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## SPEAKERS

Michael Crawford, Brian Bradley, Scott Lewis, Jimmy Carper, Speaker 17

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**S** Scott Lewis 00:01  
And we are back.

**i** 00:05  
Are we? Who are we?

**S** Scott Lewis 00:08  
This is Scott Lewis. And I'm fighting.

**i** 00:14  
And you're listening to

**S** Scott Lewis 00:16  
after hours a continuing Tricia truth. have, you know, I got this new vocal box at Sears yesterday they were on sale. And it's just not the same. It's not the same and it didn't have a warranty either. Obviously discontinued, obviously a discontinued model. I'm sure you've had this one for years. You are listening to after hours of continuing tradition on World Radio 90.1 FM Kpf. T, Houston. Yeah. Oh, like they don't know where we're at. They're picking us up on shortwave in Somalia?

**M** Michael Crawford 00:47  
Well I think they have other things you know occupying their mind and Somalia that after

Well, I think they have other things, you know, occupying their mind and demand that other hours, but it's, well, it's possible. Well, I

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Scott Lewis 00:54

think we are the number one rated show in Bosnia Herzegovina. Well, I don't know. We're in Houston, if you didn't know. And we're also we should tell them that we're at five to six KPFT. If you're interested in calling down here, for whatever reason, I can't imagine why. You know, if you just want to talk, we'll talk to you. We're the only 976 KPFT. Anyway, you don't want to talk about let's just briefly discuss. Yesterday, there was kind of a significant event for the gay and lesbian community in the United States. Oh, America, in that it was the first time ever that a sitting president met with gay and lesbian people in the White House. And Tim McFeely, with the some Husi with the campaign fund, and then Torie Osborn with the task force, and miscellaneous other people

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Michael Crawford 01:54

named Smith, who's an African American lesbian,

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Scott Lewis 01:57

named Smith. Bob had toy is that right? Who was the man who spoke at the Democratic Convention? Yeah. Who's HIV positive. He was there. And they, they met for about an hour in the Oval Office. There were 15 people and just discuss gay and lesbian issues. And they walked away feeling very good.

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Michael Crawford 02:19

Well, I mean, yeah, they said they came away feeling very good, but I'm still pretty. I'm overfill clan, I will say. I mean, I must admit, I said that even before he was elected, that I would say,

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Scott Lewis 02:28

it's the haircut in it it did that haircut.

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Michael Crawford 02:32

The fact that I thought he'll always should have been President, not him. But I don't know. I mean, I think it was partially the fact that they were actually sitting down with a president that just like, you know, overwhelmed them, because he has not done anything that put my mind at ease about him, you know, and his stances on queer issues and AIDS related issues.

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Scott Lewis 02:52

Okay, let's talk about something that bothers me. He, he promised when he got into office, he would fully fund the Ryan White Care Act, the Ryan White Care Act is only a five year piece of legislation, it's going to be gone soon. And he guaranteed to fully fund it, which is just over \$800 million. Under the previous administration, it was funded at \$223 million. Well, he has doubled funding, but it still leaves it at only 50% of what he said he would do.

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Michael Crawford 03:22

And that even that is in jeopardy because of the scumbag Republicans.

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Scott Lewis 03:28

You filibustering? Yeah.

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Michael Crawford 03:31

And I think we should note that the lovely Bob Corker did not vote for the stimulus package.

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Scott Lewis 03:37

Wow. Now, Bob says that the reason he didn't vote for the stimulus package is because he's not going to vote for raising taxes until he sees that people are cutting spending that the government is cutting spending.

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Michael Crawford 03:50

Well, if I was as wealthy as Bob was, you know that I resent Bob

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Scott Lewis 03:55

Lanier about Krueger, Bob Kruger, both, both of them,

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Michael Crawford 03:59

and I wouldn't really have to worry about the fact that that I have no money and I'm dependent on public health care system. So

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Scott Lewis 04:07

that's true. But now, Bob's done some wonderful things. He He's cut out all taxpayer funded mail outs out of his office, he's not doing those anymore,



Michael Crawford 04:18

because you're not doing anything to bail out, you know, about,



Scott Lewis 04:20

neither are the other ones. And I get their mail outs all the time, and they don't say a damn thing. And it irks me that they spend my money sending that crap out to me when it doesn't say anything. That's true. Also, he cut his own salary by 20%. I'm impressed. So what does that bring him down to 80,000 100,000 120,000 a year, something like that? Five, six times more than what I make.



Michael Crawford 04:46

I mean, I must admit I there is no way in hell, I'm gonna vote for Bob Krueger. Okay, well, except if Jose could get here as drops up, but I'm just over



Jimmy Carper 04:57

the way. Oh, absolutely. What's going on? On this mic.



Michael Crawford 05:00

Yeah. Let's turn on this mic. Jimmy has a big



Scott Lewis 05:02

turn on this mic.



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All right. You're on girl. Okay. Okay. Big Eight it



Scott Lewis 05:11

not you seven things that big in your face. Are you?



Jimmy Carper 05:13

Yes, I am. What I keep hearing from the gay leaders of this town is hold your nose and vote for

Bob Krueger. And why? Why do I have to do that?

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Scott Lewis 05:32

Why, Jimmy, I'll tell you why. Let me let me explain this to you. Because we are supposed to just except that they kind of wave at us from across the room. And that's acknowledgement. Oh, hi. Hi, gays. I see you over there in the corner. I see you Hi, how you doing? If it's convenient to me, I'll vote for you. I'm not against you. But it's not really comfortable for me to be for you. So you just stay over there. And I'll kind of help you out when I can. And that's supposed to be okay for us.

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Michael Crawford 06:03

That was Scott Lewis and his impersonation of Nancy Molina

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Scott Lewis 06:09

has not been a lesbian for the past 25 years.

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Jimmy Carper 06:14

Ah, I would rather vote for somebody where I know where I stand with them than than somebody where I just don't know. But Mr. waffler?

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Scott Lewis 06:24

I don't know how I feel about that. I understand. I hear that a lot of people that say I would rather vote for a Phil Gramm, where I know they're going to be against me 100% of the time, then for filtering voting for you to vote for Republican that you know is going to vote against you 100% of the time, then having someone there that you don't know what the hell they're gonna

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Jimmy Carper 06:43

do. Let me tell you something, baby, holding your noses and going to the voting booth was what we did in the 60s. And I'm frankly tired of it.

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Scott Lewis 06:52

Well, I wasn't even conceived in the 60s and I'm tired of it. Oh, you want to see my driver's license? Baby?



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1950 900



Scott Lewis 07:08

What's that the year that shirt came out you're wearing anyway. But at least haven't stopped? I am. I am. I am sick and tired of being told that just because they wink at us from across a friggin room that we're supposed to send them are money and throw away our scruples and just and take, you know what they're willing to dish out for us when it is convenient for them? It's not that's not the way it's going to be anymore.



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Right? That's right. That's absolutely right.



Scott Lewis 07:40

That was my first pitch.



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That's a pretty good one.



Scott Lewis 07:46

Why don't we talk about this art? Well, I



Michael Crawford 07:50


thought we were going to talk about it in context of the entire market in Washington. Okay, what we're going to read the platform.




Scott Lewis 07:56


Yeah, do you wanna read the platform, and they haven't put it up yet. But they do have a platform. And it's good lord. If you don't know the March on Washington is next weekend, right? Sunday, next Sunday. And I'm really up on it because I can't afford to go. And the platform that they have set up is seven demands that I'll just read to you now. Number one, we demand the passage of a lesbian, gay and bisexual and transgender civil rights bill and an end to discrimination by state and federal governments including the military repeal of all sodomy laws and other laws that criminalize private sexual expression between consenting adults sit


and talking about people in the park. We demand number two, we demand massive increase in funding for AIDS education, research and patient care, universal access to health care, including alternative therapies, and an end to sexism in medical research and health care. Number three, we demand legislation to prevent discrimination against lesbian gays, bisexuals and transgendered people in areas of family diversity, custody, adoption and foster care. And that the definition of family include the full diversity of all family structures. Now my question here on number three transgendered people Yeah. Past tense. What's the difference between transgender role transgender roles and transgender old?


 Michael Crawford 09:35  
It's the same thing?

 Scott Lewis 09:36  
It's all the same thing, just different wording, okay.

 Michael Crawford 09:38  
I mean, yeah, okay. Number four,

 Scott Lewis 09:41  
we demand full and equal inclusion of lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgendered people in the educational system and inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender studies in multicultural curricula. curricula. Number five, we demand the rights, reproductive freedom and choice to control our own bodies and to end sexist discrimination. Number six, we demand an end to racial and ethnic discrimination in all forms. And I think the first step of that was taken today in Los Angeles. Number seven, we demand an end to discrimination and violent oppression based on actual or perceived sexual orientation, identification, race, religion, identity, sex, and gender expression, disability age class, or AIDS, HIV infection.

 Jimmy Carper 10:33  
That's the first time I've heard that. That's the platform on the march of Washington that that those are the demands that's that's what we're looking for.

 Michael Crawford 10:41  
Right? That's pretty much why the Log Cabin Republicans have decided not to endorse the event they felt was too left leaning. Oh, please.

 Jimmy Carper 10:40

**J** Jimmy Carper 10:49

They need to have got the end of the NAACP endorsing it. And things like that. And the Log Cabin Republicans decide not to, if they

**S** Scott Lewis 11:00

leaned any farther, right, they'd fall over. Love this whole crap of we'll change from within that gets on my nerves, too. Oh, wait

**M** Michael Crawford 11:12

a minute, that can be bits. Number three. But first, we need to continue talking about the march in Washington and what's gonna go on there? I mean, because I know, a couple of things that are going to go on ACT UP, AIDS coalition to unleash power. Yeah. Has actions planned for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. And I'm expecting these to be pretty cool Hip Hop happened in actions of time that I'm assuming is going to resemble what happened at Gate Four, where they take it to a new level and the repressive forces of the government, you know, come and beat the crap out at them. But that should be a lot of fun. Yeah, remember,

**S** Scott Lewis 11:49

Gate Four was a lot of fun. Yeah, I messed my pants and I ran for four blocks. Yeah, that I remember it like it was yesterday. Sounds like a real thrill. Oh, it was well, I've just said there was a there was a uniform man chasing after me, which has been a fantasy of mine, but he wouldn't swing in a baton at me in the fantasy calling me faggot.

**M** Michael Crawford 12:09

Well, I must admit I'm kind of into riots these days. But there is this really cool artistic event thing is how I am the resident artefact. It's called Beyond lost art in the era of AIDS. It's going to be happening from April 23 Through June 13. And of course, it's in Washington. It's organized by the Washington project for the arts, and co sponsored by the walker whitman walker clinic Incorporated. And what this is, it's it's going to have an art showing by a bunch of cool, queer and queer supportive artists. Among the artists include Carlos Mrs. who I think is really great. The Robert Gil demand Tez Carey Lebowitz, also known as Ken Diaz, Andreas Toronto, who everyone remembers did piss Christ and cost to override that and who now has a series of photographs taken in the morgue of dead people which unfortunately is not going to come to Houston it's in Belgium now. David went to where it's who was gay man who died of AIDS last year it did this really cool book close to the knives which is basically a by by graphical kind of thing. And that's going to be happening in Washington while I'm sitting here in Houston being bored to death

**S** Scott Lewis 13:31

Well, let's talk a little bit about the March on Washington more in just a minute but first let's take a little break and let me let you know that you're listening to after hours a continuing

take a little break and let me let you know that you're listening to after hours a continuing tradition on World Radio 90.1 FM Kpf T Houston.



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Yeah, I know you're tired of tuning into so called new music programs that only seem to play the hit you dance to in the ad, and cheesy ones that that we'll hear at 90.1 FM we put the pain back into techno and rave music. Tuesday nights from 10 to midnight, you'll hear everything from Nerd rock to techno to industrial grunge on radio drum. It's hosted by Jay Lee with Cole Guderian and me mercy pain. So if you're hip to the cyber pagan movement and can handle the music you think you want to hear, then tune us in. We're radio drum Tuesday nights from 10 to midnight, only here on 90.1 FM Kpf T sharp as usual, and avoid panic buying



Speaker 17 14:45

panic buying panic buying panic buying. This is a point of pride a minute of gay and lesbian history. In April 1927 The padlock law was used to close Broadway theaters that you plays with gay and lesbian themes. A year earlier under the name of Jane masked movie star Mae West wrote and starred in a play called the drag. Basil Rathbone, later best known as Sherlock Holmes starred in the captive Western Rathbone had been arrested a year earlier. But the plays were granted protection by the Supreme Court. The padlock law was directed against theater owners, and used to suppress gay and lesbian creativity on stage. It lasted for 40 years and was only repealed in 1967. This has been a point of pride, written by Mike Cheswick, for information on gay and lesbian groups or activities called the gay and lesbian switchboard of Houston at 5293211. Definition



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equal rights? Oh, I'm definitely for it. I always have equal I carry it in my purse. I think that it's a very good product. It's certainly better than Sweet and Low and much better. And then sugar twin that's kind of gritty. Yeah, I'm Oh, I always have the blue packet.



Scott Lewis 16:14

I love I love those. Lisa and Peggy a little bit. Yeah, they're so funny.



Jimmy Carper 16:20

That's off the those fallopia album, right as a straight woman and a lesbian who got together and put together that you do that? That child 12 STEP program. I mean, like pre kindergarten 12 Step Program thing.



Scott Lewis 16:37

Have you been through that?

have you been through that.

**J** Jimmy Carper 16:38

Don't I look it? Yeah, when again? Do they did look at me. Do you think they had 12 Step programs in the 17th century?

**S** Scott Lewis 16:47

I was wondering. I mean, I remember when you I remember your first grade teacher Miss Washington, Miss Martha Washington. Speaking of Martha Washington, that's an easy segue into Martha wash. Who we're gonna don't get sassy with me. Which we have some Martha washed

**J** Jimmy Carper 17:12

up get saucy with me. Bearnaise Yeah.

**S** Scott Lewis 17:15


All right, Myrtle settle down. Settle down. I'll call the home back early to pick you up. Have Montrose Care Center van we'll be right back over here. We have some stuff to give away. So Martha wash stuff. What? Yes. Well, you know we love Martha we do and what are we got? What do we got? We have her latest single, which is so hot. If you've seen this video, no, she's in this video dressed up like the diva that she is surrounded by queens in underwear, just dancing all around her probably about 20 of them. Muscle, her muscle queen, licking her hands and arms and she's just all you know, they just all want her and all she just kept saying is I'll give it to you. So we have way we have some of these give it to you. Cuz singles. And we have a couple of the of the record like the disc jockey. With all the different mixes on it. It's actually 212 inch records with like nine different remixes. So you have all the club versions. We have a couple of those, we have a bunch of the singles and some posters. So how we're going to do it is we're going to play an old Martha wash song and if you can tell us what group she was in when she performed this particular song. Then we'll give the pack to you at five to six KPFT this should be pretty easy because I think everybody


**J** Jimmy Carper 18:44


know when they have to come to the station to pick it up or what I mean we have to watch the Well hi,


**S** Scott Lewis 18:49

this is your this isn't United cab. This is a Federal Express. I'm not going to take it out to their house. The station is at what time where the station is when they call and figure out what


 Jimmy Carper 18:59  
that'll be like the first caller that correctly identifies the group that Martha was with when she sang this song.


 Scott Lewis 19:07  
Or maybe even the first and second we have a few but we'll okay you know that song seems longer than I remembered it.


 Michael Crawford 19:23  
Yes. Well, because it's so old. Yeah, well, not


 Scott Lewis 19:27  
as old as Jimmy.

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I'm old but I'm not long.


 Scott Lewis 19:31  
Yeah. So I've heard


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that No, that's a classic song.


 Scott Lewis 19:37  
That's a classic Queen song.


 Jimmy Carper 19:40  
Sounds the village people but I don't want to hear them either.


 Scott Lewis 19:47


 Scott Lewis 19:47  
Well, okay, we gave we gave away two of those packs, and we'll give away a couple more later.  
Okay,


 Jimmy Carper 19:53  
we have we really have the vinyl the vinyls


 Scott Lewis 19:57  
are hot too because it's those dance Remix. Since they play in the clubs, they are so hot. You just have to find


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somebody who has


 Scott Lewis 20:08  
Yeah, I don't so anyway.

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Oh, well. Oh, yeah, it's

 Scott Lewis 20:14  
not time to do this.

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Oh, is it?

 Michael Crawford 20:17  
We're not going to play Madonna.

 Scott Lewis 20:18  
You want to play Madonna. Okay, let's play with Madonna. We do you have it all loaded up to that song we wanted to do.

 Jimmy Carper 20:24

That's the one we want to do. We've done it here before and it's it's my favorite. We have been told that we don't play enough Madonna. And let's face it. But you know, as controversially, as controversial as she is. She's kind of ambi sexual. And she has raised a lot of money for AIDS research a lot, a lot, a lot,

 Scott Lewis 20:47

you know, and she said something the most powerful thing I think she ever said is when she was given and for I am far gave her a lifetime achievement award or whatever. And she went to accept it and one of the tabloids that we had printed that she was HIV positive. And she she said that when it came out, like a week before, she didn't take it seriously and didn't pay any attention to it because it was the Enquirer who cares? Yeah. But then the New York Times or The New York Post printed it, which gave it legitimacy for other papers around the country to print it. And she said, you know, she said, I just didn't pay any attention to it at first. And then this happened getting printed in the in a major paper. And she said, I'm not HIV positive, but if I were, she said I would be more scared of the discrimination that I face as someone who's HIV positive than have the disease itself. And that's such a poignant thing. Such a powerful thing that she said

 Jimmy Carper 21:47

that's why all of us who are HIV positive have to come out of the closet about it.

 Scott Lewis 21:51


Well, and that's that's gonna be like dragging them out kicking and screaming. It's gonna be it's just like a lot second coming

 Jimmy Carper 21:59

out of the closet. It is. It's, it's the first Yeah.

 Scott Lewis 22:03

But yeah, Madonna did come out of the closet and this song is all about her oral sex life.

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Yes.



**Jimmy Carper 22:12**

That's what I love about her because in this day and age when it's everything is so sex negative. She is coming out there was a lot of sex positive stuff, and sex is a wonderful, wonderful thing. And we should never be afraid of it. Oh, yes. They they just have to know how to do it.



**Scott Lewis 22:31**

Oh, well, I need to learn. Wow, teach me later. Here's Madonna doing what I'm sure she does best. Definition pro



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choice. Oh, yeah. Well, that's the best one No, no, actually prime is the best. And then your your top choice and then select cuts and then utility cuts. Yeah. You want to avoid that utility cuts though, because that's beaks and feet and entrails and all that stuff they put in winners. Yeah. So Prime is your best cut of beef. But choice is right there. So I'm definitely pro choice



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whether men and women who can and have served with real distinction to be excluded from military service solely on the basis of their status. And I believe they should not.



**Brian Bradley 23:36**

Hello, this is Brian Bradley. In an ongoing effort to keep our listening audience informed. We at KPFT radio and after hours have been closely monitoring the issue of gays and lesbians in the military. To bring you up to date, we should digress to march the 23rd. On this date, President Clinton held his first formal press conference, where he was asked by Capitol Hill reporter Andrea Mitchell, if the President might consider segregation in the armed forces by sexual orientation. President Clinton hinted that he might be prepared to accept segregation as a compromise measure just how far or how specific such segregation would occur, was not stated. It is presumed that similar restrictions now in place with respect to women, and combat service would likewise be applied to gay men and lesbians. Both proponents and opponents of lifting the ban see such a move as being unfair and discriminatory to both sides involved in this most contentious argument. President Clinton's exact reply, though verbose and somewhat confusing, is as follows.



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That depends on what the report says. That's why I'm waiting for the Secretary to say The report but I wouldn't rule that out depending on what the grounds and arguments were.

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Brian Bradley 25:06

The day following the President's press conference was filled with angry and hurt reactions from supporters of President Clinton, not the least of which is David mitzner.



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feelings of anger, hurt, hoping all night long, and I'd wake up tomorrow morning and that there would be a clarification from the White House that just wasn't being considered as an option.

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Brian Bradley 25:31

During the 1992 presidential race, David mitzner rose to a position of national prominence in his capacity as advisor and campaign strategist to then Governor Clinton. Mr. mitzner, a 46 year old businessman from California, has been a close friend of an advisor to the Clintons for nearly two decades. Although the President relies on Mr. mitzner, who is gay for advice on many topics, not just those particular to the gay and lesbian community, he has often been called the President's point man on gays and lesbians in the military. Mr. mitzner's response was swift and left no room for misunderstanding. His message to the president was that to even consider segregation would be reprehensible and morally repugnant. And that as a community, gay men and lesbians would not stand for this proposal. That evening on ABC Nightline News Talk program, Mr. mitzner, did not equivocate in expressing his disappointment with his old friend, the President



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will understanding the word segregation. This is something that this country has followed again, and often very bitter battles, again, the word has become morally repugnant to many of us who have lived through the 60s in the 70s, to bring this country together. It's not something that should be considered, it's not something that is acceptable. It's not something that I would make this nation would want to go back to two sets of batteries to assignment, two different lists. And all we're talking about is the rights of people to serve their country to be free. And the President bringing up this issue of segregation is wrong in this case. And I'm sure he would respect my right to disagree to talk as a legitimate alternative as the segregation of the military once again, it is morally wrong, it's repugnant. And it's something that we cannot accept, even as a viable alternative. And there are certain places and times and things when you're in politics that you don't cross the line is there the third morality, there's a certain decency there's a certain integrity that has to be held. And the segregation is one that I hold very dearly. It is not something that has ever been acceptable in my life. And it certainly is not acceptable when it applies to my community. I'm very, I'm very concerned. The reason I was sure, because he told us that he was behind this one under percent, he assured us that we could count on him, and not only count on him fighting the order, but exhibiting the kind of leadership that would set the tone for the debate that would help educate the nation and educate the Senate and bring people together instead of divided. He told us he had a vision and we were proud of it, and that our talents and our skills to be used the left by this nation, we feel vulnerable today. And we feel exposed with you on protecting. Because when someone

talks about separating you from society, putting you in separate battery, putting you in separate assignments, that is a very frightening prospect to it's an issue of great principle. Once it's been thrown away from one principles and articulate them clearly. We don't compromise on basic freedom and basic civil rights. We fight for them.

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Brian Bradley 28:58

In an earlier live Interview with Dan Rather on CBS is 48 hours, the president attempted to clarify his point, there is a very

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limited argument. If you do not do anything, do acknowledge that you are gay. Should we be able to stay in the military? And so should we be able to do anything anyone else? The question I was asked yesterday was as follows me you consider any restrictions on video? And the answer is I am waiting for the report of the Secretary of Defense. When I said what if they made a recommendation and then when I review it and conclude, of course I would.

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Brian Bradley 29:43

In the world of politics, officeholders often tried to give the appearance of listening to their opposition in an attempt to seem fair, or to allow the loser to say face. This may have been what the President was doing. He has asked the Senate Armed Services Committee to hold hearings on lifting the ban and has ordered the Secretary of Defense Les Aspin to prepare a report with recommendations on gays and lesbians in the military. The President has ordered this report be completed by July the 15th. The hearings by the Senate Armed Services Committee were conducted last week, under the chairmanship of Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia, where very little support for lifting the ban was offered. Further hearings are expected in April, May, June and July before a probable vote by Congress in August. In the meantime, Mr. Maixner will continue to chair the two month old DC based group campaign for military service. The campaign for military service is essentially a traveling lobby, providing educational and informational efforts. The campaign was put in place to assist in garnering support for lifting the ban on gays and lesbians in the military. The group hopes to raise \$3 million by August the first the week ending March the 27th. Mr. mitzner was in Texas for appearances in Dallas, Houston and Austin. While in Houston Lobo bookstore owners Bill White and Larry Lingle, hosted a fundraising reception for Mr. mitzner, where approximately \$9,000 was raised toward the \$10,000, go set by event organizer Nancy Molina. Before the reception, I spoke with Mr. Maixner about the campaign for military service. Mr. Maixner? Would you like to tell us why you're in town?

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I think the major reasons that I'm in town is is that in come August, we're probably going to face the most historical vote in our history in the Senate of the United States, on whether gays and lesbians will be allowed to serve their country in the military. And I want to make sure that we have the strongest possible vote. And that's going to take two to \$3 million nationwide, and

hundreds of 1000s of letters to Congress, and each of us accept responsibility in this community to make it happen. We have gone from being viewed nationally, both in the press and in the political process as some sort of fringe political Sideshow that had to be dealt with over the years, to seriously being viewed as an emerging powerful civil rights movement. It's an opportunity that we won't be presented with, again, if we blow it. And so I have basically taken the lead from my business and donating my time, as are dozens of others. I'm not the only one. To go out and take advantage of this opportunity. In many ways. It's the battle we've been waiting for.



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Right now, what? How do the chances look, how have things changed in the past couple of weeks? What how has the picture changed as far as what the vote is going to look like?



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Well, we had 18 votes in January, we're up to about 37 votes now. We need to find 13 votes, and they're the toughest 13 votes. They're like Democratic senators and states like North Dakota, Nevada, John Breaux and Louisiana, it will be interesting to see how the Kruger election turns out here. And Bob Graham, it's tough. It's going to be a very tough battle. The President is getting hammered hard. And he was getting nervous this last week, was suggesting compromises that were not acceptable to us as a community. And I think that were the second key factor of this that I think has been very heartening in the last couple of weeks. Our community has seen the waking up in the last two weeks as they know we're at a battle. I think we thought Bill Clinton would take care of it for us so that we were relieved of responsibility. And we're never going to be relieved of responsibility. Do we want to control our own laws or ourselves? And so I mean, I think we've woken up and I am talking to hundreds of people instead of 10 people. It's been a dramatic difference in the last two, three weeks as we become aware of what's at stake.



Brian Bradley 34:44

How important do you feel it is that each person contact their Congress man, or senator or Congresswoman? Neither one of you gave me a chance.



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We've learned real quick It's critical. I mean now it's more than critical and it's not enough for them just to call and contact their congress people. What they have to do is get their family to contact them their friends to contact them, their associates to contact them to let them know that this is a priority issue, equality for all people that everybody in this country should have the right to serve their country and that's just really important for people to understand. It is going to take everything we have to make it I think we can make if we don't make it we're going to be at a whole different place anyhow we will eventually make it because we can't leave Tracey Thorn and Greta camera Meyer and people like that out there hanging by their by their thumbs alone. How come

