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Jimmy Carper 00:00

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Chris Harrison 02:06

Hello, Houston and Galveston and the world. You've tuned into after hours queer radio with attitude here on the June 20s. Switch. Well, June twelfth Saturday edition of after hours. You're one of your producers, Chris Harrison. Jimmy Carper will be joining us. In a brief moment he's gonna be calling in from empower. Over there with Michael. And we're going to be putting on the show for you here tonight was the transgender segment followed by the Latino segment. And of course round table to round to round out the evening. Starting off the show tonight was Jeff crasner, with 110 in the shade and kind of appropriate for our stuff in the studio here. Yeah, it's a little tepid in here for us, Vanessa. Vanessa is our tea host for the night. Hello. Make sure we get her on we're gonna be having a phone interview. And we've got some guests with you as well. Yes, I do. And so what we're gonna do is once again like so we're going to call it having calling here from empower. The lift off party for pride events is going on right now at the Georgia brown Convention Center. Exhibit Hall A. And it was there earlier at Empower. Very interesting all the different getting seated or booths for the different companies in there. actually got to meet Jay Rodriguez from Queer Eye for the Straight Guy. Tiny little thing. Wow. I mean, he's,



Vanessa Edwards 02:22



Vanessa Edwards 03:00

if you think he looks even gotten a chance to see it. Yeah, Tom. If



Chris Harrison 03:37

you watch the show, and you think you look at it, you go, man, is he small? Well, he's even smaller in person. I think somebody picked on us was a toothpick later on. It was skinny as a rail.



Vanessa Edwards 03:50

They must put them on platforms, you know, for TV.



Chris Harrison 03:54

I mean, he's just this small guy was walking around. And I was checking out all the booths and taking pictures and signing autographs with a lot of people checking



Vanessa Edwards 04:02

out other things. But



Chris Harrison 04:05

anyway, when we come over and open your ears, one of the official pride events and we'll talk more about it later hopefully, by lot by lot. Boy take two it's in Spanish and you know, I've heard



Vanessa Edwards 04:18

by Les international 2004



Chris Harrison 04:21

Thank you. It's hosted by Globo which is gay and lesbian organized by or Google Local yo, yo if you like card to read, I am just I'm not I'm not saying hey, just take it because you know you're doing you're doing a better job than I am I'm butchering it.



Vanessa Edwards 04:40

Anyway, um, global violate internasional 2004 Or does meal Quatro? Or go yo pride will be June 25 2004 at the guesthouse in and wait a minute, no guest housing and tweets as the square

attached or I can get house in and tweet

 Chris Harrison 04:59

and it says Airtex at 45 North, there's a ticket prices are \$25 at presale at the doors 30. For more information you can call the global line at 713-710-0268. And Globo is a 501 C three nonprofit organization, and their focus is to increase the membership of what promises to be the largest and most dynamic GLBT Latinos organization in the greater Houston area. Excellent.

 Vanessa Edwards 05:29

Excellent. Uyo it's Pride Month. Sorry, yeah,

 Chris Harrison 05:35

I had something else I supposed to bring, but I left it at home. I'm gonna get in trouble. But I will have a good memory. It is a film that's going to be screened at the US and gay lesbian community center involving the right to marry. And it's narrated by Betty generous. Ah, Ellen's mom. Okay, so I've got to see if I can scrounge up the paperwork as information of that. So what we're gonna do is we're gonna put little music in your ear, and then we'll start off with our start dialing our phone interview here with Vanessa and we'll be right back. Let's give you a little Melissa Etheridge. Lucky, we'll be right back. Okay, we're back. We're here we had one of those days where the Gremlins just wanted to bite you in the butt all night long, and not in a good way. Well, we're running into that right now ladies and gentlemen. We're experiencing technical difficulties getting our new

 Vanessa Edwards 06:39

equipment and new instructions on how to use them. So

 Chris Harrison 06:43

we're playing a little bit by ear, we're gonna try and get eat them on the line here in just a second. We'll figure something out. Somehow, we'll get this right. We want to let our listeners know we've gotten a couple of phone calls in mentioning about the fact they thought an airplane went down in the Third Ward area. From what we have been able to determine at this time, it sounds like we had a it was a fireworks display is what you saw. Today. Over at Minute Maid Park was celebration called 41 at 80, which was a birthday party for President George Herbert Walker Bush number 41. celebrating his 80th birthday and there was a lot of hoopla with that. So apparently he was there was some fireworks going on there. So if the reports of hearing of a plane going down, as far as we can tell this time it was just a fireworks display. Okay, let's see if we can push Matt, you know what buttons to push. You push the buttons. Let's try it. Ethan Can you hear us? Yes. Whoa. All right.



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I can hear you now.



Vanessa Edwards 07:55

Excellent.



Chris Harrison 07:56

Welcome to the show. He normally we're not this crazy. We are a little crazy. We're just not this level. But they brought in this new equipment and I have no clue what we're doing.



Vanessa Edwards 08:12

Yes, in Spanish or in English. discombobulated this



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Kumbaya. Sid said, Are you ovulating? Yes.



Vanessa Edwards 08:21

Are you ovulating? Can you say that? Okay.



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Can you see that in Spanish?



Chris Harrison 08:29

No. I didn't bring my dictionary for that one.



Vanessa Edwards 08:34

Anyway, oh, by the way, our guest with us this evening is Ethan St. Pierre, who is not only a board member and the vice chair of the lobbying effort in Washington DC with the National transgender Advocacy Coalition, but he's also one of the CO organizers of transsexual menace that actually just recently had a little thing going on up in Washington. But before I guess we get to that we had mentioned that it is Pride Month. And in fact, Chris had also mentioned a little bit earlier about the FMA. And I guess it was Betty DeGeneres has

 Chris Harrison 09:19

a film that Betty Jerris narrated? And

 Vanessa Edwards 09:23

that seems to be I guess what a lot of the focus right now is in the community. And with good reason. It's an election year. And of course, you know, the politicians have decided, you know, let's go ahead and make this the battleground as a litmus test because

 Chris Harrison 09:38

we have the the transgender divorce that was trying to go through here in Houston. Exactly.

 Vanessa Edwards 09:42

And so in a number of ways, this has kind of presented itself. In the transgender community. A lot of us were kind of like, no, no, no, no, no, no, let's not deal with the marriage issue at the current time. And one of the things that I think a lot of folks are concerned about is the impact if indeed they start pushing through this federal amendment. They keep mentioning, of course, in the, I guess the build up to the bill is that marriage should be between one man and one woman. Well, how do they define that? And once they get into that definition, how is this going to impact our community? And it's one of the things it's really got a lot of folks kind of running scared, but anyway, um, we were up on the hill. Just recently Capitol Hill I should say him in Washington for the National transgender advocacy coalition's lobby days. I believe we've got the the mics and they're on already. So they are kind of powered up also with us is Catherine Nuber. Lee. Katherine Lee was up there in Washington with us. She was actually one of our first

 Chris Harrison 10:52

times someone who said I didn't tell you, you could use my whole name. I insane.

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Hi, Catherine. Hi. Hey, Ben, how you doing? Good,

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good. Anyway,

 Vanessa Edwards 11:05

we've got kind of a little mini reunion of least a few of us that were up at the lobby days. And I did want to kind of touch base on that before we move into what transsexual Menace was doing since this kind of place in the the proper sequence all all the folks that went up to lobby days, we had folks coming basically from all four corners of the country. From Florida. Well, maybe not Maine, we had Massachusetts. That was close enough. And Washington, California, Texas. Everyone can who Excuse me? Did I lose something? Oh, no, I

 Chris Harrison 11:42

was turning down really loud. And it wasn't really loud in your headphones. To me, it was a London. Okay, that was just turning down. Didn't mean to distract you.

 Vanessa Edwards 11:53

Can you hear me if this thing.

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Were so professionally resembling?

 Vanessa Edwards 12:00

Awesome thing. I want to lose that thing, but I can't afford it. So I'll lose my mind. And

 Chris Harrison 12:11

it's always cheaper. Exactly. It's

 Vanessa Edwards 12:14

cheaper, and I get to enjoy the ride while I'm having it. Anyway, I'm getting back to the lobby days we had folks coming in from all around the nation. For the transgender lobby days, in fact, actually was very unprecedeted week up in Washington. We had a number of things going on besides lobby days, but national transgender Advocacy Coalition was up lobbying, gender Pac was actually up lobbying at the same time simultaneously. And for the first time, they were actually lobbying for the same things that we were which were basically passage of the employment non discrimination act after inclusive language was added to it. Passage of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act as it's called in the house or LEA.

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locally. Now, it's called The Hate Crimes Prevention Act in, in, in it

v Vanessa Edwards 13:05

in Senate, it's still local law enforcement enhancement, right.

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That was the 966. But when it went into the House of Representatives, it's called the local law enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

v Vanessa Edwards 13:14

Oh, local law enforcement Hate

c Chris Harrison 13:18

Crimes Prevention Act doesn't know how to make a cute little acronym out of that. Exactly.

v Vanessa Edwards 13:22

Thank you all for making it complicated for us.

c Chris Harrison 13:27

The only complicated thing they do is the naming of the bill and not the passing of the bill that were ahead of the game. Well,

v Vanessa Edwards 13:31

this is true, they still need to get the proper wording in there. We're still kind of pushing them on that. Yeah. And that's one of the things that we were up there lobbying for as well as defeat of any kind of proposed amendment to the Constitution for the federal marriage amendment, or the federal marriage amendment act, I guess I should say. Obviously, we were pretty much kind of focused on that. And while I'm at it, it wasn't just our two groups, Maura from her group, and TCE was also up there. The National Center for Transgender Equality. Yes, exactly. And she actually had a couple of folks lobbying with her as well. So for once, we actually had all three transgender groups up simultaneously on the hill. And we actually even at one point had at least one historic meeting in one office that will remain unnamed where representatives from all three organizations said in and visited with one of our Congress members, and began, well, actually, I shouldn't say Congress members or Congress members, staffer, excuse me. Thank you. One of the the issues that kind of came up during this, we were mentioning the employment non discrimination act, and I believe the Hate Crimes Act as well. But during the

course of this meeting, it became apparent that They had no problem with inclusion of training standards. And we had come to believe that this office was one of the offices that we were going to have to work on to get support in. They said, No, no, no, you know, I mean, basically, we're there. But, and this was the big, but in a dumb, they said, unfortunately, HRC is not there. And so we've got the same gatekeepers, yet again, the folks that we thought were going to be opposed to this, at least, you know, what we had been reported, as to be opposed to this turned out not to be opposed. In fact, overwhelmingly, each and every one of the offices that we were thinking, we're going to deny this had no problems with the inclusion said, let's move forward with this. But we got basically the same reiteration from a number of different offices, Watergate

 Chris Harrison 15:55

was writing the paperwork that that's giving them is not exactly. And so

 Vanessa Edwards 16:00

in essence, the overriding message that came out of there was that we need to work on HRC. They still want time, they still want more education, they still want more studies, we've had three, we haven't had the results of those published yet, which is kind of another issue. But we're still kind of working on getting some of that there. What is this? Oh, well, if we're gonna, if we could just wait for just to

 Chris Harrison 16:27

finally get Ethan on here, and hopefully, we're gonna be able to keep him on the line here. Still there. Okay, well, we're gonna step out for a second. We've got our producer and that they're calling live remote from another venue. So hopefully, we're going to keep you on hold Ethan.

 Vanessa Edwards 16:42

And this is going to be going on throughout the night. We're gonna cross dishes.

 Chris Harrison 16:45

This is a couple times we're going to be we're going to do this to a problem. So let me see if I can hit the magic buttons. Let's put him on hold. Jimmy, are you there? Yeah. Hey,

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was it his background? In power? Center. President of fried rice? Absolutely. We've got a great event going on here tonight and the kickoff of the Prize Committee of Houston. Daniel celebration. We've got a bunch of people down down here at Georgia brown Convention Center. And we are looking forward to a fun evening. Yes. And let me tell you, the music's great. People

are dancing having a good time. And Jay Rodriguez floating around with the best from TVs Queer Eye for the Straight Guy. We've got Jay Rodriguez here visiting town to help us pick up your pride celebration. Direct from LA we have Mark Tarbox of famous DJ bedding. And a nice Parker was here earlier tonight. We're basically just saying it's the official start of human pride celebration and getting ready for the next few weeks of events leading up to the popular nighttime Pride Parade. And so everyone, Nick and some of the highlights that we're going to have for the next two weeks. Over the next few weeks, we have a number of educational, artistic and social events to celebrate GLBT pride and everything ranging from film viewing to political seminars, educational workshops, and of course parties. And the biggest event of all is doing tonight, Saturday, June 26. We have the nighttime Pride Parade rolling down lower Westheimer we have the most number of entries ever with over 140 entries and the bride rate. Wow, we let me go ahead and jump in here. let y'all know what the atmosphere is like. It's absolutely crowded. They turned the Georgia town hall into a dance floor like a circuit party and drop curtains down for red highlights from behind them to get up close that gate Rodriguez is out on the dance floor just mingling with everybody. That's literally a fantastic place to be right now. But leave it out of your damn power is at the Georgia brown convention center downtown very easily. Very easy ways to buy it and we will be back to you guys in about, I don't know 10 minutes or so after we go sat down and talk to him and mingle it up. But you guys in the studio and we're gonna get about All

 Chris Harrison 19:17

right, well get back to you then. So let's go Alright, so now let's get back to Ethan. Drop that. Ethan. Are you there? Hey, it's a miracle.

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Rifle the trans guy.

 Vanessa Edwards 19:39

Ah, there you go.

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And I'm running.

 Vanessa Edwards 19:47

Keep running, keep running. to kind of recap. We've mentioned though what had happened on the hill. I did want to also get a little bit of Catherine's in Put here. Catherine, of course was up for her very first time lobbying ever. And of course, I take her up to Washington DC to cut her teeth instead of a just a simple Wasden. So, Catherine. Yeah, there. I wanted to get your impression on how you thought things went in a number of the offices and get your impression is a first time lobbyist up there.



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Can I mention names? Ah,



v Vanessa Edwards 20:27

I suppose so.



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I'd say that there was one congressman's office that I didn't quite like being and he I'd say he had a very closed mind. who you're talking to man, his name was called her son,



v Vanessa Edwards 20:43

buddy book Jr.



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But other than that, I would say that I found to every other office I went into to be most optimistic and we, you know, courteous and legitimate, but I'm Fred. I'd like to see Senator Culberson out of office. He's not a senator and please know. Congressman. I would like to see him out of office.



c Chris Harrison 21:10

For us for Texas members. Kay Kay Bailey Hutchinson. And the crony Cronin, the crony crony. I'm sorry, Corwin. I used to say it used to be Philistine Phil, but he laughed.



v Vanessa Edwards 21:25

Corny Cornyn, yes, exactly. Well, we're not doing too well down here in Texas. So at least as far as supportive legislators, and we were doing better unfortunately, we had the redistricting. So what few we had they're taking away even as we speak. So Tom DeLay Hey, you know, you can't get enough with affirmative action. So let's go for quotas. All right. I gotta admit, there's not too many people that will actually take that extra step for the quotas. Did you have any other I guess impression so that you came away with Katherine?



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No, but I really liked the social interaction with other transgendered people. That was very nice.

And I very much enjoyed that. But as far as the congressmen and aides and senators that I talked to for the most part, I thought it was very favorable.

 Vanessa Edwards 22:22

How did Oh, um, well, this

 Chris Harrison 22:24

was back in April.

 Vanessa Edwards 22:25

i Yeah. It's the very tail end of April and apologize for not calling that night, unfortunately. Yeah.

 Chris Harrison 22:33

I forgot that we were exactly that same night there. And, and once again, we're sorry that we weren't able to have you here at the beginning part of April with when we were out at jungle last. But I mean, how many people attend how many transgenders took the hill, transgender and an ally, some, because I'll say there's probably you've probably had some that were we actually

 Vanessa Edwards 22:51

did, we had, in fact, one person from Minnesota actually brought her daughter up to lobby with

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somebody from that was originally from Cambridge, Massachusetts, but lived in Germany, that came from Germany.

 Vanessa Edwards 23:08

And so we were actually, I forgot about that, well, all four corners of the country, and even outside of the country. But she did have roots here in the country. So I mean, her parents still live here. And I think she was actually lobbying in Minnesota since I used to live in that district or something. But then, but anyway, um, we actually did have a good number of folks, I'd say about three dozen, roughly.

 Chris Harrison 23:32

But I mean, for an event like that, if we're going and taking the hill, I mean, to actually, you know, something to sit and write a letter, you know, something to, you know, sign a postcard at some event, but to actually take the initiative to go up and, you know, knock on the Congress person's door, and, you know, they're hiding in the slip out the back door, sort of thing. And so you're talking to their staffers who, you know, these governmental minimum wage flunkies that, you know, oh,

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Vanessa Edwards 23:59

wouldn't say minimum wage? Well, minimum wage for the government, where I'm true for the government. Definitely. But we actually had a very good response from, from most folks up there on the hill, I say from most I'm not going to say from all, but it's it's a different environment, I guess, than lobbying in Texas where, you know, I mean, they pretty much get away with a lot more than they would never even think of doing up on Capitol Hill. Thank God. They haven't gotten to that point yet. I mean, it's ugly here in Texas, but

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it carries off is actually we had a really good response from I mean, we, the folks here from Massachusetts, met with the congressional aide for an hour. We had a great conversation, and it was a good meeting. I mean, for an hour to meet with a congressional aide for one hour, a solid hour is pretty good. And

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Chris Harrison 24:54

then combine that with the fact that that is a congressional aide to a presidential candidate. Yes. To be able to get that much time. Close, that is something of, you know, they're not they're not just giving you the lip service of, you know, here are your 15 minutes and they start the stop clock sort of thing. Yeah, this is someone who actually was listening to the issue. It

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was very significant. And she was, she was very understanding on these issues of jet gender identity and expression. And she even we even started swapping stories, even started talking to us about stories of how, you know, she was discriminated against and certain restaurants because she didn't look feminine enough when she went into the restaurant, and how because she was, you know, dressed with a little baseball hat. And she didn't know exactly what feminine and obviously didn't have the right attire, and how she was, you know, viewed, as, you know, being a little bit genderqueer. So we actually swapped stories, and she got it she got every she understood exactly what we're talking about. Exactly.

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Vanessa Edwards 26:01

It's not, I guess the, the major hurdle that a lot of folks would like to have us believe it is, especially with a number of the offices, we've been going up there now for a while, and we've been getting the information across to them. And which we actually did. That made quite a bit

been getting the information packet to them. And which we actually did. That made quite a bit of a difference after 2001. And we noticed the difference this time, specifically,

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part of the information that we get out is that gender identity or expression been included in the employment non discrimination act, as well as the local law enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act, it doesn't just affect transgendered people. It affects people that are straight, lesbian and gay. Because if you're gender variant in any way, your job could be in jeopardy. Exactly. You can be fired from a job because you don't exactly fit into the little boxes of feminine or masculine. And

v Vanessa Edwards 27:03

in fact, the same thing goes for hate crimes. That was one of the things we wanted to really impress upon folks. We didn't actually get the Guerreros up to lobby with us. That's the family when they had an ongoing case. But we did get the mother of Stephanie Thomas, up there with us lobbying on the hill, Queen Washington was fantastic. She was just absolutely, to me a natural. She went up and spoke specifically from the heart about her daughter, how she felt how she related to her. Her daughter had, I guess, a lot of issues from very, very young age from about the age of 14 or so. And her mother understood or instead of trying to, you know, force her to conform, she told her love baby, I understand, God doesn't make mistakes. And I know you wouldn't choose this kind of a life to where you know, you're harassed at every turn, you've got people throwing coke bottles and trying to attack you. I know, this isn't something that anyone would choose on purpose. I understand there's a bigger plane here. And she, she actually went up and went with another one of our members and focused a lot on the Congressional Black Caucus. But she's just such an eloquent speaker and speaks very, very pointedly not only on the subject of hate crimes, and how it affects the community, but also the interaction between some of the families which I think is lost on a lot of people in Congress, I think the tendency is to believe that when something affects an individual within the transgender community, it stops right there. And it's easy for them to objectify and just dismiss it. But it does have a ripple effect with the family members that are supportive knit, even the ones that are not nobody wants to see their child come to that kind of an end. And the friends and a lot of the other kind of extended family, there is a reverberation or, you know, type of ripple effect there. And that's what I wanted to drive home is that it's not just specifically the transgender community that's affected by this. The families loved

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my mom be able to come and lobby but I'm a hate crime survivor. My I was a transsexual woman who was murdered in 1995. And I would love to have my mom come and be able to lobby Congress. She can't do it because she still suffers from from the effects of having her sister or sister being murdered. She just can't do it. She She, she told me she can't travel. She can't drive, getting get in a car and travel for more than 10 miles without really freaking out in levels. Can I get on a plane? That's for sure. And there are times when I tried to talk to her about what happened to her sister and she can't even do that. So it's over mean Washington or anybody to go in lobby that has suffered this type of loss? Is is really it's, it's, it's the

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Vanessa Edwards 30:09

community's heroes as are you?

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Oh, thank you. I you know, I only get to like that I just this is what i do i i cannot stop, you know.

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Vanessa Edwards 30:23

And now it's not just an issue regarding your aunt, your train standard yourself and so it's something that affects you and your community. Today,

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on my way to pride. I there was we were all we were doing was McCarran and I, my girlfriend is a male to female transsexual as well. And so we were, we were turning the corner. And guy at the opposite side of the light yelled out his window. He used the effing queers. He yelled to us. And I looked at me and I'm like, was he talking to us? But, you know, I mean, he was angry. This was a very angry voice. It wasn't it, it really shook me because I had never really been yelled at this way. You know, and he viewed me as being a gay man. And, you know, it's, I had, I had actually never been discriminated this way, like, verbally, like, Oh, no yelling at me go, this man wanted to hurt me. And I'll, and my light turned green, thank God. And we were both like freaking out over this. I'm like, Oh, my God, this this guy really, also see this as something that the Human Rights Campaign when they discriminate against us or being transgendered, that they don't understand that when we get discriminated against, we get looked at what we're all the same to them.

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Vanessa Edwards 32:03

And speaking of that, while we're, I guess, kind of moving to that subject, as I mentioned earlier, you're one of the CO organizers of transactional minutes. Can you tell us about what was also going on that weekend, during the course of some of the lobbying?

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Well, what ended up happening was we I had organizing events ago and in protest in front of the human rights campaigns, the human rights, human rights campaigns office in Washington, DC. And we actually, there was there was a, there was an event going on that day, and it was a total accident that they were they were doing a fundraiser. And there were there were people that were, you know, actually donating a lot of money to the Human Rights Campaign that was showing up at their office to see their brand new office. And they had to redirect it, and move it to the archives building. But so we were we were outside. And we were we were protesting, and this woman came up to me, I love this one woman came up to me from gender pack. And she

said, Oh, you know, I was told that there was only going to be a UEFA. And I said, Yeah, she goes, I was told there was going to just going to be your this one radical guy, and I'll even show up.

 **Vanessa Edwards 33:33**

Just to kind of backtrack a little bit. What was the original reason for, I guess, deciding to conduct the protest? Okay,

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this, because HRC tell, has told everyone that they support trans inclusion and legislation. But the fact remains that there is no trans inclusive legislation to support and when Senator Kennedy, who is one of the chief co sponsors of and the employment non discrimination act, as well as the hate crimes bill asks the Human Rights Campaign, if they will support non inclusive legislation. HRC says yes. So why would the head co sponsor of ENDA or the hate crimes bill? Why don't we include gender identity or expression, when the largest national GLBT group is willing to support the non inclusive language? That doesn't sound like support to me?

 **Vanessa Edwards 34:33**

Did that change any after the lobbying, I guess? What did

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well, and then we learn more well, while lobbying it wasn't just the office that that you folks went to, but a number of offices that I had been to prior to that, prior to this lobby days that last May, I heard the same thing that HRC needed to be on board with this. Oh, Over and over and over again, this is what we've heard in our community. And HMRC has not taken a stance to support only legislation that will include gender identity or expression, but they're waffling on it. And why would you know the message that they send out? And this this? I am not even I'm not sorry for this for being aggravated, and pissed off. Because this is the largest national. This is the largest gay, lesbian, bisexual transgender group in our country. They boast 500,000 members, and the general membership body. All right, what kind of message are they sending to folks, when they support non inclusive language? What kind of message are they sending to our law enforcement? What kind of message are they sending to our prosecutors, when they do not support? inclusive language when they say, Well, you know, we're gonna just support this non inclusive language. And and, well, we actually fight for trans inclusion, but we'll support this other stuff instead. What kind of message does that send? And not only that, then then you get law enforcement, that that doesn't seek out the killers, the people that kill transgendered people, and then the prosecutors that don't go after the fullest extent of the law, somebody that has killed a transgendered person. So what kind of message does that send to the general population?

 **Vanessa Edwards 36:38**

Vanessa Edwards 36:00

Do you mind if I kind of cut in here real quickly?

 Chris Harrison 36:40

We're going we're going on a great role there. Unfortunately, we're doing these colons as well. So we're gonna step out for a second let everyone digest what you said. And we'll be right back with Ethan.

 Vanessa Edwards 36:51

We've actually got Jimmy on line to

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ready for what Jenny? Hi. Welcome to After Hours Queen radio with attitude. Jimmy Carper. Hey, Jimmy,

 Chris Harrison 37:07

you're an hour late for saying that.

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Empower that to Georgia Brown. I've got Jason Wilson with me, not only as the General Manager of the voice, but he is vice president of the proximity. Hello, Jason. Well, hello,

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Jimmy. I'm a little bit tired. Are you

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out there you look like you're having a lot of fun. You may be trying to kiss me. Yes. We only have one microphone and we have to share it very closely. That's fine. We're

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out here at liftoff party night. I just got through performing a little while ago and he's out here mingling with the crowd. You're not out here tonight. You're missing all the



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fun. Sure. Jay Rodriguez from Queer Eye for the Straight Guy. And weathers what are some of the other highlights coming up?



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Tonight the flag troupe Houston performed another dance troupe whose name escapes me perform Mark Tarbox is spinning right now. The fun goes on till 3am tonight. We are available for another hour. So come on out and join us. We're here for another couple hours tonight. Yeah.



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Okay, he needs to drink.



Chris Harrison 38:19

Doesn't need a drink.



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Yes. Hello. And what are you what do you guys do? Well, we're we're Media Relations for this year. What does that mean? Well, we're in charge of you know, people like young.



Chris Harrison 38:39

The dominant show is in a couple of weeks. Yeah.



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Oh, and someone else just walked in KPFT listeners is Jack Alinsky the one and only how you doing jack? This is really late for you. It's part of the cause. Yeah, it is. Where you get for all of unpowered today. Yeah. Well, most of them are still working on the parade. And working for liftoff. Yes, absolutely. In two weeks are packed with events for pride. Of course in the second largest parade in Houston. And I believe Houston's only nighttime parade is only nighttime parade, the largest Pride event in the southwest. There we go. And it's a really great event where everybody comes out and it's that big because of the efforts that you've put in over the community, entire community that embraces the parade, and we certainly appreciate everybody who comes out and not only in the parade but watches the parade. You bet you bet. And we are so looking forward to that the last Saturday in June 9pm Right What am I Joy's is watching Jimmy and a parade. I do have a lot of fun. marching in that parade for gosh longer than this guy. Next week spend a lot and there's nothing like it. I look forward to whatever year. Thank you, Jamie, and you'll be entered to win the prize flow. No, I'm working it. Oh, man.

You're not. That's right. That's right. So Happy Pride, everyone. And thank you, Jack. Thank you, Jason. And thank you, Conrad and Ron. And Jason's got his hand up. That looks nice. Oh, Jason's waving. Goodbye, folks.

 Chris Harrison 40:33

Good. We can see that. Yes, yes. This is

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News Radio. Yes, Jason's waving goodbye. Okay. I can and we'll see you in the station in just a little bit.

 Chris Harrison 40:45

All right. So let's hit the drop. I'm here. He's back. Right. Okay. We were at least able to listen in.

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Yeah, I can listen, I can hear everything that's going on. Oh,

 Vanessa Edwards 40:59

so you understand. Boston? Yes, exactly.

 Chris Harrison 41:03

You understand the insanity that we live here? Yes,

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I can. I can actually, you know, convert it from south to north.

 Vanessa Edwards 41:09

Oh, that's right. We're not wicked down here.

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It's wicked cool of Yeah Well it's

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Vanessa Edwards 41:17

wicked, hotter and Hill down here.

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I just had, we just had our pride today. So it was gonna

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Vanessa Edwards 41:26

tell us a little bit about that. About

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how we went through protests HRCs booth. Because I am a transsexual men, as you know,

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Chris Harrison 41:38

just doesn't have picket will travel. I mean, how big it will

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Vanessa Edwards 41:41

travel? Well, before we get to that, I guess I'm kind of jumping ahead. Can you tell us I guess the rest about what happened there at the campaign headquarters? Okay,

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well, Glenn Smith, and I got caught. You know, we ended up going into the campaign headquarters, we left the other people outside to pick it continue the protests. And we went inside. And we started to discuss what was going on in our community. And, you know, the same thing basically, that I said earlier about, you know, including gender identity or expression in, you know, the employment non discrimination act, as well as the hate crimes bill. And they said that they were going to be voting on it. The Board of Directors was of HRC was going to vote on whether or not they will continue to support non inclusive language and legislation at their board of directors meeting this summer. And then crystal Barney later on. In Oh, actually, it was only a few weeks ago, on gender talk. On W MBR. In Cambridge, they asked, we asked crystal Bonnie, who is their chief or had lobbyists if they were going to indeed vote on this. And he said no, that they were going to just you know, discuss it. So today I ran into the one of the one of the people from HRC national that we had met with Boston pride. And she actually she yelled to me from a crowd because I was talking to one of their one of HRCs local,



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local people and she yelled to me. Turn I'm like, oh my god, somebody from HRC knows who they are. I am.



v Vanessa Edwards 43:43

Notorious.



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I know. I started to duck. I'm like, is he going to shoot at me? No, joking.



v Vanessa Edwards 43:51

Sure, yes.



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Oh, no, not that. But Barbara Menard actually was one of the people that we had met with and Washington DC. And she said to me, Oh, do you remember me? Like I didn't know I don't know who you are. I should have played you know, I should have done a Ronald Reagan. But I didn't.



v Vanessa Edwards 44:14

I don't remember anything about it.



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Did I put a note on my refrigerator? Somebody Oh, nevermind. Don't



c Chris Harrison 44:22

say the R word on the show. Keeping with his policy on HIV and AIDS, were mentioned his name and six and a half years.



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Oh, Trust me. Trust me. You're talking about you're talking about somebody who had 30,000

People die before he said that word. Anyway.

 Chris Harrison 44:37

So we're gonna we're gonna let six and a half years passed before we mentioned his name. Oh,

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I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I did the ARO thing. Yeah.

 Vanessa Edwards 44:45

Someone just passed away. I think.

 Chris Harrison 44:49

A lot of pomp and circumstance. A lot

 Vanessa Edwards 44:51

of pompous too. Yeah. Sorry. Anyway, I'm

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sorry. But, so I was talking about Barnard about the idea that nobody that has suffered a loss due to anti transgender violence has been able to meet with their senator. And she asked me, she said, Ethan, do you want us to try to set that up for you? And I said, Well, yes. But Myra Kiessling from the National Center for Transgender Equality, has already tried to set this up this appointment up with us, with me at least twice now. And it hasn't been, you know, that hasn't happened. And she said that she would try to make it happen, and that I should call her on Monday. So I think this will be very interesting. games began.

 Vanessa Edwards 45:41

Like they haven't been going on. Yeah,

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no, exactly. Exactly. Anyway,

 Vanessa Edwards 45:47

I'm on the well, being

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very candid, I can't help myself, because I'm so aggravated. I really am. And

 Vanessa Edwards 45:55

really, this has kind of drawn a lot of ire, I guess, from a lot of folks who are in the community. And in fact, one of the things that I think a lot of folks are really kind of disappointed in a couple of years ago, when Maura kind of came into being, or well, not more personally. But then when she started discussing the probability of starting a group, etc. She had begun working with HRC. And working from the inside, to try and affect some change there. There were a number of educational initiatives taken on with the both the staff and with the board up there. And indeed, she actually worked with them on or they funded either her study or she got them to actually undertake the study, one of the two. Oh, and by the way, just to give a little bit of time, since it's time checkup, it's 1am. And that says, KPFT, 90.1. FM, queer radio with attitude. Pardon me a natural transition there.

 Chris Harrison 47:04

I'm glad I'm glad you caught that. I forgot. I forgot to peek around there. It's like a new

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thing that I really have to tell you to Vanessa is that when I was talking about Barbara Menard from HRC, she threw at me the idea that you know what, we need more education. And so we've been doing that for 10 years. We've educated Congress for 10 years. And I said to I came right out. And I said to her, if you know, if HRC cannot come clean, and say that they will no longer support non inclusive legislation, then we have no need to have the tea and the GLBT. Let me

 Vanessa Edwards 47:44

get a clarification when she said we still need more education, who was the we she was

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Not we but she said Congress actually needs to be educated these ones. And I also asked her then what was a number one what the heck we've been doing for the last 10 years. And me personally, in the last five years, I've been lobbying myself, then I know you have. And I know. I know. damn well that Mara Kiessling has, and so hasn't Lisa, Mo today. So what's been going on? And okay, so they've been, they've been educated. So why are they still why are

they saying that there needs to be more? I mean, what do we have to do? And that's when I brought up the idea that okay, then let somebody that has suffered a loss of anti transgender violence. Talk to Senator Kennedy.

 Chris Harrison 48:35

Well, it also sounds like what you're saying before is, you know, you're going up and you're educating and the people are saying, We understand we understand, but it's what the HRC is handing them. So exactly, you know, you can sit there and educate and lobby the the people on the Hill all day long. But you know, when the people who are writing the legislation for them is the HRC, and they're not including it in there, how is educating Congress? Can I make a difference

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when they're supporting the non inclusive language, and that's the point. It's doublespeak. That's all they're doing to us. And it's really horrendous because we've got a lot of supporters now that we got a lot of people backing us up, I took 150 postcards with me, that were printed up by the Massachusetts transgender political coalition. And I had each and every one of them signed, not by transgendered people, but by gays and lesbians.

 Vanessa Edwards 49:26

Let me cut in just for a second you had referenced doublespeak, I guess, to kind of give a little bit of background, not everybody is aware. One of the things that HRC has referred to quite frequently and you know, with a good reason, last year, they had a board vote on inclusion of support what I shouldn't say inclusion of support does support for transgender inclusive legislation, and they do point this out. That's something that will is actually very historic. The board voted on that for the first time. However, even though that is a notable, it's part of the story, the other part of the story is at that same meeting, they also voted to support non inclusive legislation as well to continue supporting them. So they left some equivocation room to I guess, you know, sort of hedge their bets, so to speak. Yeah.

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I mean, why would why would a congressman add gender identity or expression to existing legislation, when the largest gay, lesbian, bisexual transgender group in our country is willing to support the non inclusive language, they're not going to stick their necks out for us? Unless, unless this group says, okay, so they are the gatekeepers to this. And they've been they've been, they've been crapping on us

 Chris Harrison 51:04

for a long time, and it also sounds like they can't even use the excuse of yelling, you know, we can probably pass it if it's just gay and lesbian. But if we start putting them bisexual and

transgendered, you know, they're so many we can't get it through the house. But the fact that we've

transgender, you know, there's no way we get it through the house. But the fact that you're lobbying the people who are the representatives and the senators, and they're saying, you know, we don't have a problem, whatever you put in there, right, but we need these people to stick up for you. And the HRC is saying, you know, they won't accept it. If we put in all those extra letters, you know, the extra letters will confuse them.



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There's no way they don't know the alphabet. Well,



v Vanessa Edwards 51:39

I had one office, actually, that was very candid with me, and we got to discussing the employment non discrimination act. And he even mentioned that. Now this, of course, they're going to need some, some extra wording on they're dealing with the shower issues and restroom issues. And that's legitimate. I mean, I can understand that.



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They can't be Barney Frank, right. No, that wasn't, it wasn't part



v Vanessa Edwards 52:01

of the office. But and that's another story, I guess I'll get into in a second. But on the hate crimes bill, he sat there and basically spelled out that there is absolutely no reason this can't be included. This can actually be done in 10 minutes. You know, all you need is just a inclusion of a line here, and it's done. And there's no, there's no legitimate reason not to include it.



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At the FBI report last year, okay, reported GLBT murders and 11 people GLB gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender murders of 11 people being murdered. That's horrendous all by itself. But great, it's incorrect because there was 16 murders in the transgender community alone, and 11 of those murders remain unsolved.



v Vanessa Edwards 52:48

That's what they put as the overall number in the nation. Yep.



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Yep. In the in the FBI report.

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Chris Harrison 52:56

Sounds sounds like Ashcroft group has trouble counting. Yeah,

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not only do they have trouble counting, but they don't they don't separate. They know, they don't they don't know the difference between somebody who was gay or lesbian and somebody that's transgendered, or transsexual, and all they just don't, we're all queer. And the number is still wrong, because like I said, there were 16 murders. And in the United States, trans transgendered people

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Vanessa Edwards 53:26

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not not in the United States. 11 of those murders remain unsolved. And that's a that's a that's a high number of unsolved murders. And that proves that goes to show you that we need a local law enforcement Enhancement Act because it would it would make the federal government step in and investigate the murders where the cities and our counties would go bankrupt investigating investigating these murders.

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Vanessa Edwards 53:56

Of course I'm down here in Texas where it's this is the most dangerous state for the trans people. So

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yes, it is is the most dangerous place in the country per capita is the most dangerous place Houston Texas

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Vanessa Edwards 54:13

per capita, we're tied with Washington Washington per capita just we're DC there

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overall I'm talking overall murders since we've been keeping track Euston Texas is the most dangerous

 Chris Harrison 54:28

number one you're gonna see on the the shutters bureaus lists of number one reasons for Houston. Exactly. Come on

 Vanessa Edwards 54:36

down and trans people.

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Yeah

 Vanessa Edwards 54:45

it's definitely not something that's escaped my attention, unfortunately. But if

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I have anything to do with it, Vanessa is going to be leaving Houston six.

 Vanessa Edwards 54:54

They keep trying to talk me out of here.

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Oh, yeah. She's stubborn, though.

 Vanessa Edwards 54:59

Well, hey, you know I mean I got my house here. I have to our hot and humid weather. There

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you go. Well there's you know, no, there's logic fine you know I might get killed but I like the weather

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Chris Harrison 55:18

yeah we don't have to hang around three months for the for the ground the thought for the funeral Yeah exactly.

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Vanessa Edwards 55:24

They won't find me in the snow

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Chris Harrison 55:27

we don't have we don't have to shovel

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flowers. We don't have to shovel either.

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Chris Harrison 55:35

We just worry about the mosquitoes carrying us off or the values over flooding us.

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This is true. The mosquitoes? Mosquito.

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Chris Harrison 55:42

That's the state bird of Texas. The mosquito

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Texas we tease we joke around I'll be a Texas sized mosquito is

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Chris Harrison 55:52

Skeeters actually they're skaters.

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We don't have we don't have ours and our vocabulary.

 Vanessa Edwards 56:01

Oh yeah, right. Like causer.

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I put them where they don't belong.

 Vanessa Edwards 56:09

I've noticed carry does that too? idea. Idea.

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Oh, no, I'm not. No, I'm not that bad. In other words, I can speak better than our presidential candidate.

 Vanessa Edwards 56:21

I can speak better than our current president.

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take rocket science.

 Vanessa Edwards 56:30

It takes nucleolar Science new healer. To study that nucleolus is for the love of God, see ribonucleic acid I think this is devolving quite quick.

 Chris Harrison 56:50

We're gonna call the show Amtrak because we've derailed Yes, exactly.

 Vanessa Edwards 56:56

Oh, my God, we're off the tracks. Anyway, getting back to what you were discussing. Did we finish the story with Bart Menard up there in Boston? Oh, actually that?



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Well, yeah, I think we did. We talked about how she was supposed to talk to her on Monday. And



v Vanessa Edwards 57:17

well, we've also got a number of other folks that have signed on to do a number of the same type of I don't think we'd call them demonstrations. I guess it's just what leafleting or an educational campaign.



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Or it depends on how many people we have in each city or the major cities where we're doing some good protests in front of each RCS booth. Given out, you know, pamphlets on end or hate crimes depend, I thought that I'd shame them and use hate crimes. Because it does shame them. And they should, they should be ashamed of themselves, shame on them. Exactly. They shouldn't be ashamed of themselves. For allowing this to happen if I haven't a vote on whether or not they're going to support non inclusive legislation, when they when transgendered people have been included in their mission statements since what 2001?



c Chris Harrison 58:20

Well, that's the problem. So you just drop a letter into that alphabet soup? And you know,



v Vanessa Edwards 58:24

exactly, yeah, it makes it look Gooding, but you don't have I guess the the follow through, in fact, Maxie, when they put it in the mission statement, we had a number of folks in the community that were basically kind of trampling all over the rest of us to pay homage, you know, and to sing the praises of HRC for doing this. And I kept wondering, wait a minute, we did not ask them to do this. And I was waiting for gender PAC to stand up and take credit. And when that didn't happen, I thought, something's not right here. None of us asked for this. So welcome to the window dressing. Yes, exactly. So I thought there was some strategy there to it. And of course, I'd made itself apparent a couple of months later, when all of a sudden everyone were, I guess, quite taken aback by the the fact that, well, hey, we're in the mission statement, and we're still not in the legislation, what's going on here?



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And that's the thing, you know, I'd rather have them come right out and say that they don't like transgender people than to have them pull this passive aggressive crap that they do. I'd rather have them come right out and say this, they don't like trainees well, because they are being passive aggressive, and now we're being aggressive towards them. They don't even have they don't even they don't even know what to say to us. Now, because we've actually okay, we're calling them on it. Well, it's irritating because now you have you held them asking people

for money based on the fact that they're supposed to be supporting transgendered people. Something and they're not today and they're not And that is a problem. And that's actually becoming a legal problem. And it's going to be a legal problem for them. Oh,

 v Vanessa Edwards 1:00:06

a lot of folks, I mean, her in our community, a lot of folks are starting to wonder which direction to move in. It kind of caught everyone off guard. I think a lot of folks were just, why

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wouldn't? Why would it catch them off guard when this has been happening this? This is let me put it this way. In the trans community, it's never happened any other ways. And what is happening right now?

 v Vanessa Edwards 1:00:31

It's been happening. But it's not necessarily to say that all the community has been I guess, isn't where in the back? Well, yes, exactly. And what's going on behind the scenes now, what we have been getting, in fact, even some of us in the activist community has been the message that has been filtering down. We had no idea what had happened up on the hill until we were up there. Just in April, and same thing with Mara. And apparently, everyone was clueless. So you know, I

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applaud you for this when Elsa is that you made it, you made everybody aware of what happened? And I don't think that if you were if you weren't there, I don't think that anybody would have known what happened. probably know that in that office. And that's my opinion.

 v Vanessa Edwards 1:01:16

Well, it really needs to be out there. I mean, just doesn't

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need to be out there. Because you know, what, we other people in the community are depending on the things that we tell them. And if and you know what? It's not, it's not one person's life. It's all of our lives. Exactly. And I think that everybody has a say in this, this is all this is a movement that depends on unity. And we are all invited to this movement, we are all invited. It's not just a one person show. You know, we're all invited. And we all have to really stand together on this. And I think that that's happening for the first time and in our history. Talking about GLBT people all standing together against this. I had an anti HRC sticker on my back today, I had a young FTM come to me from Lansing, Michigan, walk up to me and say,

Where did you get that sticker? And I went, Hey, my name is Ethan. He was like, oh, yeah, everything from the translational medicine. He pointed my shirt. And I'm like, Yeah, well, yeah. So yeah.

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Chris Harrison 1:02:29

There's a couple of more people have gone in and taken a second HRC sticker and cut out one of the the yellow bars that we use at the slash through it.

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Vanessa Edwards 1:02:39

I started that actually back in 98. Here with the Elizabeth purge protest. It actually worked to great effect. I don't know if this is true or not. But they said, apparently, they were upset. In fact, someone said to the point of tears, and I thought, why, you know, I mean, getting this upset of this, this is basically, you know, just kind of a take on their symbol that it actually works. And it gets the message across. I mean, in essence, it's the way the transgender community feels every time they see an equal. It's basically, yeah, but no, does

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not equal. Yeah, it's equal for everybody, except for us, or anybody that's visibly queer. And it's not just trans people, it's gays and lesbians and a visibly queer. You know, look at what happened with that. I told you that story about the guy that sent me an email from the leather community. He, and like, a bunch of his friends had paid to get into an HRC dinner. And they were dressed and they were dressed up, but they were in leather, but they were dressed up. And they went to get go into the dinner and they wouldn't allow them into the dinner because of the way that they were dressed. And they wouldn't give them their money back. Wow. Yes. That was in Pennsylvania, by the way.

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Vanessa Edwards 1:03:55

Hey, actually, I didn't even realize until I got involved in the community and in a nice his campaign the first time one of the folks that worked with me was Rick Carpenter, the one of the red dot, guys, and he had mentioned to me about I was in educating him on the various trade within the the transgender community are not straight, I guess, a spectrum. And he said, Yeah, that's exactly like our community. And I was totally clueless myself. I thought, well, I just thought, you know, gay was, you know, just one lumps type thing. And it wasn't, you know, the variations. He goes, Oh, no, no, no, we've got the bears and we've got the khaki crowd and we've got the leather crowd. And I mean, he like went through the whole spectrum. And I was like, You're kidding. I thought everyone just kind of did, you know, the same things. And he said, No, no, I'm leather. And you know, he was the one that explained to me, I guess them well, subcultures. Yeah, exactly. The sub cultures and also the strata, I guess, you know, because he made this

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Chris Harrison 1:04:54

CHRIS HARRISON 1:05:18

more strategy than we were probably in the transgender community because you know, you don't walk in with your leather gear to change ours are South Beach. But you know, it's perfectly fine and the minor the ripcord Yeah, exactly those sorts of things you expect those kinds of, you know, this is a certain place, this is the certain attire, and that there's there is some of that segregation within the community that, you know, this is the type of place you go to. And that was one

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Vanessa Edwards 1:05:18

of the things that he had mentioned. He said, Oh, no, no, you know, the HRC crowd hate us. And mean, his whole thing was, you know, kind of trying to explain to me why there was the differences there. And I was, you know, just totally, you know, out to lunch sounds very

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Chris Harrison 1:05:33

machine society, like,

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he has built a constituency on people that are queer, but conform to straight appearance. You can be queer, but you have to look an x ray. And because they want to assimilate and say, Yes, we're gay, or were lesbian, but we're just like you.

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Vanessa Edwards 1:05:55

It's, I guess, maybe I shouldn't say everyone does that. But a lot of groups do tend to them, I guess, market their message. And HRC is very, very, I guess, intent on or Russian tea and 10. But a very hyper focused kind of on on the marketing. I mean, it's, it's great as far as their executive

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directors have to have twins.

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Anyway,

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Vanessa Edwards 1:06:29

besides the celebrity, the fact though, is that a lot of the community that doesn't, I guess, quite fit into the marketed message, or the market or damage, I should say, tends to kind of, you know, feel like out of place. I guess not a part of the actual the effort the movement. And

know, been locked out or been, I guess, not a part of the actual, the effort, the movement. And yet a lot of these folks were the ones that were out there beginning this in the first place. We're here in the middle of Pride Month, and that it's one of the things that folks I think are tending to kind of overlook is pride was begun, specifically, after a number of the Queen's and a number of the training

 Chris Harrison 1:07:12

training hustlers. Yeah, the kids and

 Vanessa Edwards 1:07:16

the butches. And I mean, I mean, everybody were visibly queer. Yes, exactly. The visible ones were the ones that were out there and hit on. Exactly. Well, they were the ones that had had enough. They were fed up, and they were the ones that actually provided that catalyst to get the whole thing started. Sylvia Rivera. Yeah. And here we are in the middle of Pride Month, and we're still kind of having to ask, Well, why are these elements you know, that have always been a part of the community and have always been maybe even some of the the pioneers in the community. So kind of

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thing you can be this you just can't look or act this well

 Vanessa Edwards 1:07:54

and hide, you know, whenever the cameras out, that's part of the thing. I

 Chris Harrison 1:07:58

mean, you know, I mean, gay being gay, I can Butch it up, I can act up in there. But if someone looks at Vanessa long enough, they're gonna go, something isn't right. And they're going to, it may take as big hands. It's gonna take a minute, and Vanessa

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hangs out with me because my nose makes her hands look small.

 Vanessa Edwards 1:08:20

You know, what they say about the nose?

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Chris Harrison 1:08:23

Big nose, big hankie.

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I lie as much as possible.

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Vanessa Edwards 1:08:31

I guess it works. It works. But

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Chris Harrison 1:08:34

no, I mean, that's the fact is, you know, when, when the people are out there, you're trying to they're trying to put his best face forward in the marketing scheme. You know, you see these lily white guys in the khaki shirt and khaki pants and the women are dressed in at least at least nice looking slacks or if not a dress. And, you know, the society is not these, the dykes on bikes rolling up to the next to an HRC event. Exactly, you know, that sort of that sort of image they just, some people will not go for because, you know, we need to be this representation of here's what our community is we're all assimilating and you know, we talked about on this show, you know, no one in this show is going to be picked for the assimilation of when we were none of our people on here our material we're not willing Grace type material, you know, it's the ones of us that you know, could pass for straight you know,

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a lot of just Jax though.

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Chris Harrison 1:09:35

Just wait till you hear while you heard Jimmy on the line there. People missed the last set of opening that he does on the show.

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Vanessa Edwards 1:09:47

Better than I can.

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Chris Harrison 1:09:51

out in the lobby. So obviously if he's listening,

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Vanessa Edwards 1:09:54

we need as Danielle you haven't no no different Daniel Daniel McClenney a local esoteric joke, not the one you're thinking of. I heard you say that nothing no, no, no. I hear, actually, and I had something to say no, just about kind of getting back to the the marketed message, I can understand that maybe for, you know, the the marketing aspect of things, you know, as far as marketing goes, but it shouldn't, it should just stay there within those parameters

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as we're into their membership, exactly. And

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Vanessa Edwards 1:10:33

it shouldn't spill over into their events into what they cover. Exactly.

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Chris Harrison 1:10:40

You know, if T cash is good enough to fill their coffers, you know, then T ID should be able to to fill their legislature.

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Vanessa Edwards 1:10:49

The T cash fine. As far as the rest of it, Okay, y'all can leave now.

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Chris Harrison 1:10:52

You know, it's kind of like what we're talking about soldiers. We're talking about with Iraq, you know, queers are good enough to fill body bags, but not the ranks in peacetime. And

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he thinks he doesn't look where he's got another thing coming.

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Chris Harrison 1:11:08

For this. I mean,

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you didn't even come up because he wanted to, he was forced out. Oh, yeah. And it was a pretty scandalous affair, too.

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Chris Harrison 1:11:21

Yeah. He was he was being winsky Before Lewinsky was

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he was the devil with the blue dress for

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Vanessa Edwards 1:11:36

the feelings kind of speaking of Barney, I actually got a call back from his office and after lobby days, and I don't know if they actually think we're all just kind of green and wet behind the ears. But they were trying to sell me the the issue that nobody will support inclusion of the extra wording. And I thought, no, wait a minute. I know better than that. I sat in those offices, but he swore up and down that Oh, no, no. And this is what HRC found out. We told him it was going to happen. And I thought look, you don't quite understand I was up there. I've visited with these offices. I heard this specifically from their mouths. Oh, no, no, no. Nobody's supported in the thought of Oh, geez. You know, I mean, they're, it's, it's one of those old broken records and by God Yeah. And I guess as long as there's, it's a PT Barnum effect, you know, there's one born every minute and so, you know, eventually you're going to latch on to one of them. And once you get a live one, it's like, okay, Raela man, maybe

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Chris Harrison 1:12:35

he needs to see if I can find someone from his office. who's new to who's who's new that not all the other staffers know. And have them come along with you on these things and go go back he barn and guess what, they're bright. Yeah, maybe maybe he's a ringer that some of these guys who go who keep saying stuff that they'll believe and go wait a minute, I mean,

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Vanessa Edwards 1:12:55

I'm afraid to devoting my sources because of

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I don't know who would rather me go and, you know, go to the restaurant with you know, him. Or his, you know, I mean, or his niece. Yeah, seriously, who would you rather me go to the restaurant? I wouldn't want to know either one. But I thought

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Vanessa Edwards 1:13:21

about doing that here in Texas when they started really getting horsey about us and oh, I

restroom usage. Well, fine, then I'll just go and stand in the men's room and kind of watch the guy standing there at the stalls and exactly.

 Chris Harrison 1:13:36

I got the spirit of the urinal sort of thing.

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You know, I was talking to like yours better. I was talking to a trans woman today. This is really funny at pride. I was talking to this trans woman and she she had not had, you know, bottom surgery. She had top surgery. She had, you know, very ample breasts. And she was saying that she couldn't get her license changed to two and a half. As she that she was she was raising, you know, holy crap in the DMV, and saying, okay, then I can just go out on route 93. That's a major highway here in Massachusetts, take my shirt off, and nothing will happen. I won't get arrested then. Right?

 Vanessa Edwards 1:14:22

To the beach. Yeah. And then you're gonna

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say that I'm a male. And I have you know, and I have, you know, female breasts, then it's okay that I take my shirt off in public. Exactly. You can't have it both ways. I mean, I think that it's a really good talking point.

 Vanessa Edwards 1:14:38

Works for me. I could use a little bit of suntan there. lose a little bit it's a little uneven.

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He glows in the dark.

 Chris Harrison 1:14:55

He's moved to England where the pasty whites live.

 Vanessa Edwards 1:14:59

nasty white I'm Cherokee we're not supposed to be nasty white



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and we didn't call a globe in the dark I



v Vanessa Edwards 1:15:05

guess the globe in the dark thanks



c Chris Harrison 1:15:11

our next show we'll be discussing how you know what the interesting parts were and is not tanned and where it is tanned.



v Vanessa Edwards 1:15:17

And hopefully it's not typical nevermind I'm not gonna go I didn't want to go there but we did but we did this tradition here. Exactly. Look at this I've got a picture anyway Oh on radio Hey everyone take a look at this out there and radio like Yeah, exactly. Sorry. Oh, that's what we need is video cameras in here that way.



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Oh, that's what you need. A webcam. Well, yeah, exactly.



v Vanessa Edwards 1:15:52

Hey, that would be the perfect place for right there where the burndown light



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is the way that we can see when US is going in the dark globes. Take a look



v Vanessa Edwards 1:15:59

at this. I can't face that direction because there's an open window



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open window

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Vanessa Edwards 1:16:06

they can see me across the street probably it's 130 in the morning

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they they look at

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Vanessa Edwards 1:16:13

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see how they are.

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Vanessa Edwards 1:16:22

We really got derailed on this one. I don't know. Anyway, um, my guess is it about time time. baggage is coming on. I know. I'm not

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Chris Harrison 1:16:32

sure. I think he may be calling him. The screen. Looks like it was going to be there but you know,

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Vanessa Edwards 1:16:40

going in sick. Someone called and then they just hung up. So yeah. cultural baggage. Remember, I won't eat this time. Oh, yes. That's right. We're on Ethan's dime.

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Five cents actually. It's not a dime.

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Vanessa Edwards 1:16:54

Ethan's nickel this. See? Anyway,

 Chris Harrison 1:16:58

we're getting twice the value. Yes,

 Vanessa Edwards 1:16:59

exactly. So we can have you on another three more hours.

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Three. get sick of me by then.

 Chris Harrison 1:17:07

The look on Jimmy's face was like, no, no, no, no.

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Get him off the phone.

 Chris Harrison 1:17:14

Do you want to take three hours? Who do you think you are Sarah? And she'll be here next month. I only do that not in in. I know. I'm not taking but Sarah, you started the transgender show here. And it was originally the whole three hours. And we're glad that she's gonna be returning back. You're filling in. taking baths spot? Yes. We're back to Sarah. Rotation.

 Vanessa Edwards 1:17:37

So in fact, the first regular talk show host transgender talk show host in the nation. Yes, she was. And even before gender talks, really?

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Talk That was back in like 1993 94

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that, actually Nancy?



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Nancy did side agenda talk in 1994. Uh huh.



v Vanessa Edwards 1:18:04

Well, Sarah had started hers, I guess a few months before he must have Yeah, like, six months before or something like that. But anyway, I kind of got off track. I did want to thank you for coming on the air with us and especially for using your own dime to give us a call. Sorry about that. Well, we couldn't work the equipment.



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I hate when that happened. I just hate when that happens. I know it's a new phone system and



v Vanessa Edwards 1:18:33

things. That's why I'm trying to kind of get rid of getting rid of the old equipment.



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That's what happened. That's a whole nother show. Yes. And



v Vanessa Edwards 1:18:44

now we've got new equipment. And it's like, I'm just not used to this. And just hit the drop. Drop. Drop dropped.



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Speaking into recruitment here. I met



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you guys archive your shows.



c Chris Harrison 1:19:05

Yes. As long as the right wingers aren't hacking into the site. And you can you can pick this up at KPFT archives dot o RG? Oh, yes. Yeah. Go into the current archive and go down to it'll say it's like after hours, then 2000 40613 Something like that. They consider our shows June 13. So some way that the date is written saying it's it's 613 2004

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Vanessa Edwards 1:19:37

there you got a tear for posterity or you go or in my case posterity already. I think

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Chris Harrison 1:19:44

you're on before wordsru Ethan? Yeah, you can also search back further and get the other show as well. It's a four it's a four hour MPEG well, so Wow. Do you have dial up connection?

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No, I have I have no idea. So

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Chris Harrison 1:19:57

Oh, good. It only take you about 25 minutes now. No

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Vanessa Edwards 1:20:01

no no never here and

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I'll make you a cop even as you know put it this way please do