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In scared out of their mind,



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everybody starts somewhere.



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Well, that's exactly right. Are



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you I remember some scary times.



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So these poor folks, God bless him, they came in and sat down and they listened to fill us in me talk about political issues. And you could just see the terror in there. Right? You know, you can just see it. And I finally at one point, I stopped that went over to him said, are you okay with this? You know, I mean, we're really concerned about them. What the next day when we're lobbying, I specifically gave him some softball legislators, people that I knew, were really, really easy that all they had to do was just show up, and they were going to be talking to friends. It didn't give them more and Chisholm. I didn't assign watches and and God bless them, they wouldn't go they would, they would go and talk to legislators. And and what would happen is after about the third legislator, the fear level had risen to the top of their ears. So they would come back to me and it was just it was like, like little puppy dogs kind of with their heads down. So I'm sorry, we only got to have 20 minutes with the legislator. 20 minutes. You got 20 minutes. That's incredible. That's fabulous. Oh, that's good. Hell. Yeah. They didn't know good from bad. And they just thought it was terrible. You know, gee, we only got to talk to them

about 20 minutes. Is that okay? I thought we were supposed to get more times like you were in a lobby training is that if you got 10 minutes, you were doing good. Just double that. Yeah. In bed



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if you actually got into see the legislator himself, that was even better. By the



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end of the day, they were Bulldogs. Yeah. You know, by the, by the time by the time it's gotten to their fourth or fifth legislator, it was like, I can do this.



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A little self esteem build worked out. Yeah.



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You they just about puffed up their chest, you could see them grow. It was just wonderful. There was a one one a crossdresser, who came in decided he wanted to do it in his meals is male, self, no problem with that. And I said, Listen, you'll probably be one of the most successful people there. And he was, he was



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the fool. He fooled me because I'd never seen him in guy mode before he was at the end of the day, when I finally dawned on me. Oh, I know you.



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He was just incredible. And I gave him tough calls. I split. In fact, I asked him, I said, Do you want me to give you OS softballs? Or do you want me to kind of mix it up? He said, No, go ahead and give me the tough one. And I did. And so he would come back to me after about every third fourth one say, you and I kidding, these people are really tough. And what it was, is I had given them legislators out of West Texas. So going in, we knew these were going to be arch conservatives. And you know that we're going to talk religion in this sort of thing out



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from where men are men and sheep run scared and she runs here. That's



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it, and I gotta go from College Station. Now. Aggie over there.



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Yeah, here we go to college. Right.



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And he was he was just terrific. We kept hearing stories of people who were going into the legislators offices and asking for 10 minutes, and we're getting a half hour. Excellent. We heard a couple of stories of legislators who kept one of them, I guess, was regulator from the electric company from H LMP. Who will get left cooling his heels in the office because the legislator wanted to continue the session with these transgendered individuals. Wow.



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There was one happened to a nicer regulator.



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Well, you know, I would think to some extent, we were probably a welcome relief from their everyday business



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that yeah, I would actually say that. Yeah. Because in several offices, we saw some other lobbyists coming in. You could tell these guys. It was just old hat. It was like these. These are professional professional lobbyists. They were getting paid for the profit didn't personally care about what they were lobbying about. lobbying for boll weevils against boll weevils, etc, etc.



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Okay, so you got it in there. You got some time. And you talked about,



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and honestly, what I had told them was start out telling their own stories, because their attention grabbers. Yeah. And in it, despite all the lobbying, the training that we did, the one thing I kept saying to them was, if you can't remember any of the bills, we're supposed to be here for tell your own story.



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And you're a face now. You're not just a nameless that's it? Yeah. You're not just a nameless issue anymore.



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It's harder to legislate against people if they have faces and if they have names Yeah. And if they come off as being real people and not you know, the idiots on Jerry Springer, I'm sure it worked. It worked all day long. It worked, and especially for the newspaper The new people who are coming to us and saying, I forgot everything you told me. But I did remember you telling me to tell my story. And I did. And they were getting 20 in 30 minutes with legislators on it. My favorite legislator was one out of West Texas. Alvarado was his name. When we went in when I, my understanding of this guy was that he was kind of a moderate, in that you could probably expect them to listen, but not only did this man, listen, but he started writing out a how to how to be more effective in our lobbying in the future. Oh, unbelievable. This guy starts writing it down. He's giving us names of people to go sail. Excellent. Then he says, the next time you come you should bring members of the clergy with you. Interesting. And I was like, Why the hell didn't I think of that. And then he starts writing up the names of who we should invite cool. I used to say you contact this person and that person and this person, and you let them know that you're coming and they will come and support you. We couldn't believe it. Excellent. Excellent. It's you know, it's funny because I did an interview with the Australian broadcast network, right. And they were fascinated with the idea that we could go and talk to legislators. They had this idea that our legislators were all like, Clint Eastwood, you know, or John Wayne buckaroos, and I kept saying, yeah, be exactly buckaroos is right. And I said, Well, you know, most of them have college degrees is probably really not like that. And so they called me back and interviewed me afterwards. And I was telling them about the success of all this. And it was funny, the guy says, He said, But these folks, he said, You mean they would actually talk to you like real people? Hell, yes. They talk to us, like real people. Why wouldn't they were voters. You know, they just they couldn't grasp that the



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austere Australia has a parliament rather than legislate and Parliament parliamentary government is a little bit different.



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Well, but they do have regional Parliament's that basically translate out into what would be our state houses. They have I forget. I want to see six different regions in Australia. But in any case, they call them states. Do that. Yeah, I think



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there's, there's some territories. I don't know what that have lesser status. I don't know what

the official ones are called. Yeah, I think they are states,



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but they just couldn't grasp the idea that our legislators would talk to us and we're like, Well, yes, of course they would. Anyway, that was there was one person who came in from Killeen. God bless her. This woman was a karate instructor. She had her own karate business. She and she worked as a security guard. She pulled an all night shift. And then when she went off, she went home, change clothes, drove down to Austin from Killeen, lobbied all day change back into her male drag Boone force she left because she had to go back to clean and teach a karate class that night and no sleep. Boy. That's how badly she wanted to be there.



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Uh huh. And I lobbied with her and a couple of legislators offices. Yeah, she's, she's a person who went in and told her story she is part of well, she hasn't had her name and gender change yet. But she will be part of a legal same sex marriage. She



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story. She has a master's she has two masters. She has a ton of degrees. She has a ton of she has two master's degrees, two PhDs and can't get a job. She's, you know, yeah. I mean, and she's like, she was like the ideal candidate to talk about for end. Yeah. Yeah. I was I one of the things I did want to talk about was some of the reaction that we got from legislators on a couple of bills. Yeah,



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I was gonna say you dragged dangle these carrots earlier. So dangling? Oh,



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boy. Let's start off by talking about the sodomy law because that's the easier one for people to understand. I'll tell you this right now that the Texas Legislature is not going to repeal the sodomy law and rationality behind that statement, the phrase that we got again and again and again, is this is a cutthroat bill. As in if I vote to repeal the sodomy law, my opponent in the next election will cut my throat.



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Okay. It's it's, it's, it's political, hey, it's not strictly anything to do with the issue.



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And they were telling us privately over and over, that, personally, they thought the sodomy law was the dumbest law on the books is what we heard that phrase several times,

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at least, it's the dumbest law on the books that has potential enforcement problems. Well, that's right.

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But they would tell you that look, personally, I'm opposed to this law. I'm opposed to the sodomy law. I think it's idiotic. I think it's stupid. But if it comes to the floor, I gotta vote to keep it because if I don't, and the next election, I'm out of office on this bill.

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Yeah. Okay. And this is why the philosophy of people who are against going through the courts is stupid. The react I mean, there are idiots in the legislature. There are bigots and legit legislature, but there are people like this, who simply want But you have a slider priorities, they want to do more things. And if they do something like this, yeah, they're telling the truth. They're their opponent will random with it. Eventually, the only way to get rid of the sodomy law is going to be through the courts. But there are some people who just love back rooming it and say, Oh, yes, we have, we have to go through the legislature. That's the democratic thing to do. Blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, bah, bah, Bull, that ain't gonna work.

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No, because politically, what we found is what we already knew, I guess, and that is that legislators require political cover right before they will turn so called courageous votes. And without this was a string, this would have been a straight up or down vote. And they were afraid of it. They were absolutely afraid of it. And they told us Oh, again and again. Now the question that I had, and I don't know how to answer, it was, would that really be the case? Or is it just their fear? Is the public in Texas really so prejudiced? Or is it that the legislators are behind the curve on the issue? Yeah, and I don't have any way in the world to know that. I mean, you know,

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well, then I can guarantee you any legislator in Harris County, who votes for the sodomy repeal will have a Stephen Holsey back candidate against him in the next primary or general election.

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Well, and we were actually told that by two legislators I can't say who they were but we were

well, and we were actually told that by two legislators I can't say who they were but we were actually told that flat out by two of our legislators and one of them was a state senator in fact, and told us just you know, just said flat out if I do this, hoti will have somebody run against me in the next election. And that's the real danger in the power of the right wing



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for us ignorant types. Can you explain who Steven hooks he is?



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I'm sorry, Steven hotsy is



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why don't we Why don't we pronounce his name correctly? hotseat



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with Nazi hotsy with Nazi NC that during the brigade referendum here, he really started up a group that was called the so called straight slate. Okay, I've heard that phrase. Yeah, this is guy. This is like the premier homophobe in Harris County also happens to be the driving force between the here and the Harris County Republican Party. homophobe extraordinaire, this guy would be Jerry Falwell's assistant.



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Okay. And he probably called Jerry Falwell liberal.



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You probably would, because he because of fall will watch his Teletubbies in the first place. So Steve, Steven hosts, and that's what they're afraid in. And Katrina is exactly right. The other bill that we went up there talking about for the gay and lesbian Devitt, part of our presentation, was the adoption adoption. Yeah. And we were told time and again, the legislators didn't think that that bill was ever going to come out of committee. And they said, quite honestly, it wasn't going to come out of committee, because Bush doesn't want it to come out of committee. Great, because he wants to run for president. And he doesn't want to have to deal with those kinds of issues on his record when he runs. So there is a case where the fact that bush is running for president may actually do us may actually do us a favor. Because they seem convinced that it came to the floor that it was never going to come to the floor. Having said that, they also said if it did come to the floor, they would probably have to vote for it for the same reason as the sodomy law. Yeah. Is that that if they didn't, that one legislator put it very well. He said he couldn't imagine a political mix more explosive than gays and lesbians and

children. Interesting. And I thought so that the old the old canard about gays and lesbians, you know, they can't produce they have to recruit. And and you know that their mobile child molester apparently that old canard is still out there. Oh, yeah. Yeah. And we need to do a station break. This is KPFT 90.1 FM in Houston. And ke o s College Station, Brian, there. Yeah. I'm Sarah dipalma. And with me tonight is Beth Richard and Katrina rose. And we are talking about transgender Lobby Day and some of the things that we learned from that.



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Yes, close but no cigar.



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Okay, what part of that was wrong?



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It's KPFT. Houston. What did I say? KPFT. In Houston.



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Oh. Oh, well, I'll say we are forgot this a Pacifica broadcast station.



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We are at the sound of Texas. Yes,



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we are. Well,



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it does seem like a little thing. But if it's a tikiwiki people here, Beth Yeah, attached to the FCC gets real funny about



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oh, they are a funny bunch. And





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they're like the IRS. They have a wonderful sense of humor. Yeah.



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You can probably tell poor Jimmy's buffering through a call.



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Yeah, so he just came in specifically so he could breathe on us.



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Glad to be in the other room.



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Goodbye. Oh, poor baby. Jimmy, if you find the cart for us, I'll play the cart. The next time I couldn't play the find the cart to use for a station break. Jimmy to the rescue Jimmy to the rescue. Thank you. Okay. See, this is live radio folks, community community radio with attitude, as they say. Yeah. So anyway, where were we? We're talking. We're talking about the gay the gay and lesbian adoption bill. Yeah. And it really says a lot about the legislators. I think that they will tell you privately how much it is that they think the gay and lesbian adoption bill is a stupid idea. And how much that they think it's foolish one legislator told us outright? If it ain't broke, don't fix it. But if it comes to the floor, I don't have a choice in this bill.



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Yeah.



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And this is this is the other end of what I was talking about with, you know, the people who think that, that the legislative, in of government is the be all end all. This thing could easily end up being law. I have a little bit more of a jaundiced attitude, again towards Governor Bush on this. I don't think he's simply being neutral on this. I think he really does want it. He's trying he's trying to he's trying to somehow get it done. Without taking a stand politically,



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that doesn't make any sense, though. I don't think he wants that on his record. I suspect what the legislator told us was true. And that is that Bush would just,



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yeah, he doesn't know he doesn't want it on his record, but I believe he wants it. He's James Dobson with a different face. I firmly believe that.



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I'm not so convinced that I understand your point of view, but I'm not so convinced.



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Well, my theory is, you know, if he was are for me, there's far too many people in our community who liked the guy. Now he had our friend as a friend. Yes. But you know, there are some people in this community who who by that, if he was that



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they probably voted for Richard Nixon to



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Yeah. If he if that was the case, he would be taking a stand against it. Well, I don't want to get off on it too much. But again, he could say that he could be deskit Sign it. That's correct. So and that's, that's as much of a statement as we need. And I'll, I'll deal with the rest of that in a column in the near future.



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Okay. We may have just heard the next column from Katrina, won't be



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this week. Actually, it will be the week after. Okay. So that tune in to the triangle at



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the beginning of the show. You dangled yet another carrot about being allied with the gay and lesbian lobby? Is that where that tip this ties in? Are we a little farther with that?



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No, that's actually a good point. It's a good point on this. One, we went over and we talked about the employment non discrimination bill. We just went up there. And we told her stories, and I had given everyone talking points of what to expect the legislators would ask, right, and generally, we got two responses on the bill. Either it was a flat out, yes, I'll vote. I'd vote for this bill. Or a case of I'm not I'm not sure about this, I want to make sure that I'm not going to get clubbed with it in my district. What I've heard, though, from several legislative aides is that this bill has a snowball's chance in hell, not because the legislators are opposed to it. But because business is opposed to it. Oh, yeah.

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Yeah. Well, anything that takes away their ability to make a decision, and have it legislated, I don't care what the subject is, is going to be unpopular with business.

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Well, now one of the things and this is going to be an issue in our community. So I guess we might as well talk about this. One of the issues that that was brought up several times was, well, I don't know that I want crossdressers coming into work as male a couple days a week or as a female a couple of days away. Let me tell you, I'll be very honest about this. I am going to legislators that I don't see any need for a crossdresser to do that either.

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As a business owner, that would that would not be something that I would be smiling. I'm not going to know nothing.

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There's nothing in this, this proposed into or any version of into federal or other state that would permit that permit that their dress codes are still allowable. There's nothing that would do away with dress code.

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Well, and that wasn't something that legislators brought up. And I wanted to make it clear that in my It is my view that like that, that no one has the right to simply show up dressed as they want. You know, I don't think you can have a person be showing up on Monday and saying I want to be called Suzy and me showing up on Tuesday and saying I want to be called George as it just I mean as a person Someone who is in the human right human resources. There's no chance in hell that is way it's incredibly disruptive to the workplace. Yeah. On the other hand, I wouldn't I absolutely, we definitely made it clear that any crossdresser, who was found cross dressing in their private private time, you should never lose their job for something like that absent



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right now in Texas, and almost everywhere in this country. You can that's,



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well, nothing illegal about there's nothing illegal. That's right. And we're in that issue is going to be a hot one in our community. I know Phyllis already floated this idea on the net, and took it squarely across the chin from cross dressers across the country who said, but I want that right. I want that right now. And I have a very simple response. I don't care if you want it. That's not what this is about. It's not what it's about. It is politically impossible. Yeah, it is a person who works in court in the corporate world. I'll tell you right now, that has a less than a snowball's chance in hell and the senator of August, it will never happen.



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So what they're basically saying is that they're willing to sacrifice to their whim. Their right to not be fired for something they do in their privacy, their own home.



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That's that would be my translation of it. Yeah. Pretty scary. Yeah. And that's just not going to happen. There's no way in heck, I could support that kind of a thing. Yes, I certainly you know, crossdresser is on their private time and they get caught. No one should lose a job for that.



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That that is a totally analogy, analogous to sexual orientation, right? Doing being involved. In course, they always say it's behavior. Well, that behavior takes place away from work, generally. And right now, you can be fired for it. If you never say anything about it at work. No one at work knows can tell or anything. But suddenly, someone finds I see you



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wandering out of Mary's one night up here, on your shoulder.



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Now, what happened? What happened with this is as we were lobbying, as, as we were lobbying, what we what we heard, many times, was that legislators told us, we would be better off if we went up and lobbied on behalf of ENDA, without mentioning the fact that we were supporting gays and lesbians. I wanted to hear about this, because we were told very honestly,

and they were quite sincere about this, that we had a better case if we went up without the gays and lesbians, because our case was compelling. And gays and lesbians were not interested. Now, is this on? Well, I assume prejudice and ignorance. I don't know how I mean, honestly, I don't know how else you can think of that. Well, if you're interesting that we kept being told that by that byline and get ourselves with gays and lesbians, that it was hurting our credibility, because gays and lesbians say exactly the same thing. They claim that by their aligning with us, it hurts their credibility. And we didn't hear anything like that. In fact, not only do we not hear anything like it, but we were told numerous times, that we would be better off separating from gays and lesbians, because our case was compelling. Now, and so the next time I see Dr. Carpenter say anything, again, about how allying with us is hurting their case, I'm gonna blast him. And I'll say it now I'm gonna blast them. And I'm gonna blast them again. And again, because it's pure, absolute



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BS. And it's, of course, the argument that the HRC uses against putting any



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damn right, absolutely. And moreover, just in case, anyone that out there is like, has a germ in their head saying, Well, yeah, why don't we just go ahead and separate? Because there are just too many elements of this, that are totally completely linked, because we've forgotten to mention one other bill that we were lobbying on the Defense of Marriage Act, right? That affects me all. As much demean doesn't affect me, no one can divorce me from my cats. But that's, that's something. And that was one thing that I noticed, no matter how much success we were having on some of the other bills, we were lobbying on the employment, we seem to always open some eyes on employment. But when it got down to the Defense of Marriage Act, that's where it ended. Yeah, that's when the Bible started being thrown at us.



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Well, this is Texas. Yeah. And again, that's a cutthroat issue. And I think I'm trying to think how to put this in a diplomatic way. I think that the gay and lesbian community over rates, its own political clout, and its own political ability and thinking that they are going to go to the legislature and they're going to change people when it comes to cut throat issues. Well, I think I think the LM happened. This is still Texas, I



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think the element of that same element of the A gay and lesbian community that was speaking up earlier who, who hates the courts, namely, Republicans. Republicans are people who hate doing things through the courts. Oh, that's wrong. judicial activism bla bla bla bla bla, and they especially hate federal courts. Well, folks, if we ever make any real progress, it is going to be in the federal courts.



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I think that's what we've learned Katrina is that the legislators, anybody who thinks that this political change is going to take place through the legislature is kidding themselves, just because people their legislators are not going to cut their throats for us. They're just not



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over. Think back to the racial civil rights issues. There were a precious few things that did come out of Congress, namely Title Seven Civil Rights Act, that was great. Lyndon Johnson managed to ram that through Congress. But most of the big steps forward took place at because of the federal courts, Supreme Court specifically, they were tell it, they were willing to tell states, no states rights does not give you the right to make blacks inferior people that is going to have to happen with gays and lesbians and transgender people, states are going to have to be firmly slapped right across the face. It's coming. It's even if even if we get good legislation passed First off, the religious right is going to hammer at it. They're gonna they're gonna try to get it overturned through the courts. They're



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already trying to do that in Minnesota. That's correct. Yeah. Yeah.



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And the I've mentioned this on the show before, their attitude is any law that puts gays and lesbians and transgender people on equal footing with real human beings discriminates against Christians right to discriminate. Now, that's warped logic. But unfortunately, they have a lot of right wing judges who agree with



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them, actually, Robert taught and told the Senate that exact thing that that by passing a law that would by I'm trying to think, exactly the best way that would force Christians to be around homosexual But yeah, basically, that was what it came down to is that forcing Christians to associate with homosexuals violated the civil rights of the Christians.



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I see no use of force here. But that's because I am a much more rational being than they see me. But



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I heard that exact argument in Alabama. Uh huh. Yeah, in the south, in the 60s days, I'll never forget sitting in a church in Tunelo Mississinni And listening to him isn't Minister explain to us

forget sitting in a church in Tupelo, Mississippi. And listening to him isn't him just explain to us why the Bible preserved segregation. And explain to us that that that the, the story of the Tower of Babel made it clear that the races were intended to be segregated one from another, and was dead serious about that. Now makes you wonder if that's the case, why would Germans talk to the French and the French talk to the Polish? I mean, you know,



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to be honest, the French don't talk to the English. So what the hell, the



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French don't talk to anybody except friends. But that's a different issue. But, I mean, I've had it with these with religious people, or there is religious nuts, to coming up with this kind of lunacy. I mean, really, I'm just fed up in people.



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If you're ever bored and want to actually if you're not, not at all, you never get bored want to go look through some old legal opinions. Look through all of the old state legal opinions that upheld laws prohibiting interracial marriage. They are some of the most disgusting garbage to ever come from a judge's pen. Every damn one of them rested not on law, but on the Bible. And what what finally got rid of the right of a state to prohibit blacks and whites from getting married, not Congress. A couple of state legislators were enlightened enough to repeal the law. But in 1967, there were 16 states left in this country where you could be put in prison for marrying someone of a different race. It took the US Supreme Court to tell Virginia to I was about to use, get us thrown off the air for it took the US Supreme Court to tell Virginia what to do with itself and along in every other state that thought had had the right to tell people who they could not marry. And folks, if gays and lesbians ever when the right to marry someone of the same gender, it is not going to come from Congress. It is going to come from the US Supreme Court.



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I thought it was especially compelling to hear some of the legislators talk about they told us that they felt like our argument for protect for employment protection made sense. Yes. And the theory was that gays and lesbians can hide in transgendered people cannot. Oh, good. And that argument makes me very uncomfortable. Because that's homophobia. sheepskin. Pretty similar. And a very thin Wouldn't that in but but it tells you how far that, you know, I listened to. I listened to some of the gay and lesbian leaders talk about how far they have come politically. And it certainly is true that made fabulous progress. But my experience is not in our experience now in this in several times that we've been to the legislature, that to make progress in Texas, they are first going to have to convince legislators that a vote in favor of gay or lesbian bill does not mean the end of their career. And until the queer community learns that that is the case and accepts that that is the case and starts to deal with that issue head on. We are dead in the water politically.



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Sounds like we need more majority pop, more majority community support.



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It sounds well, we need more people to come out obviously. Yeah, but it's gonna but it's going to take even more than that. We need to it's going to take an opinion shift. We're it's going to have to take an education of the public at large, because no matter what anybody believes, legislators are not stupid. And they are not going to vote away that is going to get them thrown out of office. They're just not.



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And unfortunately, it's not. I don't think it's going to change in the next couple of years. Because thanks to this past election, the people who are going to redraw the district boundaries after the year 2000 Are all Republicans. So the and if Governor George moves on up to the White House, the governor who will be in charge of that will be the Heart of Darkness himself, Rick Perry.



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The Heart of Darkness. Yeah, I wonder what she thinks? I don't know. Too big for us.



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Yeah, i Yeah. i I actually did I actually did sit to the Governor's State of the State address and I was up in the balcony looking right at George been right out right off to his right. Surprising in which direction was Rick period? I just, I don't know I I, you know, we can't win. We can't squirming Yes, we can't, we're not going to win either way, for the next four years, when the chief executives office in the state, if George runs, runs for president, and wins, we get Rick Perry. If he doesn't run, we're stuck with George, you know,



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well, we need to start making room for the news here, which means we need to get some music, get our folks in studio. But I do want to pass this along, as is one last thought about this transgender Lobby Day. If it does not matter whether you are a crossdresser, transgendered person, a transsexual, it doesn't matter. The one thing that we learned, we have learned from this experience, and that I hope we have communicated to you is that we are not without the ability to make a positive change any longer. That's right. The days when being a transgendered person was tantamount to being committed to to committing suicide are over. Yeah, yeah, they're over. They are and that been over for a long time. I understand the fear level that people have in the transgender community about all sorts of issues. I understand the

guilt and the shame that are felt. But let me let me say this to you. The people who came up to lobby in Austin with us, were not activists in the sense of the word that I would be, for example, these were not people who spend careers working on behalf of one thing or another. And once we got told again, and again, that what they really wanted to be able to do is come to Austin make their case and go home. Yeah. So it says to the extent that they were able to do that, I think we what we did was successful, because we made it easy for that. But



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well, in addition to that, you were saying that you know that the end does. You got told basically no on that. And the adoption, you bet basically told no on that. And no, no, no, no. But what you did is you made a dent, you made that first chip in the rock.



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What what I what I told him what I made it the point is to use as my closing comments everywhere, no matter if legislator was friendly or not. I just said, Look, if you get nothing else out of our visit, just remember, we are not the people you see on Jerry Springer.



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That's right. So I want to say to you, if you learn nothing from this discussion of the one thing I would want you to take away from this is that is that your self esteem should be you have something to look forward to that your life is not at an end and that things are getting better slowly slow though that may be getting better very slowly. And with that, let's go to a piece of music. Do you remember which which one is reporting number one, number ones number one is Chris Williamson. And number three is and number three is Veronica Claus. And Jimmy tells us that she is nominated for a Grammy. And so with that we're going to go to some music and get ready for the news. And away we go



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up or weren't introduced. It's time now for after hours news interviews



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with big Roy and Michelle and sitting in front, Michelle. This week I is Chris



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I have missed. It must be another coup d'etat. I've taken over two weeks in a row now. Well, glad to have you first Miss Lewis now Miss Michelle. Oh,



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okay. Well, what can I say? Just don't get me



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into Europe, then. I guess I'll have my own country soon. Well, okay.



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Well, glad to have you all here with us again for another edition of after hours news and views and we want to start off by saying hi to Randy out there in Beaumont, and to Tony way up there in Midway Texas. Want to say hi to anyone that any weapons that you may have gotten fan mail from or helping me



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get fan mail. Oh, all right. Family over one of these ATMs with Let's go.



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Okay. Well, I you know, I don't like to gloat, or, or whatnot. But last year, we started a show, and I started off as a news item. And we, after the first week, we we didn't cover much anymore. And that was about the age, right, the tanker that went from Houston to Austin to Dallas, or



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just as this the Texas version has been nationwide events on that all throughout.



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But at any rate, Michelle and I after the first week, we did a little bit more in depth investigation, and we kind of smelled something funny on it. And we really did not want to promote something that we ourselves did not feel 100% comfortable about. And well, it seems that our fears was justified. Because the numbers are in the tanker or AIDS, right. The note the first one that they had here. They raised \$2,800,000 of that. Only approximately 15% Or about \$400,000 went to the different aids charity groups. Now unfortunately



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that, you know, that's all legal because I think it's somewhere between like 10 and 25% is all they really have to give with most of these charitable organizations that they raise. And



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and while that may be so I know a lot of groups like the court the don't get me to try to say their whole imperial court the court or Colt 45.



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Of is and many other groups. Take day give just about the whole kit and caboodle. Yeah.



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What you always have assembling that. You've seen a lot of big events and big organizations in your comms Jamie to tell us is the Roland sovereign and



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the Royal Sovereign and imperial court of the single star Houston. Jimmy,



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Jimmy, for that, go make a cart for it. Because you're the only one who can say it so you can just play we can just play the cards and and now we're going to be talking about and Jimmy can come at the Jovi's voice comes on with the Rhode Island sovereign Imperial core to the single star and then we go back to the live



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Why don't you just learn it be a lot easier



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but no there are a lot of groups here in town. Yeah, get way more than then 10 or 15 % of whatever it is. Yeah,



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unfortunately it lets you see that a lot now with some of your bigger events. And your bigger organizations I mean United Way went through a big big problem couple years ago that they weren't, they seem there was not as much going to the actual people. And a lot of the organizations unfortunately you start getting too top heavy with that, especially on an event like this. You have a lot of now to play devil's advocate on it. insurance for everybody makes sure they were safe. A lot of the different organizations you had to get in there for security to block off roads and all that. There's probably a lot of expenses in there. Well, but unfortunately that and then those organizations and that they don't get it for cheap. And that's that could be where a lot of it went but it's sad to see that only 15% actually went to people who it's meant to be okay. Well, I



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Well, for security, I'd say, I know of one organization in particular, that would have been more than happy to supply free security. I know a lot of organizations that you know, they had a matures. And



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yeah, they had a lot of they had a lot of



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they had a lot of those kinds of people, you know, at those tents and whatnot. And I'm sure they probably got paid. And I know that there are a lot of those people who would have here in the Houston area, Austin in Dallas, who would have done it for free.



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Unfortunately, no one asked him and no one offered and that's where it all happens.



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Anyways, so that's why I wanted to mention about on this because there is there is a way to do it. You know, but the bottom line is, is kind of like well, like what you said they only have to



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Yeah give us half Yeah that can be part of it I like you said big events like that It's it's hard to

Yeah, give us him. Yeah, that can be part of it. Like you said, big events like that. It's hard to keep an eye on everything.



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Now you were telling me that there's something that wasn't a gay bash?



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Well, it's official. It's as of right now. The Houston Police Department has announced that the incident we have here last week we reported on of the the young man who the 34 year old man who was found shot and killed in the Montrose area or extreme northern Montrose area. In women's clothing. They're not now ruling at a gay bashing because they're not because unfortunately, with no witness right now, you really need someone to say yes that there was this he was targeted for this reason or that, but they they don't have any don't have a motive yet. They don't know if it was burglar it was robbery if it was a drug deal gone bad because that is not a great part of town to be in especially late at night. But until they get some more information right now they're they're downplaying the fact that it could have been