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legislature until then.



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And it's not going to happen.



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I could be but for it wouldn't be to help us if anything it would be to screw us even worse. So, here in Houston, yeah, we have, there are things to do here. But for a lot of people, there is only one thing between now and 2001. That's having a presence in Congress. And there, I agree that there is no way that an endo with or without us is going to pass between now and the end of Bill Clinton's term. We do need to be focused on Washington right now not to get anything passed, but to keep several horrific, horrific bills pending from passing the religious and religious liberty Protection Act will, which is pending right now. And there's going to be a debate and perhaps a vote on it this coming week. It is the most insidious piece of garbage to come out of Washington in years. If that thing passes. And for those of you don't know what it is, you hear this something like religious liberty Protection Act, I mean, who wouldn't be for something?



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Right? They named it well, what it will do



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is, it will force governments to obey anyone who says that they have a religious objection to anything, and how many how, how quick, do you think it will be? Before a religious nutcase decides he doesn't like civil rights law X that protects homosexuals? Oh, no, we can't have that

I absolutely cannot be forced to work next to this person, even though I have no no idea if he actually does anything that I don't like it up. And he says he's gay. And my religion, my religion says I cannot be associated with it. And folks know



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their stuff, folks start using it to attack African American, there



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you go. That is



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because of Old Testament, I just can't work around African Americans. And



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initially, a lot of a lot of the big, big civil rights groups supported this, but it was eventually pointed out to them, that this would be used by radical right wing nut cases to overturn every civil rights law on the state and local level. And now most, I believe ACLU has finally opened their eyes to what the bill would actually do. And they're against it.



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And can't we can thank Jay Sekulow for opening his mouth on on on our friend Pat Robertson show bragging about doing exactly that. Whoa, yeah, about doing exactly that. So it has opened up some eyes, I think even on the NAACP level. I hope so. I hope they are taking a serious look at this, because it's just a very short jump. Before After they finished cleaning out the closet of all the gays, lesbians and transgenders, who's next on their agenda. There you go. And the same people who are running around in a religious right who have aimed dirt targets at at gays, lesbians and transgenders. Were the same folks. Mr. Falwell and Mr. Robertson, who oppose Dr. King.



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Well, I'm not suggesting we should abandon Washington, DC. But the fact is transgenders don't have the money. We don't have the clout. We don't have the people in the high and the right places, we don't contribute enough money to their elections. So I'm not suggesting that we should abandon Washington. On the contrary, I think if you're a member of the ACLU, or the National Gay, Lesbian Taskforce, NAACP or the NAACP, that you should definitely put some effort into supporting those organizations. My concern is that we have some much more basic issues at home, that we could make an immediate impact on. And my goal, it would be to see us make some drastic changes. First of all, recognize that the end glTF has made a dramatic

shift. When then again, National Gay Lesbian taskforce says they won't support an endo without us. That's big news. And even though nothing is going to happen anytime soon, I would say if we're going to work with anybody in Washington, it's probably the task force we should be doing. And with having said that, on the local level, we've got issues that have never been touched. First of all, I think we owed some we owe some some thanks to Michelle. And to Vanessa, for what happened with the Gay Lesbian Political Caucus in the last few days.



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That that has been absolutely wonderful. And I think we can announce it now.



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Yeah, let's go ahead and tell the audience Oh, NASA. This is your doing you this is your baby. Make this announcement? Yes. Well,



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put me on the spot. My throat. We I basically gone to the caucus and made the proposal back in February, to have the inclusion issue brought up again for a vote. The inclusion issue, of course, inclusion or bisexuals and transgenders into the mission statement,



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y'all into the name but the mission mission statement? Yes, exactly.



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And I've worked with President Carl Smith, very, very diligently on this over the course of the past few months, we'd actually gotten to a point where we were going to bring this before a vote in April. And then we're told that the bylaws committee had to take a look at it. And so again, we kind of put things on hold and waited a bit. The bylaws committee came out with their wording. So we were enthused, we thought we were gonna have it brought forth for the next vote. And then we're told that no, they did not want to bring it for the next vote. They wanted to wait until the entire bylaws were changed, which was going to be probably announced in either September or October. And at that point, I decided, well, we've got the new wording for the mission statement, can't we bring break us into components? And I it was kind of discouraged. But nonetheless, I brought it up before the board meeting. And the board discussed it and voted in the vote was six to one to go ahead and bring it for a vote on July meeting. Oh, good. In fact, the one dissenting vote got up and walked out of the board meeting afterwards and did not show up for the vote. So who will remain nameless here? Yes, he will remain nameless. A number of people know who he is. But nonetheless, we will. We will guard his privacy.



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No, we simply want mentioned



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mentioned that opened her mouth coming out.



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We're gonna we're gonna miss that.



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But we did bring it before the vote in July. And I was relatively certain this was going to pass this time. Those of you who I guess, have a little history in this.



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Yeah, just a little one.



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No, I realized that. I think they ought to know the history for those of those those of those people who don't know, well, very



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briefly, nine years ago, Phyllis Frey.



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Actually Phyllis has been diligent about saying nine years and three months. Yeah, well, whatever.



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Nine years ago, Phil was tried very hard to get transgender included in the name, but I was at that. Yeah. And that that really got became very ugly and did not pan No, it did and four years ago, I went with Denise Kopp, Wendy Yellin, de McKellar and myself went, and we just wanted, they have at half transgenders included in the mission statement. And nice, Parker gave up, got up and gave a passionate speech. But it really didn't matter because a certain Republican who now lives in San Francisco, sandbagged the caucus and we lost by one vote and that was four years ago. So for Phyllis and I who have quite a history with caucus, this was a major event.



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And in fact, I kind of similar to that very first voto, when it came up for vote, they called question which basically eliminated any debate on the subject and I think Philip said the bait do you need? Well, this is true. There was no debate needed. But the last time it was a vastly different situation. Yes. When the vote was called. Phyllis had no chance for debate and it went down pretty much I guess in flames.



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Phyllis Phyllis really got playing badly. Yeah.



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There were several there were several anti speeches that really were uncalled for.



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Those people are not members of the caucus anymore. Right. Well,



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but there was indeed, the question called this time. A number of people seconded. And contrary to the last time, this time went much differently. We had a unanimous vote. No dissenting votes whatsoever. It passed. All right, phenomenal.



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Yeah. Michelle, wonderful job.



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Yay for the caucus. In fact, actually, I also want to extend a congratulations and a pat on the back to some other people who did some hard work. The committee members of the Bylaws

Committee, Clarence Bagby, Dr. Claire capsule, Mori Harris, and Michelle Myers. They all work very hard on trying to get the wording done and getting everything pretty much in a watertight wording where there was going to be no equivocation. I



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still think, though, that the the major factor in all of this was that you and Michelle have been at the caucus working there, people got to know you. And all of a sudden transgenders are not this little, this mystery, this womb mystery. Exactly. When when you know, somebody you're not scared.



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That's exactly right. In fact, one of the things that I realized one of the people who had opposed it in previous years, Rainbow, the clown had mentioned to me on a couple of occasions that well, why do we need to include them? They show up in the, you know, demand to be included. But then when the votes over, we never see him again. And I thought, Okay, well, I'm waiting for this argument. This time. I'm around. They've seen me they've seen me out in the community just about everywhere from the ABA march to the Parker campaign, to Matthew Shepard vigil. Yeah, I have, you know, volunteered my butt off. Waiting for Stubblefield to, to call me on that. And I knew this time, there was no argument. It was basically completely disowned. Yeah, I'm sorry about that. I really missed what I just said.



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That's all right, the cats out of the bag. Nobody



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stops out of the bag. You



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like rainbow Decler, by, by your very behavior and your very your commitment,



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and in fact, have developed quite a friendship with rainbow.



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And there you go. And all of those people who before said, you know, why should we include transgenders? They're never here. That has changed today. Let



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me let me let me expound upon that for a moment also, to extend what somebody said earlier in working with both the local, county, state, federal people, the in the legislature, the elected people. We need to work on their stamp people as well, because it's damn near impossible to get an appointment with with Bill Archer, but you can sure get a hold of his staff people. And the thing about it is if you put a face on that stereotype that they have, so that they realize that hey, this is a real live person who is transgender, I now know someone who is transgendered



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and JD. Oh, yeah, Jackie, the only problem with that is, as as I found, I've done consecutive lobbies, the days. All right. I'm the only person in on the staff. That was the same one that was dared a year before was on Nick Lampson.



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Yeah, that's exactly right. Staff turns



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Exactly. And so what ends up happening, especially at the federal level, and and to a lesser extent, sometimes the lower levels, too, is that what the staff turnover, what you end up doing, is that you end up having to re educate people over and over



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and over. Yeah, but the thing about it is you educate the staff people, and then when they go on to a different job, they take that education with them. Okay, that's



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a valid point. That is a valid point. But but it doesn't get you anywhere, it doesn't get you anywhere, because you've wasted time. Not really,



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because because they're, you know, if they're politically inclined and working as a staff member in in some congressmen or senators office, they're going to stay in, they're going to stay in the political process.



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Jackie can make a suggestion here about this. I'm not saying that we ought to walk away from Congress. But I would say to you that until we have the money, which is what it takes to win congress people over that we would be far better off doing more basic things. And I'll give you an example that I continue to receive port reports once or twice a month, but I'm transgendered people who end up in the hospitals for various reasons, and are treated like crap. Yeah. If you're looking for some place to begin, I would say that the commissioner's court at the county would be a place to start. Exactly. If you want to go, I would suggest that we should go to the county medical group.



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I can't tell you how many times I have had people call me and ask, is there a hospice or someplace I can go and and they say, I'm transgendered? And I say, Well, are you HIV positive? They say no. So well. There really isn't any place. All right,



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right. Need to take a break here really quickly and let people know who they're listening to



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come Marshall free and listener sponsored Houstons, 90.1, KS PST the sound of Texas of Pacifica network station KPFT Houston K US college station.



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And you're listening to after hours queer radio with that attitude on Jimmy Carper, Sarah departments here, and we've got a cast of 1000s. Here, my cat.



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Well, the point that I started out making is that Vanessa is on the right track, when she says that the way to get anywhere is to show up and do these things. And this is what I have found, is lacking in our community. giving an example, if you really want to make if you want to, let's let me use the the name change bill as an example. If we want to ever pass the name change bill in the future, the first thing we need to do is we need to show up at this person's campaign staff. We need to participate in their campaign. We need to educate, educate, educate name, for example, there are a number of breakfasts and dinners that take place that are sponsored by various groups, women's voters, we need to show up with those. But that's hard to do. Some of us have jobs, some of us are in the closet, some of us are not political, we're getting down to fairly small numbers, what happens is we end up with the same two or three people who end up showing up at these events. And the politicians end up saying, Oh, so you are the transgendered community. And that's a problem. And I would say the audience is due to

transgenders that are sitting out there tonight, who was sitting on your hands and saying, Well, I'll just leave this to Vanessa, or to Sarah, or to Phyllis, you're out of your doggone mind, that's not the answer. We need you to come out and lick envelopes into go and talk to Mike Lazarus campaign, which I did the other day, I'm gonna work on behalf with me, I live in his district, and you're good to go work with the Andres Pereira campaign to work with the nice Parker's campaign, go out there, lick envelopes. You know, whatever it takes, get out there and let people know that you're there. And that's how we're going to win it. But we have to the editors there. Well, that's right. And but then the next step would be to try and expand that statewide. And I have to admit that this has been a real problem. In Dallas, there, if there's a gateless. If there's a transgender group in Dallas that's organized for more than six months at a time, that's the news to me. They seem to form and break up and the form in the break up, pop political activism in Dallas is a foreign word. In Austin, same issue, they've got four or five different groups to spread out all over the place. Some of the groups don't speak to one another. Our real agenda, I think, is to learn how to bring those groups together and get organized in places where we're not now, or we will never pass anything in the state legislature.



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I use I use the analogy, I use the analogy when I'm explaining the gender community to someone that it is like an iceberg, about 10% of it is above the surface and 90% of it is below the surface. Exactly right.



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It's a good analogy. And there's something else when and we've been discounting and there's no way to schedule this, like there's a legislative session or whatever. But there's always the courts. And I'm not talking about just the name change issue, because that's been blowing up recently here in Harris County, but for other things, employment law, etc. That's a tougher, tough road to hoe here in Texas. But you never know. I firmly believe that real real real progress is only going to happen through the courts. The Texas, Texas homosexual conduct law is never going to be repealed by the Texas Legislature. It's only going to be overturned in the courts. And it I think ultimately, it's going to have to go up to the US Supreme Court, the only way that the entire country is going to be rid of the scourge of these special rights for Christians laws. And let's face it, that's what these laws are special rights for Christians to prescribe our behavior. That is that is the only reason they exist, when the only way these laws are going to be done away with are through the courts. My favorite example of this is something I'm sure Monica is familiar with, I'm sure we've talked about here is a case called Loving versus Virginia. So a little over 30 years old, prior to that case, any state that wanted to could pass criminal laws, criminalizing interracial relations. And so many states did get a get rid of those laws. But as of 1967, there were still 16 states in this country, or you could be sentenced to prison. That's right. Your prison hard time for marrying someone of a different race. And those 16 states refused to get rid of those laws. And it was not until Earl Warren and a unanimous Supreme Court said, Ah, you can't do that. And several states just add in absolutely absolute defiance of the federal authority kept the laws on the books, even though they they weren't enforceable. After that opinion. They fly Confederate flags. Yeah, as a matter of fact, surprise, surprise, surprise.



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Well, I'd like to make some suggestions for Oregon for that maybe we can. Well, I mean, backup, Houston for has right now, thanks to Ray Hill in a nice Parker has a fairly forward thinking law for transgenders that end up in jail. I think that if we were really wanted to do something in this city, or in this county, we should be going to the county, and we should be trying to get the county jail to accept those same policies, there is a place that we could start. We could we could and should be talking to the Harris County medical groups, we should be talking to him about the standards of care for transgendered patients, if they arrive in their hospital. And most of the transgenders, unless they're lucky enough to have insurance at their job, are going to end up at a county owned hospital. Those are areas that we really should be to. Now you say well, okay, but that doesn't gain anything political. Yes, it does. First of all, it's direct help when people need it the most. Second, it gives you some political victory or a victory of some sorts that you can go back to the community with. Third, it expands your umbrella out to people with some influence. And finally, those are people who often are large contributors to political groups. It gives you context, those are important things. Yet, when I've gone and talked in Dallas, are all going to talk in Austin, for example, what I hear back is, oh, we could never do that. I don't know how we get past that, you know, the working with the National Gay Lesbian taskforce is only going to get us so far. At some point, we have to be able to do some things on our own. And I guess what I'm really concerned about is that I don't feel like we've done much of a job addressing these basic issues. And it's kind of where I think we'd like to see us go into least until Andy has another chance. Because these are basic things that this is the groundwork that needs to be done. If our endeavor to go anyplace.



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Awesome. While cat was the eldest expounding on the court system, I just thought of something else is horrible. Um, there was a, I was talking to some folks on the web not too long ago. And we were talking about in terms of the Supreme Court. There's a potential for three vacancies on the court, since some three of the justices are at least in her 70s. Now, Bush wins debt election, you've got five to four cases where squared? Yeah, five, the four cases would suddenly become eight to eight to one cases, if he gets to pick the three judges. So some of you folks if you're not registered to vote, that's reason enough to make sure.



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And also one, one lingering. I guess, problem with the fact that we've had a Republican Congress for the last several years and this isn't getting enough attention. As far as I'm concerned. We've all heard about the fact that Trent Lott held up the confirmation of James Hormel basically refused to even give him a hearing. And then Clinton was ultimately able to slip that nomination and by a technicality basically a lot, a lot, and the rest of those



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hours and the rest of those idiots.



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Yeah, the rest of the rest of the folks in the Senate. They're also holding up dozens, maybe even hundreds of Clinton's Federal Court nominees. Right now, there are tons of vacancies in the federal court system, thanks to these Republicans refusing to confirm anybody that Clinton has nominated. All they're doing is biding time, waiting for what they think is is basically a foregone conclusion of a Republican coming in in the year 2000. And, of course, they're just assuming they're gonna keep control of the Senate. And they will be able to just ramrod George Bush's Federal Court nominees and I can guarantee you that he is not in any way shape or form going to appoint anybody to any Federal Court that will uphold any rights of gay lesbians, bisexuals, or transgendered people.



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I will leave the listener on the phone who wants to make a comment. Jimmy is working on that right now. Let's see. Okay, hello. Are



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you on the line? Hello.



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Hello. Are you there? Yeah. Okay, thank you. We've got you live on the air. Go ahead. And we're just speaking to Sarah and Jimmy.



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Okay. I worked for the county mental health system for about five or so years. And in the course of that, I dealt with about five, or six, transgendered cross dressing people. And the doctors that dealt with them, and they were treated for various disorders had very little knowledge of that, and problems that ensued with and this is echoing the comments of, you know, start on the grassroots level. And, you know, it's not so much physical care, and I don't know that much about trans gender ism, or whatever, but, um, you know, just basic education there. You know, because, you know, if you don't have insurance, that's where you go.



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Exactly, exactly my point.



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And, you know, start there because, I mean, if you've got this stuff going on, you know, that's one of the places you might end up turning to. And the other part of it is, is what people see in the media. You know, that's that's where a lot of the opinions come from, and unfortunately

the media. You know, that's, that's where a lot of the opinions come from, and, unfortunately, you know, transgenderism is a hot topic on Jerry Springer and all those type of shows. So the S



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word in you know, you're exactly right about that. I have been doing some seminars with EMTs here in Houston. And I had really been hoping that doing the seminars with the EMT would give us a break into the the Munis the county hospital system. But we have found that I've really found that to be a stone wall, in large part because they fear for their funding. They're very much afraid that if it got out that they were holding seminars will transgenders, for example, that people like Steve Radek would come back and say, well, we just cool, you obviously have too much money, we'll cut your budget. Yeah, it's, you know, you're exactly right. I wish I knew how to break through this.



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Let me interject one item here on that. I had a seminar about a year ago with the Texas Institute of Rehabilitation and Research trr had a fabulous turnout of the people in the Houston office there. It was the very first time anyone who was transgendered had ever talked to them. They had absolutely no idea. I mean, some of the questions they asked were absolutely Elementary. And I'm afraid that the same thing is true in a lot of the health fields,



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I can echo that because part of part of my job, I had to do an assessment on almost all the cases, and I had to do it every two years to see if anything changed. And, and one of the guys or persons. I had a chance to sit down and talk to him. And I talked to him for about three hours on just basic. You know, how did you find out this and then part of it was doing my job. But the other part of it is I didn't know. And the sad thing about the county is, is you're dealing with, you know, a city of 4 million people and the section of people that have no insurance, you don't have the time or the resources to give quality care. You know, it's a whole lot easier to write a script and send them on their way than to actually sit down and say, you know, how do you actually feel about this to build up their self esteem to give them the tools to, to, you know, get get out of the situation to give them the tools to deal with mental illness?



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Band Aid therapy? Yeah.



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A lot of it has to do with the psychological aspect of it.



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What about referrals and things like that?



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transgender children standard groups



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can keep Montrose clinic? Yeah,



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and the thing about it is, we never really there was a couple of years ago, I took an HIV test. And in the office of HIV test, I got a list of different organizations. And that was pretty much my referral list for everything. And it's really sad because the clinics and the systems are not really set up, they just know how to refer to other places in their organization. And, you know, it's just a very bogged down system. And you know, I'm just echoing your comments too.



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I would be glad to go to any county, any, any county agency anywhere and make a presentation anytime that they wanted us there. I'm sure that we



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To anyone in this room or anybody that's



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here would be more than willing to go in at the drop of a hat because it's something we have been very anxious to get accomplished for a long time. And it's something I've have harped on now for as long as I can remember, these are very, very basic elementary issues. But these are the areas where we can do that and have the most immediate impact.



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No, you know,



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problem with the referrals. I worked for the Dispute Resolution Center for a couple of years, as a volunteer down there, and they have a two inch thick manual of referral agencies and so forth like that. And I went through the thing, and there was absolutely nothing on transgender. Wow. Wow.



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Yeah. And see, those are the kinds of issues that I think we we'd be better off facing right now. Instead of Congress's Congress. Yeah. Okay. But Congress doesn't deal with the basic issues that are going to come in off the street, and we need to face those issues. I think those are the things we should be doing and can do. And doesn't even require a lot of money to do it.



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There you go. Yeah. Education.



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Listen, caller. Thank you very much. I really appreciate your comments. And, you know, it's kind of makes the point that we've been making here, I think, thank you.



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I appreciate the airtime and other comment, I saw you on a sale during the parade. And I just want to say you almost have scooped up quite a bit of Christmas lights at WalMart.



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We bought Walmart straw,



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poor person that was driving the truck and the truck overheated. So the poor person had to go all the way down the parade route with the heater on full blast. So yeah, it wasn't experience.



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Thank you very much for calling.



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And thank you, Jimmy for putting us putting me on the air you. So you saw my half of the butt cheeks a few weeks ago. And we plan on repeating our performance sometime in the near future. I can't wait. Bye.



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Well, that kind of makes the point that I've been trying to make. And that is that right that activism, I think, you know, this is the story. And the story in the ecology is Think globally, but work locally. And I really think that that's exactly on on on key here. I'm not saying that we should walk away from Congress. I'm not saying we should stop going to Austin. But I think we should go with our eyes open and real and realize that those are PR stunts pretty much. And that the rail, the real work that needs to be done is not glamorous. But it's extremely basic. And people benefit from it immediately. If we succeed.



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It can be done at the local level without money



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without edge. But also try it. Try to analyze yourself and think and think about what you can you can do best some people are better at at politicking. Some people are better at behind the scenes stuff me when I first started sort of coming out, well, I'm getting I'm getting that you're reading my mind. I'm getting. I mean, I just wanted. I don't want to say I wanted to woodwork because I did go into the woodwork. So I really didn't. But I wasn't interested in being as vocal as I am. But one thing led to another and eventually landed landed this gig doing a column in the triangle that gets published elsewhere. That that's something I'm good at.



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You are very good. And of course we have to sit on you sometimes. Yeah, yeah, really true.



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But if you if you haven't have an accurate writing, write, write stuff down, send it to publications, not only to the gay publications, but to the Chronicle, I get a letter to the editor occasionally published in The Chronicle. Those help, because if we don't send letters like that,

in the letters to the editor column, we're going to be filled with nothing but right wing nut cases.



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And Houston, Houston presses another newspaper that definitely needs to be needs to be written to get some real idiots in there once in a while.



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But if you don't want to write a column, and you don't want to sign your name, you don't have to try to put my glasses on Office, show up with a nice Parker's campaign. Show up at Andres Pereira campaign. You can and you can do things there are very basic things you know, fold their hands, we're talking about folding papers, stuffing in



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political campaigns, we'll find things for you to do even even if you only have an hour or so. Ever, ever a couple of days during an isas campaign in 97. I would I would wander by the campaign office on the way home from school every day. At that point I was still back in ugly boy mode. But I was still fairly well out I would just I would come come come by hyper after schooling brother. Yeah, yeah. But let's face it, you know, I'd want wander by left after school and just, you know, the stuff envelopes, do whatever. Believe me, it adds up. If you're you only put in one hour, you tell somebody, you know, once you wander by put an hour, so that stuff adds up. And it counts it was it was the grass. I see you. Yeah. And it was the grass roots like that, that really helped a nice early on in your campaign. If we



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can't do that, then support people like Vanessa. Yeah, you know, I can, I know from my own experience, how hard it is to be the one out front, the critics are always on your tail. There's never enough time to get things done that you want to get accomplished. The burnout factor is just incredible. If you can't do any of the other things that



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aren't gonna burn our modem out,



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then then I but I'm really serious about this, for those of you that are out there, then show up attached and I'm sure you will give the phone numbers show up tats show but GCTC get involved it'll even at that level and support the people like Vanessa in and Michelle Myers and some of the other people who are getting the things done. Because there are more out and

then more open support the people like like Monica, who stands up for herself, even though she may not always go to work for campaigns, believe me, Monica is going to be a person who's going to stand up for herself Oh, yeah, support people like that, as best you can and learn what's going on. Because the most basic activism is usually the most effective,



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you know, another great thing you can do is write a check. Amen.



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Let's get the most important one. registered



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and, and show up. Yeah. One other thing also is if you belong to an organization, even though it is not a transgendered organization, if they are sympathetic to the gender or gender people, as many of the gay and lesbian organizations are, I've been a member the imperial court for 15 years. And there are still some people in the court that don't realize that I am not gay. You know, I mean, I have to tell them, and you know, and it kind of shocks them a little bit. Well, like, why are you? Why are you here? Well, because I'm transgendered because I'm a drag queen. Very good friend that you just told me it takes balls to be a drag queen will be transgender to



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most of us would like.



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But the thing about it is, you know, the people that you do associate with who know that you are transgendered are going to be the ones who you know, who you need to know to explain to them. Yes, I am transgendered. You know, I may be gay or lesbian also. But I, you know, my that's, that's one of the things that I mentioned to Sarah before one time, is we identify in a number of different ways are we shared individually, whenever most of us here identify as our transgendered part of our personality, as our primary identification, our sexual orientation come somewhere on down the line. Other people such as Jimmy and I assume Monica and so forth like that, they perhaps may identify with their sexual orientation primarily, and then other items on down the line. And so you know, so we are not one issue people



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now, and I'd say, now that this this or shaking thing has taken place, you could send a letter to the end gITF and say, Thank you. Yeah, you could simply leave a message on the message

machine. And say, Thank you, Senator, Chuck, send him a chat box. That's right.



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And cover postage,



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you know,



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join the caucus. I



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don't know if people realize just wondering earth shaking event. This has actually been, in many respects for the National Gay Lesbian taskforce to come out and say, Look, we're not going to support an end unless transgenders are in it. You know, the task force depends on solicitations for money. They, they in effect, we're saying even if it dries up our money, we're going to do the thing that we think is right. And there aren't a lot of organizations that are going to do that.



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And they are, they are taking heat they



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are taking and if you are transgendered, and you can send them a check, put a little note in there with it saying I'm transgendered. Thank you, thank you. And here's your check,



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call the caucus and say and you say to them, you know, call the answering machine say listen, I'm transgender. You know, I wanted to say thank you. Now, I'll tell you the other day when I was at the caucus, there was that little list going around and the first thing I made sure I signed up for was for the political screening committee.



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Just in your arm, you get



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this no way I was gonna not committee. There's no way I was gonna not. Not yeah because The first candidate that comes through there, even if no one else is going to say, I guarantee he's gonna hear the T word for me, and I'm gonna hold them to their fire and say I want some answers. And those are things that we can do, we should do these, or we've may had some breakthroughs, we should use them, take advantage of them. But realize when it's all said and done, we are going to have to be able to do for ourselves. And what we need to do for ourselves, the things that will have the highest quickest impact on us are probably not going to come out of Washington, they're going to come out of our own neighborhoods.



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Well, you know, you speak at the local stuff. I don't know if you've picked up the mail on this recently, but the city of Lexington, Kentucky, this past week, passed a transgender inclusive case gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender civil rights, or



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Louisville, Kentucky go



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thank you. And the other thing, too, is more you do at the local level. If you get involved in a campaign and so forth like that. You develop a comfort level, you find the more you do, the more you'll be able to do.



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Oh, it's wonderful. Your for your confidence and your self confidence. Yeah, yeah, absolutely.



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Matter of fact, they're thinking they're about to take that statewide next good, right. You're about to take that statewide and it started basically, in their backyard. Wow. When they got the fairness ordinance passed, and they went ahead and got it passed in a second city then then they finally got Lexington on board in terms of that now they're looking at trying to extend that state one second,



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shall we? Shall we go up to the city council of cut and shoot?



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No, but I will say this, I think I sooner or later, we're going to come back with an ordinance in the city of Houston. Yep. And when they do, we should make damn sure we're in it. Yeah. And not hesitate to point places like Louisville, and New York, Pennsylvania, Toledo, Ohio, and Toledo, Ohio, Seattle, and see and say, Hey, listen, if these little bitty cities can do it, we don't want to hear any crap where you put it in there. The southern



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cities like Norland.



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I guess we should we need to go to the news. We kind of do. Yeah, but and everybody here wants a piece of cake. Together the news, I want to thank everybody for coming and get back. Oh, Katrina, I know this is your last your probably your last time here. Thank you for everything that you've done for us. You've been fabulous.



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Well, thanks. I hate for you to go. But I wish you all the luck. And I'll be reading you every week.



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Yeah, yeah. Like I said, I'm not going to disappear from the triangle unless they want me to disappear. So as long as I have access to the internet, I'll be sending stuff in and I'll be keeping people informed of hopefully, what I've got my fingers crossed. And that's hopefully the upcoming presidential campaign of Governor Ventura because I personally think he's going to be our only hope for the year 2000. Well, and Jane, I believe me, you know, I hear myself saying that 10 years ago, if you'd have told me I would be sitting here plugging a pro wrestler for President of the United States. I'd have gone ahead and killed myself. But yeah, I



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know, it seems crazy. But he makes more sense to me than anybody often politics. You can



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you can thank governor Governor Venturas election for the reason that I'm going to Minnesota because I even though I knew about Minnesota having the Civil Rights saw, it didn't occur to me to really start looking up there for a job. But the minute he got elected, I started hearing about

his stance on gay marriage, on his support of the transgender civil rights law out there that, you know, damn it, I'm gonna give it a shot up there. It still took me a while. But having a law like that changes changes the entire dynamic up there. I got a lot of rejection letters, but a lot of the rejection letters I did get from up there were nice. Now, that doesn't lie. But it it helps. It helps the middle thing a little bit. You get a letter saying, Yes, we understand your transgendered, but and please understand us. That's not why we were turning you down. We really truly don't have any jobs right now. You know, some of those letters might have been lies, but hey, it shows that they have a different attitude toward us up there. And eventually I found a job up there. And I don't know how many people have told us to but this may surprise some people considering how bad I bashed Republicans, but I'm working for a judge who happens to be Republican Republican. But the thing is in Minnesota, so good Republicans like that.



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You're going up there as an educator.



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Yes. Michigan as an educator, as a missionary. Missionary is an agnostic missionary. Yeah.



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Katrina, thanks for everything and good luck out there.



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Okay. Thank you.



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Oh it's time for after hours news and views



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gosh guys, okay time for after hours news and views and I'm going to be jumping in there with a couple of things great because for Chris he always gets the the microphone that just kind of goes limp on him.



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This one's erect it's further out than normal. Oh



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he got the one that's further out than normal. I don't think we can say that on the show.



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The two on my side over here are kind of extended out an extra four inches and



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he's got the stubby one sir



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All right. I'd like to welcome everyone to this week's edition of after hours news and view bad and got Chris with me tonight. Got Jimmy here. I've got a few things and who knows what else we have. But I'd like to start off by