constitution explicitly defining marriage. The amendment, proposed by groups such as the Traditional Values Coalition, would read, marriage in the United States shall consist only of a union between a man and a woman.

The language has upset gay and lesbian groups who say they're being attacked. It seems to be an extreme reaction to the Civil Union Laws passed by Vermont said the HRC communications director, David Smith. Unfortunately, it's a mean-spirited attack on gay families. Sadly, these groups have chosen to identify gay families as a group that's not worthy of protection.

From our good friends at the Traditional Values Coalition, their comment was, there's a clear-cut barrage of legal challenges against marriage laws in state after state, said the Reverend Louis Shelton, chairman of the TVC, referring to recent efforts by some courts in state legislatures to sanction same sex partnerships.

There was Hawaii, then you had Alaska, then Vermont. We see the writing on the wall. Our Founding Fathers never anticipated this. We definitely need to take this to the people.

Well, these are the same groups that have unsuccessfully for years tried to put on the flag burning ammendment. These are the same groups-- so that part is kind a bit of hopefulness that they've done in the past. They've tried to put amendments onto the Constitution and it has failed.

But these are the same people who have helped shoot down the Equal Rights Amendment and other progressive laws that have been put forward. So this is going to be the next thing coming from the pulpit, which would be an attempt to strengthen DOMA into a Constitutional amendment.

But fortunately, that is a long road to take.

- Well, you see, what these groups do, I don't think that Lou Shelton and these other-- the Reverend Lou Shelton and these other groups-- really care two cents about us individually, whether or not we have rights. The only thing that is of concern to them is that they are able to get money by using scare tactics, and buzzwords, and inflammatory hate language.

There is supposedly a homosexual agenda, in which we are out to recruit little five-year-old boys. Nothing could be further from the truth.

- Yeah, and it also seems kind of strange that as they were talking about this, I'm watching on the news and they're talking about a pedophile Boy Scout leader. And you start seeing some of the news carrying some of this stuff. And kind of pushed to the back burner is the preacher out there in the Midwest who just had a whole bunch of accounts on his fooling around with girls for all these years.

But the best part about it is-- the good news about this is that getting a constitutional amendment requires 2/3 of the House, 2/3 of the Senate to approve. And then, 2/3 of the state legislatures have to approve it. And that's 38. And trying to get 38 states in this Union to agree on just about anything--

- They can't even agree on what time to break for lunch

- Yeah, I mean. And then God help us if it gets down to Florida, because they can't make a decision.

- They did, but they thought they were voting for Taft. Anyways, moving right along. Chris brought this in to me tonight from our friendly folks over at ABC, KTRK-13. It says, if you want a peaceful sleep free of nightmares, don't be a Republican. Sweet dreams-- your political party could play a role in nightmares.

And that's the advice of California dream researcher, Kelly Bulkoly-- Bulkoly-- I guess. Bulkoly, yes.

- Yeah, Bulkoly-dokaly.

- And he says Republicans are three times as likely as Democrats to have nightmares. This guy says he thinks the GOP has nightmare problems because they are a nightmare. No, but because people on the right are attuned to the world's dangers and are seeking ways to defend themselves.

He thinks left wingers sleep easy, because they are more utopian and open to how things could be made better. His study was based on interviews with 56 Americans chosen at random across the country. Bulkoly is a part-time lecturer at Santa Clara University and a graduate theology union at Berkeley.

He will discuss his findings tomorrow in Santa Cruz at a conference of the Association for the Study of Dreams. And folks, and as for me, the Republicans are a nightmare.

- And a related news story, on that, the president is trying to extend the anti-ballistic missile shield there to cover nightmares. So the boogeyman will be trying-- will be trying to stop him with the shield.

- What's Freddy Krueger going to do, then? You mean, Freddy Krueger was the brainchild of a Republican?

- I think Wes would disagree with that.

Due to flood damage at the Warwick Hotel, the sixth annual Uncommon Legacy Extra Mile award brunch, the location has been changed. The brunch will be held at the Doubletree Hotel Post Oak at 11:00 AM on Sunday.

- Sunday, Sunday, Sunday.

- July 29th. For more information, I guess you can contact Christina Jeffco at 713-721-3743.

From Q-Patrol, we've tried begging, we've tried pleading, and now we are resorting to bribery. That's right, from the Houston Police Department, the Q-Patrol has received two tickets to the Houston Astros game coming up in September. So to hand them out, we're offering a raffle.

And to get in on this raffle, you have to come out and walk the streets with Q-Patrol. One night patrol up until September 1st. Each time you go out on patrol, you'll receive a ticket. At the end of that, we will draw a winner. And that person gets tickets for two in some fairly nice seats up there at Enron Field.

- All right, get to go see a ballgame.
- So if you want to come out and join the patrol because we're bribing you, if you want to come out because you're a civically minded person, even better. But just come out and join the patrol. You can contact the Q-Patrol at 713-528-SAFE. Or email at QPatrolInc@aol.com.
- Come out, come out, wherever you are. And in the words of the Wicked Witch in *The Wizard of Oz*, come here, my little pretty. Time to come out.
- It's, I'll get you, my pretty, and your little dog, too. Nice attempt to quoting a movie you don't need to understand. We'll show you all the good windows to peek in, and yes, there is a window out there that's good to peek in right now.
- So, huh.
- Once again, if you want to go out and join the patrol, 713-528-SAFE, 7233, or QPatrolInc@aol.com.
- And we will get your little doggy, too.
- Oh, let's go talk about Pride committee.
- Oh, yes, Jack Valensky and the folks. OK, while Houston celebration of the Lesbian Gay Pride takes place each June, the Pride committee of Houston's educational mission is fulfilled year round. The Pride committee will elect its all-volunteer board of directors for 2002 on Tuesday, August 7th, at 7:00 PM, at the Metropolitan Multi-service Center at 1475 West Gray.

Individuals interested in serving on the board are asked to send a letter of intent and resumes, detailing their gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community activities to the Pride committee of Houston by Friday, August 3rd. Materials can be mailed to the Pride committee of Houston, PO Box 66071 Houston, Texas, 77266-6071. Or fax to 713-529-6929.

As the board for a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, the Pride community of Houston board of directors is responsible for ensuring that all of the groups activities upholds its mission and celebrating our community's unity and diversity, commemorating our history and educating society about gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered lives. The board is also charged with maintaining the organization's fiscal responsibility and accountability to the community.

And folks, this is a very-- if you have the time to serve on this board, this is something that you really should look into. And the Pride community of Houston has done many wonderful and marvelous things for the community here in the past few years, especially events surrounding the Pride parade and now the Pride Festival.

 - Varies Naturally as the place to go for your fundraising activities. This weekend the Texas cowgirls will be guest bartending. And during that time, the Leather Bitches on Bikes contest will occur.
 - Is this the same as the Dykes on Bikes?
 - I don't know.
 - Oh, OK.

- I don't know if we have a traditional Dykes on Bikes contingency. I think we just have the Houston Area Motorcycle Society-- the HAMS. Next week, next Saturday, on July 21, the Houston area Bears will be holding a car wash from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. And all that occurs at Mary's, naturally, at 1022 Westheimer.

Next?

- Oh, OK.

- Aren't you glad for news?

- Oh, I certainly am. The GLAAD Media training in Houston-- we talked about this last week, but it is worth a second go around. The GLAAD Media training, which, dealing effectively with the media often poses a challenge for grassroots organizations. Reagan Rine, education and training services manager, with the Gay Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation will travel from New York to help Houston gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender groups learn ways to secure media coverage for their activities.

This is going to be from 1:00 to 4:00 PM on Saturday, July 28, at the Houston Lesbian Gay Community Center at 803 Hawthorne. It's a free event, and it's brought to you by the Pride community of Houston.

And the Houston Lesbian Gay Community Center, individuals and organizations are encouraged to pre-register by calling the Center at 713-524-3818.

- The Center for AIDS Hope and Remembrance project produces a weekly HIV/AIDS treatment and research newsletter-- the RITA, Research Initiative Treatment Action. The weekly newsletter is distributed to patients, physicians, nurses, health care professionals, and service organizations for several years.

The newsletter is a text-only email. For those interested are welcome to submit their email addresses to RITA@centerforaids.org to begin receiving this newsletter.

- Now, Chris, what's the difference between a text only, and regular--

- It just means there's no pictures. And it probably won't be an attachment. It'll be just like receiving an email.

- OK.

- Is I think what the difference on that is.

- All right.

- Content for RITA includes excerpts from daily updates from the CDC, treatment research and media reports from Medscape, Reuters, and other reliable sources. The Center for AIDS Hope and Remembrance Project is located at 1407 Hawthorne, and you can call them at 713-527-8219, or check them out on the web at www.centerforaids.org.

- And folks, this organization that Chris was just speaking about is really-- it's really a very good thing. And the Hope and Remembrance Project is something that really touches all of us. And if you don't think that you haven't been touched by AIDS, you're wrong. You may not have HIV, but you know somebody who does.

- And although the stories have been better on the news on the front, there are things that are happening that are starting to make those numbers go back to five, 10 years ago.

- And this newsletter is a very good way of keeping up--

- Keeping up, especially the new medicines and new protocols that are coming out.
- And many of our listeners are positive and are very concerned about their health. And they really need that information. You read the address again, their email address again one more time?
- It's www.centerforaids.org.
- So folks, click in. You can do that after the News and Views segment. Anyway, moving right along.

Diverse works, art space, and Hatch presents, Turned-Up Volume. Which is an interdisciplinary works created by Hatch Youth, with artists in residence, Barber Bickert and Teaspoon. And you can see this tomorrow, Sunday--

- Sunday, Sunday, Sunday.
- July 15, 7:00 PM, at Diverse Works art space at 1117 east freeway, here in Houston. And admission is free. And if you have any questions, call Victoria Perez at 713-223-8346.

- I was getting worried there. Jimmy had disappeared on us, but he finally decided to grace us with his presence.

- He's getting some more coffee.

- Oh, I was just-- I was just-- there was more--

- He didn't get--

- Yeah, it was more interesting in the lobby, actually.

- Ooh.

- Well, it serves us right. We always make a comment about that when we're out there.

- I know. So what else you got?

- Well, we got one last thing, that's why I was going to go with, where's Jimmy?

- We got one after that.

- Oh, I'm sorry.

- Maybe you do, maybe you don't. Go ahead.

- If you're an organization and you're looking for some office space there to put up an office.

- Oh, do we have a place for you, baby.

- Oh, yes. We've got a space that's 10 by 10, ready for you. And no bars. The Community Center-- I had to shout out to our captive audience.

- That's the Lesbian and Gay Community Center.

- The Lesbian and Gay Community Center at 800 Hawthorne has offices for rent, has office room-- one or two now for rent?

- Two-- two offices, yeah.

- Two offices for rent. And plus a large meeting hall area that's available for events. If you are looking for a space to call home, at your queer home in Houston--

- For a reasonable rent.

- Yeah, it's very reasonable there. You can contact the Community Center email at Brookover@ev1.net, or you can call them at-- call them at-- here we go, 713-524-3818.

- That's it.

- Thanks, Tim, you didn't put your phone number on the one email.

- Oh, well.

- I'm sorry, it was Kevin. I apologize, Tim.

- That's Kevin Davidson?

- Yeah.

- Oops. Slap your wrist, Kevin.

- 30 lashes with the wet noodles.

- And I got the wet noodle to lash you with.

- Talking about wet noodles, honey.

- Yeah?

- Decades is offering you Saint Jeff's original Sambuca Sisters, tomorrow, Sunday.

- Sunday, Sunday, Sunday.

- And it's going to be benefiting the Bering Omega House.

- The Sambuca Sisters? They only do like one or two shows a year.

- Are they any good, honey?

- They are-- oh, are they good.

- They are fantastic. That show is going to raise about probably \$5,000 to \$10,000.

- Easily.

- Because the Sambuca Sisters have a loyal following. And they're good.

- Yeah, that's why you got such a loyal following. And they're going to be at Decades.

And seeing as I'm talking about decades, Happy Nanas, for the third anniversary party, they had it today. And so on Saturday, earlier--

- Saturday, Saturday, Saturday. Is that--
- That just doesn't have the same--
- It's just not the same.
- It's just not the same. But anyway, Happy Nanas, Decades. And you'll never have more fun than you have in Decades, at 1205 Richmond, Houston, Texas. Call them at 713-521-2224.
- You can't miss it. It's right next to Studs.
- It's not Studs anymore.
- Oh, that's right. It's Talk of the Town. Whatever.
- Whatever, anyways--
- Well, it's been the Talk of the Town for years, how appropriate.
- Tongues are still wagging about that place.
- And still wagging in that place.
- No-- God-- Jimmy, have you got anything?
- No, I've got music.
- Jimmy's got nothing.
- Hey.
- Ooh.
- I've got music. And oh, yes, we have a Latino hour.
- Are they here?
- They are here, and they are very queer.
- All right.
- OK, if you want to send us news, information, stories, love mail, hate mail--
- Dirty pictures.
- --you can email us at AfterHoursKPFT@hotmail.com.
- OK, see you next.
- And that's a wrap, folks.
- Yes, Devon, and that was a bootleg. And honestly, a bootleg, because I know Francisco, you brought the CD in. And we played it quite a while ago. And then, took the CD back.

And I lifted it off the tape. So--

- You need another one?

- Yeah, no, no, no, I have that CD. This one wasn't on it.

- Oh, OK.

- This was something else that--

- Oh, I think it was right from one of the first one.

- Yes, yes, yes.

- New and improved one.

- Yeah. But still, it's good, Power of Good Bye, by Devon. Local entertainer.

- Who will be singing at the rodeo, I think.

- Really?

- Maybe I should say anything else. It's not finalized, yet, but I think he's doing the National Anthem or the evening--

- Oh, how very, very-- oh, good.

- Yeah. Can you picture him in cowboy boots?

- No, no.

[LAUGHTER]

No, no, no.

- I'm thinking more a Trisha Yearwood look.

[LAUGHTER]

I don't know if he's up and listening, but I'll hear about that--

- Francisco Sanchez and Sandy Lopez here for the Latino hour. And--

- I should start saying, hi, boss.

- Oops, oops. He heard that part, didn't he.

- Yeah, I did. Is my mic on?

- Your-- everyone's mics are on.

- I don't hear myself, though.

- Some people say that. Maybe you have the bad ear phones.

- I have the bad everything.
- Oh. Lost another boyfriend, huh?
- No, I don't have a boyfriend. I'm dating a guy. Well, actually sort of-- we're dating, seeing each other, I don't know what--
- The same one?
- Yeah, the one who--
- Who called in last time?
- Yeah, we went out for the movies today and he was really nice.
- What did y'all see?
- Hmm?
- What'd y'all see?
- This-- oh, *The Score*.
- He almost forgot. I see, you were in the back row.
- Well, those are not my kind of movies. But you know, but I really liked it, though.
- So, well, since you couldn't remember the title name, I guess it means you didn't do the title name of score?
- Don't--
- I think I did, but--
- You think you did?
- He was rushing in through the door a second ago. A frazzled look on his face.
- Oh, I see.
- Sounds like we're going to have to put another show around you on my segment, again.
- Well, any time. I'm here to serve. Not you--
- Yeah, and there are guys at the--
- And the phones are lighting up now.
- And they certainly are. You know, I'm here to serve-- that's a phrase they love to hear at the Rip Cord.
- They certainly do.
- Too bad I don't visit-- never been, never will be.
- Only once, darling, but--

- Did you enjoy it?
- It was an interesting night to say the least.
- And while we're on a risque topic, what is our obsession-- and not that I'm complaining, but looking at the back page ad of the *Houston Voice* with this very buff, attractive guy--
- Yes.
- And then I noticed-- I was parked downtown this week and I got all these flyers for all these straight clubs-- the glossy, and big specials, and all that. But you never see naked people, or women, or--
- Well, it has long been known that magazines, gay magazines, that feature either a celebrity, or a nearly naked man on the cover, sell more. People just-- gay men see a scantily clad male and gravitate toward that and pick it up.
- Interesting. Well, I was just going to tell you that issue with Ricky Martin on that-- what's the name of that magazine? Oh, gosh, do I--
- Advocate?
- Yeah, I remember that-- because I bought it. That was the best-selling issue they ever had.
- See, see. Yes.
- Well, people just bought it because they wanted to find out if he was gay or not. But it's like--
- And you didn't find out.
- No, let's face it. Unless he out of the closet--
- And he's not going to. And he's not going to.
- OK, my-- this is--
- Unless he does-- let me finish--
- OK.
- Unless he actually comes out of the closet and says it, the only way we're ever going to know is that somebody's got a camera in his bedroom. And we know--
- But I've heard this said that he crosses gender and orientation lines, because I read an article written by a straight woman who was relaying the story about she and her husband were watching Ricky Martin, you know, dancing and singing. And when the husband said, oh, yeah, I'd do him.

[LAUGHTER]

So, you know.

- Well, we have to understand that we, as gay people, would love to have Ricky Martin come out and say, yeah, I'm gay. Because he's just the yummiest man in the whole world. I mean, in my own point of view, as a teen idol, I mean, I've followed Ricky Martin since he was in Menudo since I was a teenager. Even younger than that, I mean, me.

But it's like--

[LAUGHTER]

But it's like-- I do agree that he crosses the line. But I think-- I don't think he's gay, though. I've come to realize very slowly that that's just my wish. But even if he was, it's like, there will be millions and millions of men that are in line to get to him.

And it's like, I would be like second to last.

- There's this whole psychology of why do you wish that he were gay? How does that--

- It puts him closer to an attainable goal. I mean, it's like, if he's not gay, there's nothing I can do. But if he were gay, at least I can fantasize and say, oh, my God, I'd have a hot time with him. If we ever meet, I can flash him and he'll fall in love with me.

But if he's straight, you know, what can I do? He's just going to tell his bodyguards--

- You have those same fantasies even without him being--

- Yeah, but because I mean, I had them, you know, I fantasized with him. And but at the same time, if he were gay, oh, God, my heart, I would feel much better. Because I could say, oh, my God, at least there's--

- It would be the hope factor, I think.

- Yeah, exactly, the--

- I think on another level, it's also that here's a major star, a major musical star, who's--

- Batting for our team?

- Yeah, who's batting for our team. Someone who is out there, who is like, you know, the gay Melissa Etheridge.

- Does it legitimize us more because he might be gay?

- I think that happens a lot in the community.

- Or does it help recognition of gays and lesbians in the Hispanic community?

- You know how like my grandma used to say, gay people that are rich are not being treated-- in Honduras, they're not treated badly, because they're considered eccentric. Because they have the money to do whatever they want. You know, the world-- can say whatever they want. And it's their business.

- But that's true of anything if you're rich.

- See, but it's like-- I mean, because I actually knew a gay man that was very well respected. But he wasn't respected, I mean, because he was gay, he was respected because he was rich. And because he was rich, being gay was an eccentricity that people were willing to look-- they were willing to look the other way.

- But wouldn't if he weren't rich.
- I don't think so. I think he would be chastised. So--
- So having--
- Having somebody--
- An international entertainer, who's very successful like Ricky Martin.
- We already do. I mean, we have Juan Gabriel. I mean, he's the biggest, I mean the most famous songwriter in Mexico, one of the most famous singers. And he is openly gay. And he is respected for who he is.
- Is it helping the gay cause because he is openly gay?
- He has endorsed the gay movement in Mexico. So that's very interesting, because of that, it's opening up more and more as we go. I mean legislature, it's beginning to pass laws-- in the Mexican Senate is beginning to pass laws to protect homosexuality. Things that wouldn't happen 10 years ago are happening now.

I mean, we have to see Latin America as-- we will be the area that will take the last-- we'll be the last ones to take this step to protect people-- homosexuals, or--

- There's still China.
- Because of-- yeah, but we're talking about Latin America, they're so deep rooted in Catholicism.
- Yes.
- And as long as we have a Pope that says, being a homosexual it's the biggest sin in the whole universe, nothing will ever happen. And yeah, we have that vision of church and state, but--
- Which is not a problem in China.
- Well, yeah, but in Latin American countries, it's like that. I mean, I'm very worried about Honduras, because our Cardinal is the next in line to succeed the Pope.
- Oh.
- And that is a very big deal. But you know, Cardinal Rodriguez has been seen as a far right kind of person. He's very extremist in what he believes in.
- Oh.
- And we're very worried that--
- We don't need another Pope like that.
- See, and we're very worried that-- because he's very educated. And that's when I feel so bad for him, because he's educated, and he's studied outside of Honduras. I mean, he's studied in Rome. He knows like eight languages.

And he's so smart. And I mean, I feel so bad that he has all this knowledge, yet he doesn't know how to apply it.

- Yes.

- And I also feel bad that, yeah, he's going to really benefit the region, just like the Pope did with Poland. I mean, Poland really benefited from having a Pope in Rome.

- Yes, but you know, I think this Pope, by being so far right, has really weakened the Roman Catholic Church in America.

- See this is what--

- I know, there are people who will be Roman Catholic no matter who is Pope. But there are people that are more moderate and more liberal that are falling away from the church.

- They always say that Latin America is benefiting from education. I think the more educated people become, the best. I mean, you can have religion and you can be faithful, but if you are educated, you'll be able to at least have an understanding of good and right, of science, and change.

- That-- but that's the thing. Once people are more educated, then they start asking questions.

- They make their own judgments, instead of--

- Right. Instead of just blindly following what authority figures tell them.

- And you made a mention of it there with Mexico. And if attitudes are starting to change enough where they're even considering rights that would not have been considered years ago, and places like Mexico, South America, being heavily Catholic countries, if the Catholic Church-- i.e., the head of the Catholic Church, the Pope-- doesn't somehow bend with the times, isn't he losing a very large part of the people he is supposed to be the chief spokesman of?

- I was watching *The King and I* on cable the other night. And I saw this scene where the king is sitting down and reading the Bible, and he doesn't understand what Moses is doing, all the miracles and stuff. Because those are based on faith.

And he asked, you know, that woman--

- Anna.

- Anna, he asks Anna, he tells Moses is a silly man. You know, how can God created the Earth in seven days? If science says he takes millions and millions of years? And she tells him this-- the people who wrote the Bible were not men of science, but men of faith.

And there are people that follow faith blindly. And that is when they fall off the cliff, because you have to have faith, but you have to have your eyes open. I mean, that's the only way that we can actually live-- be decent human beings.

I mean, I don't know if that makes any sense. But that is my belief, and that's what my family taught me-- that you need to have faith. Because faith is something that we all need. But you also have to have your open minds, because the blind cannot lead the blind.

- You're so right. Francisco, you're being awfully quiet.

- Oh, just looking at [INAUDIBLE]. I think in large part, I mean, I think there are a lot of Catholics that disagree with the Pope on a lot of things. But there's just sort of passivity that's sort of built into the faith. I mean, you go through Sunday school, and you go for 12, 13 years, you go through this. And you think, OK, I disagree with this, but you're sad, it's fine, I'll just deal with this in my own life.

- But it's like the promise that if you don't do it--

- It's like Baptists or Pentecostal, and you go to these conventions and you vote, I mean, you don't really have a say as an individual Catholic person. Yeah, you don't go to a convention in Rome every year and make a decision, you know, and vote on what's morality and what isn't.

- I agree. When the time comes, think I'm just going to give him a hug.

[LAUGHTER]

Well, Francisco, we didn't see you last month. And you were drying out.

- I was. My phone was down, my cell phone was down. My electricity was out.

- Oh, see, I should count myself-- the same thing that happened to Francisco happened to me.