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had to hold no more than five minutes or they wouldn't use it. And to her, and to her credit, I stood right behind her reminding her I'm timing you. And she did. She did under five villas, soundbites.



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Soundbite all the way down. I'm



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struggling. I'm telling Phyllis. Now Phyllis 22nd answers. If it goes more than 20 seconds your mouth moving well, they over talk talk over you say okay, no, she really did a very good job, okay. And then they asked me, they asked me what I was going to do. And I said, Well, if the Supreme Court doesn't hear this, we're going to take this to the Texas Legislature. My phone has been ringing off the hook. From legislators both for and against Russia, this idea of ones I'll bet the we have a lot of legislators running for covered. That sound that you hear is the sound of legislators scurrying for somewhere to hide,



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like roaches, they're



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here to Yes, to turn the light on in the kitchen. And



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the last thing they want to see at this point is a redhead, walking in with legal briefs in her arm saying I want a legal explanation of what is male and what is female. And I want it before this

session ends. Thank you very much.



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I'm African American, six foot two African American female with the same legal



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briefs don't grab any legislators.



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My hands off the legislators as long as they don't turn their back on me when I'm talking to you. So



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I've actually had emails, I got an email from Pakistan. And I felt so sorry, for she wanted to know if they could do something like that in Pakistan. So I went to my encyclopedia just to verify that, yes, indeed, Pakistan is a Muslim country, and wrote her back and said, Well, I don't know Can women vote there? You know, I mean, and so obviously, they can't do it in Pakistan. But there were this has been worldwide attention we've had. We've We've spoken to the press from Germany, just tonight, I did an interview with the Canadian broadcast system. I'm scheduled to do an interview with British broadcast system tomorrow, and almost to a person. The first question is, are you people in Texas out of your minds? What do you think you're doing down there? Well, here's the danger in all this. Currently, there is a divorce case in Kansas. And the Littleton case is being cited as precedent. That's right. Already, we have seen a case in Ohio, where it's a contested will, in the Littleton case is being used as precedent. The Lipscomb case, there's, well, you know, the in there's the case, and I believe that we've seen cases in Ohio, yes. Where the child has been taken out of the house because the child is transgendered? Yes, is incredible. And the child protective services, who obviously doesn't know diddly squat up there, thinks that that's that they need to protect her from parents who want to go along with his diagnosis of gender identity disorder. I just did an interview with Channel Two which airs at 11am. This morning, which and I hope you get a chance to it's only about a six minute segment, because this show is done that way. But I think that I, I think I held my own, you all can make that decision for yourself. The one might I have two concerns about about all of this. One is that Christie Littleton is broke. I mean, flat broke, and we are going to try and do a fundraiser for her. Her clients have deserted her, she's a professional hairdresser, her clients have deserted her. It's hard for her to actually have clients when she's being interviewed by everybody in the world. When I left, she was doing an interview with the state with Spanish stations in Mexico. So this has got to be quite an education for the folks down there because they've got this whole macho sort of thing, which is a whole separate issue for her. The other thing is that the Texas Human Rights Foundation has already laid out \$17,000 In this case, and if it goes Supreme Court, it could easily double that. And so we're gonna need to do a fundraiser, it looks like the court is going to do a fundraiser perhaps to fundraiser to help us raise the money. But I wanted to let everybody know where all of this has has stood and where

it's going. Let us say for the sake of discussion here that we do get this to go to the US Supreme Court. What will happen at that point is Allison meiselman. And another person that has yet to be determined will have to argue this case for the Supreme Court. And what we are going to end up with we hope is a definition of the Supreme Court as to what constitutes male and what constitutes female. What we want is we want to restore the dignity, let's say to Christie Littleton, we want to restore her right to sue Yes. Now what that could mean for the Wix unfortunately, is it could mean that the the loophole that they have right now would go away. Not if they get married. They will That's right. It may not apply for the wigs, but it would apply for anyone else who's decides to come in after that. And the press has really been having a heyday with this in asking, in fact, the one issue that the press seems to be having the hardest time with is does this mean that you can go to one of the 32 counties with an am on your on your birth certificate and get married, and then go to other counties and get married? And in other words, can we have it both ways? And in Texas, right at the moment that answers Yep. And it's a classic example of what happens when the government starts in where it doesn't belong, or in this case, a judge. The ironic thing is that this judge thinks that he did this, he says, with judicial restraint, which is another way for them to master Republican law, and I dare you to do something about it. So if you're a gay person right now are out there right now. And you're wondering, well, what does this have to do with me? If this goes to the United States Supreme Court, it could very well invalidate the the DOMA the defensive Marriage Act. That's what it has to do with you.



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That's in fact, one of the actual things being contested by the Littleton case at the Supreme Court explicitly. Well, offense marriage, there



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are several points that the Supreme Court that they're being made in the briefs, and that's one of that is one of another one is his you, the judges, the judge saying that we are as our creators made us, well, that's ludicrous. People that are born with birth defects have surgery all the time to have them corrected. I mean, it's it's an it's an idiotic statement. What it is a statement that the interestingly, if you I don't know if you've noticed in the paper, Warren Chisholm agrees with Judge heartburn, which is not a surprise. And and in the in the show that I taped the other day, Dan, Patrick says, well, the judge is right about this course. It's not a surprise come from Dan Patrick. But the point is, I know there are a lot of transgenders out there right now who think who are wondering, What in the hell are Phyllis and Sarah and these people doing? They're going to just completely screw things up? No, we're not Oh, no, what we are going to do is we are going to get a definition. And what we want them to use as the definition is Hello, GID. We want them to use the standard set down by the Benjamin society. Now I know Beth and I were talking earlier that Ricky Wilkins apparently is still campaigning, to have the gender identity disorder removed. To which to which we say not now, Ricky now.



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I know there was a time you didn't you were for that, too.



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Yeah. And the more I found that's how it apply how it works in our favor, legally. But apparently, Ricky hasn't studied up.



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studied a lot lately.



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You know, and so for those of you who are transgender right now, and you're wondering what's going on, and believe me, I'm getting a ton of emails saying, you are going to screw up my life. No, no, no, no, we're not to entrepreneur already did it for you. Hardberger. Yeah, you want to blame somebody send a nasty letter to judge Hardberger. Not that he cares. At this point, or George W. Bush. Now, since he appointed him. Here's, here's the other thing is suppose the Supreme Court says no, we won't hear this case. That means that we are going to have to go to the Texas Legislature. If there is a big Republican sweep, we are going to find ourselves going to a conservative legislature asking for definitions of male and female. Do not watch out. If you're one of those people out there who said I'm not voting because I don't like either candidate. Fine. I don't care what you do for president, but vote the other races down from that, for God's sake, vote your legislators, vote the judges. Because as you should be learning from all of this, those legislators and judges, their decisions affect your life right now, this instant today, are the ones that can screw up your



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ceroid even say, vote the presidential election, too, because the President has in terms of the federal level, picking judges to and he has appointment power on the federal judge, judicial system pick as many as four Supreme Court judges. Well, we're also talking about the the judicial the timeout, the lower federal law. Judge. So judging by what George W has done in this state, can you imagine a bunch of belhar burgers at the federal level?



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So I wanted to I know, I know there have been a lot of gay and lesbian people who are just really confused by it all. We've been getting their emails also, I know, this is not an easy issue. And if you think that you're confused, you should see the difficulty we're having explaining all of this to the judges. But I'll say this right now the media gets it. And that's a good start. We have never had that before. So I know I got a nasty letter from somebody the other day said, Well, what are you doing going on cameras speaking on behalf of the transgender community? Well, I'm the leader of the transgender rights lobby organization, that's one reason or another reason I'm willing to go on television and speak about it, are you because if you're not I don't want your criticism. Thank you. You know, I know that credit Phyllis has a lot of critics say what you want about Phyllis. But Phyllis goes out and gets it done. You're bad. Amen. You know, so for whatever it's worth, that's where we stand on this case. If you are gay, you're lesbian,

bisexual, transgendered. You have an interest in this. I have to say the gay and lesbian taskforce has been fabulous. Anything that we needed in terms of information on how arguments, the gay taskforce has been like, we'll get it to you in the morning. That's great. I mean, they have really been good. So you should be proud of your organizations out there. Stay with us, we are going to keep you on top of the Littleton story. This is probably the most important case for transgenders ever. Yeah. At least in the state of Texas. This is the this is it. We've been working to get this case into a court for years. This is it. And we're either going to roll the dice and win big or we're going to lose in the state legislature with all guns firing. But we're not going to go down without it. We are going to stand up and fight for this one way or the other. We got Thank you,

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Sarah. Thank you, Sarah. We went into the news a little bit. Yeah.

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Thank you, Roy, for letting me have the time.

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Gosh, it reminds me of the old days when you had the whole show.

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I could have gone on for another hour. But I

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know, I know. I know. Chris, yeah, sit for 30 seconds. Here. Since I've got you in here in the studio. I have an email here that says cats community awareness for transgender support is doing a 5050 raffle to help raise funds to offset the exorbitant cost of transitions for a group member. And they're just one buck and how do people get them?

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Okay? If you see any cats members or, or people wandering around with these pink tickets in their hand, going up to people or costing them pulling them aside and trying to get a buck off of them, that's where you get them. We hang out Lobos just all over the place. As soon as you want to get them over like the internet. Well, we've thought about that. But you know, you would have to send in a couple of bucks. We'd have to write down your name and then send the ticket back to you. So however, if you can do that, if you would like to, if you do, Sarah's going to give you the cat's address right now.



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Yes, it's P O Box six to Galveston, Texas. 77553. That's what it says right here. That's right. Great. Yeah. Repeated just one more time. PO Box six to Galveston, Texas. 77553.



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Great. Yes. I'm glad this is a wonderful thing you're doing Thank you. Okay. Thanks for stopping by. Thank you and now.



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Oh, yes. Oh, yes. So yes. So yes, it is time for after hours news and views with big Roy and Chris



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would like to welcome everyone to this week's abbreviated edition of after hours, news and views and I like to give a very warm and hearty shout out to Randy way down there in Beaumont, Tony way up there and Midway to John here in Montrose, and to all of our listeners in the far flung corners of the Lone Star State. And want to start off this week's edition of after hours news and views with the thing here of Houston joins stop. Dr. Laura national day of protests with a candlelight vigil against hate. And Houston will be one of 33 cities around the country protesting Dr. Laura Schlessinger show in stop doc Lord dot coms national day of protest later on today, Sunday, September 10. And it's going to be at the KPRC TV channel two at 8181. Southwest Freeway I Gessner. here in Houston at 8pm. Again, it's to stop Dr. Laura national day of protests with a candlelight vigil against hate.



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Art for hatch an empowerment for youth through our pride and gay pride of gay and lesbian artist. We'll be having an art show and sales by prominent community artists. Joseph Kaluga Kerr Miss Eisenhardt Janet row, Wanda Tinsley and David Wheeler. There's complimentary valet parking, and that's going to be on Friday, September 22. From 6pm to 10pm. The event is hosted at the home of Jeff Brown and Jerry Reeves at 703 East Seventh Street. That's north of I 10 west of stewed wood in the heights. Tickets are \$25 per person. For advanced tickets, call 713-942-7002 or email at info at hatch youth.org. Proceeds from donations and a portion of the art sales will go to hatch. The Houston area team coalition of homosexuals, which provides a safe social environment for homosexual youth offers role models and peer support and sponsors educational and community outreach opportunities to empower homosexual youth and become a positive contributors to society. And you hear their show here on after hours, the first half of the fourth Saturday of the month.



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Okay, folks, Houston is going to have its first annual drag king contests on Thursday, September 28, at 10pm at the new barn at 1100 Westheimer in Houston, Texas. And they're inviting people to compete for the title of Houston's drag king 2004 \$250 in cash prizes. contestants will be judged on them appeal and lips think so butchered up gals and practice your song. Any type of music is accepted. And Chris and we had to give you this email because I really can't read that one.

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It's j square north@hotmail.com.

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He reads it with such ease. How do you do it?

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Well, there's two words in the letter. I think it's easy. They're leave your pumps at home or you know where your pump needs to be for a drag game contest. And for the contest that Roy has entered in, marries naturally is having their dog show on

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Sunday Sunday's on the Sunday my Pucci gonna win.

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You're not entering your dog you're entering.

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Lord, he never ends.

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Tomorrow it's today actually September the 10th. It's going to start off with a dog wash from one to 5pm by the Lone Star boys of leather, benefiting the Houston pet placement League. The nn a dog show will be starting at 6pm Come on over and show off the kids

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and what the Houston pet center league does is fine homes for homeless pets with people who are suffering terminal illness not just aids but some other terminal illness or people that are shut ins.



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Sure. Mary's is located Of course at 1022 Westheimer. catty corner to crossroads.



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Okay, and we have a new club in town. It's called the Houston detour. And it's going to be opening up this coming Friday. And the name of it is the Houston detour and it's located at 10 593 telephone road. That's one mile north of beltway eight telephone at Fuqua you can call them at 713-987-0987. Again, this is a brand new club for the community for those of you in the other areas or town



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or the outskirts in the outer loop area. Somebody gets the phone out there the racism community forum will be held the Houston lesbian and gay community center, in conjunction with the black lesbian and gay coalition will be hosting a public forum on racism in the gay lesbian bisexual transgender community on Friday, September 29 at 7pm and planning this event The Center is developing additional collaborations with other organizations that represent the diversity of the city. Our first community forum in July on hate crimes was a tremendous success says Community Center Maria President Maria Mina coochie we are anticipating an exciting lively evening and hope some ideas for solutions. The Lesbian and Gay community center is at 803 Hawthorne at Stanford. For more information, contact the Community Center at 713-524-3818.



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Okay, and unless Jimmy has something that he would like to kick in, that'll be it for this week's edition of after hours news and views and likes Think of all of our listeners for listening in. And for all the wonderful mail that we get. And



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if you wish to send us news stories, information tidbits, say dirty pictures, anything you want love mail hate mail, you can email us at after hours. kpft@hotmail.com and we have the group of Sandy and the gang is about ready to walk in here and they'll have to jump in admit I haven't used it yet. We're wrapping up but they're not here. So we're stretching. Music ready to play? Oh, good, Jimmy. I can't hear him yelling at me.



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I know that.

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One day 7:29pm. So sexy. person get a hold of. Actually, I got a couple of your messages earlier this weekend. But I was out of town. Now sorry. I talked to you about it later, kind of give me a call when you get a chance. I'm headed out to the gym now. But I should be home anytime after night.

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And you're listening to after hours right here on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station. I'm Jimmy Carper. That was Tory fix from his brand new CD, mocha sutra. And that was dude, I really liked his work. He also sang sometimes with the does some rap and with rainbow flavor, a great group that we've played very often. And now it is time for Sandy. Hello. Hey, Sandy. Hi, Jim. This is the Latin hour. Yes, yes,

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most definitely have a

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title for yours. No, we

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don't have we don't have a title yet. It was just Francisco and San Francisco, San Francisco and Sandy, but for getting there. Hopefully.

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You're slowly but surely just aging Francisco?

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Not on purpose. Not on purpose. You actually had to remove? Yeah, about

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that. You I was talking with him. And he was asking some, you know, obviously I'm old. And I've

had all of these things done to me. So he said, Well, what's it like to get wisdom teeth out and hate or it hurts or any? And even if you're not in pain, because they give you enough medication? You're not gonna want to sit around and talk to in the morning?



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Yeah, I agree with that. Well, today well, again, it's just me by myself. Okay. And I have some guys be able to do that very well. Thank you. I have some guests, some friends from U of H. And we're here just to discuss, you know, the gay community, also the University community and how we all fit into the whole picture. And my friend, Marian, Brandy, and Clint, and they will introduce themselves and talk a little bit about about themselves. And then we'll just come up and bring it all together. Okay, who's first? Mary Marian. Everybody's



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pointing their fingers at each other.



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Well, everyone, hello, everyone. My name is Marian. I am a University student. I'm also ex President global, which is the gay and lesbian bisexual universe students. Alliance. It's the University of Houston. And, yeah, I'm just finally going to graduate. Yay.



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Congratulations.



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Thank you. Yeah, just right about now I've kind of tried to face myself back into the gay and lesbian community. When I was with global I was very active, but right by now, you know, trying to graduate get on out of there.



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I was gonna say you were out of it.



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Well, no, no, I'm just more of more or less focusing on school now. Gotcha.



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Yeah. You just take a step back. And you know, try to figure out where you want to go with your life. And then you know, to move on and try to incorporate again, the



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community as a way of like taking over and swallowing you up.



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Yes. And then you forget that you have a life. And we're more fairly in our mid 20s, early 20s is like, and to be so involved and not to be able to, you know, do our thing, because we want to do so much for our own community. Sometimes 66 Oh, yeah, yeah. Well, Brandy, do you want to keep the ball



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rolling? Yeah, my name is Brandy Merritt. And I'm also an ex press. Just like



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you all also used to be an officer and global so yeah, we all just, you know, had too much time running everything. So we're kind of all taking kind of a step back at least Marian in an IR and I'm kind of I've been as well, sort of out of the scene for a while trying to, you know, get back focused on school focusing on work and not being as focused on the community. So, but definitely wanting to get back into that. So now



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my name is Clint Max will. I'm currently back in Houston after a one year hiatus in West Texas, where I attended the University of Texas Permian Basin. I'm currently a student at the University of Houston, Clear Lake. I'm also a member of unity, which is the game lesbian student organization over there. We are not quite as large as global. But we are making inroads. As far as that goes, we were there to make the U of H Clearlight. Community known that we do exist and our voices will be heard.



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Well, then you need to get in touch with Chris because I know he's trying to get people from all the universities in Clear Lake is just one of them. So Well, you heard a lot of stories. And now we're just gonna try to come up with me, you know, our perspectives about the University of Houston, Clear Lake. And also, we've all been outside of Houston, you know, and we sort of have an idea of what also goes on. And other places like I've been to upstate New York, Cornell University, and I know they have very open relationships, they gay groups, and they're very

supportive, very active. I know they hold conferences for the East Coast, old east coast all the time. And I really liked that. Also, I went to Texas Lutheran College, which is a Lutheran School, then no gates stuff going on there at all. You get a chance you feel a little sort of, um, what's the word? Afraid, a little bit afraid that you're going to a school and there's no pity there for you to talk to? Or do you do hang out with you don't feel as comfortable as I feel right now, with your age, and with my group global and with the community as a whole, you know? So guys, any input on this? Yeah, it's



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kind of like I used to go to school in Ohio. And for the longest time, I think for Oh, nine months out of the whole year. I was like, oh my god, I'm the only gay person here. What am I going to do? I think the only saving grace was the the episode when Ellen Kane came out. Everybody in the music department of this one school, we were crowded in this one little dorm room watching that Ellen episode. So it's like, Oh, god.



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Wait a minute here. You're in the music department and you think you're the only gay



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which we all know. It's like everybody, you know who they are. Like, they'll ever say anything. Like, they might be gay people, they're,



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well, sometimes we're not all as open as other people are. And sometimes you can you know, that person's gay, but at the same time, it's like, how much space do I give that person if they eat that person? So when I come up to me, do I go to them and point my finger to them? Oh, my god are telling me you're gay. Come out. They just wait, wait, you know, wait and see what happens. And sometimes it works out sometimes it doesn't. Randy



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was just gonna say sometimes that gaydar can be accurate, but sometimes it's really not. I have a lot of friends that they constantly think they know someone's gay, but then they're like, it turns out they're not. But then of course, I think in the gay community, we want strength in numbers. So we want so many people to be gay. But



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when you're young, yeah, your gaydar hasn't fully developed.



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I've been really involved in the community for a long time. So yeah, my gaydar is pretty well developed. I'm very strong about not trying to make assumptions about people all



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the time. Yep. Is Randy's one of the women that have actually young women that have actually made it really big. She worked for Diane Hardy Garcia was there a lot of communities here in Houston



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knows her but she said this, they do. That everybody listening to clarify that she's I know she was the executive director of lesbian gay rights lobby and still is. And then she ran the Millennium March. So that was kind of a really big thing. And I was on the



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show, Tara actually stepped in to save it. Yeah,



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well, yeah, that's pretty much true.



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It's it's a Texan playing Yeah, I know, to go in and save today. Yeah, definitely



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strong woman there. Yeah. Because



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I think all of us have also backgrounds with HRC. Right? Yeah, I've been In HRC, at one point or another, serving our members or committees and helping out, which is also really good for us. And I remember, the biggest thing I charged seated was when my mother matches Shepherd came in, and they weren't showing the commercials that they were going to run. And, yeah, we were there. And it was so exciting that



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you were able to meet her. Yeah, she just had this, it was really refreshing. To kind of hear her she had never really been involved in the gay community. And it was a very unfortunate circumstance that really brought her into that, but just, you know, to see her, you know, I guess the healing that took place that she got from the gay community after everything she'd been through.



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Like, if anybody from HRC is listening, we want to be invited to power lunches, flee.



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We got to have some more money for that.



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Yes, yes, most definitely. What about your claim?



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Well, as far as my experience with other universities goes, as I said, earlier, I lived in West Texas, specifically Odessa, where I was a student at University of Texas Permian Basin. And my main complaint with the gay community there is that the lack of their right. It consisted of a basically to gay bars to tiny ones at that. And there was there was no organizations but definitely no campus organizations, although, as part of the University of Texas System, they do have a non discrimination policy. But of course, they do have by gaydar and I do consider it well developed. There is there is there was a sense of closeted pheus on that campus



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in a short story. In the late 60s, a friend of mine, and I went to Midland, or like in a jeep, his grandmother lived there, and she was aging, and he wanted to visit her and so, and we went to the bar in Midland, at that time, there was about a half a dozen people in it. We walked up in my friend who was much more out than I said, Is this is this a gay bar. And everybody looked, you know, like, Oh, my God, here's, you know, we're gonna get beat up or something. And the proprietor which was a woman said, Yes, we serve gay people here. And he said, Good, let's have two beers. And then, you know, everybody was our friends. And a piece of music came on, and he and I went out to the dance floor. And before we could, even if, there before were there was even two notes of music played while we were out there. Two women came up and danced with us because at that time, mix, same sex couples could not dance, and the owner would have lost her license. But I mean, we're talking a Saturday night here and there's like half a dozen people in a bar. Now I realized that was a long time ago. But the cities haven't really developed that because of the oil grown from



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my understanding. I mean, the the two gay boys are in Odessa, they are not in Midland and try to start one in Midland, but it got burned to the ground. Yeah. I mean, it's good it is conservative maybe no does the tends to be more laid back and stuff and there's sort of an old saying, if you want to raise a family you live in Midland, if you want to raise hell you go to a



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real as I can see, it can it can be a very lonely place for gay teens. Forgetting at work, forget Yeah, but but in this, as I found out, in that area, people didn't go to a bars a lot. They had parties at each other's houses. So there was a there was a network of adults who knew each other. And we're social, but for teens, there were no outlets. Yeah,



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I can certainly imagine it being like that. Yeah, there is a state mental hospital nearby in Big Spring. And it's my understanding a lot of those people there were gang and stuff and just had a lot of psychological trauma coming out.



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It's at times like this, that I think some of us feel very privileged to have gone to university that, you know, there was a gay group there and that it's, yeah,



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that is a lot more open. I mean, I think it's just a general atmosphere of Houston in general. I mean, I know we complain a lot, but I think that we have we have a pretty damn good and I wouldn't, you know, I mean, there of course, there's a lot of things to be active in, but I think we need to be in more of a positive role model position for maybe helping out some people in some of these other towns. I know I used to do work with hatch and we used to get calls all the time of people in these towns surrounding Houston and some of this sad stories of people that were being threatened and so on. And so



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right now we're trying to strengthen our group in order for us to be able to go out to other universities meet with other groups and create bondings create better relationships, like, you know, rice, you've H downtown Clear Lake. Both of all these universities have gay groups. And some of them you know, like, eh, system, it's very open, very accepting, you know, gay rights because of a state. But and so it's rise. I've heard there were some new changes in policy, and they have



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domestic partnership benefits now for their employees. And it's a



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really good too. So that's really great to hear. But then we also have universities like St. Thomas, hp, hp, hp two. ACC also needs a little bit work there. Yeah. Oh, at least, you know, so. And that's also something that



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is right in the middle of the month rose.



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Yeah. But I think I think they have tried, they tried, I think last



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year to start here, but they had problems with the administration, the board room and System Board did not like the full it's



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a Catholic schools less I suspect, that's the biggest step for them, because they get a lot of funding through Catholic Charities. And so they're afraid of losing funding. And, you know, it'd be in the pope declaring homosexuality.



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Yeah. Especially the latest stuff from the Pope.



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He I think he's just going cuckoo. I'm sorry, if you're a Catholic, I say this, because it's his holiness or whatever he is, and I respect.



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Anybody who knows anything about history should be appalled that what the Pope has said recently, but I understand St. Thomas. And there's, there's kind of this dichotomy there. Because the second time the AIDS quilt came to Houston, it was at St. Thomas. Yes. However, we couldn't talk about condoms. To anyone. All right. Well, I mean, there



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is a lot of outreach going on in Catholic churches, from what I've heard and seen that and about AIDS, but it's just more among helping people that already have HIV, but it's gonna focus more on prevention. So they're doing some good stuff, but they kind of want to avoid all the issues how to prevent it, because then not to talk about sex. Yeah.



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But the problem is, I mean, is it they're a private institution and that's that's one of the biggest problems also in trying to reach them you cannot use to state because you know, there's a separation there a fine line, and then fine line there. But we get we get a lot of we used to get a lot of entitlements kids, eh, and and global and tsu, tsu. And for tsu, I don't even think they they have they have a



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group but it's like very loosely organized. So if any Tsu students are listening, come on over to global we're more than welcome. Have you? Yes.



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Yeah. And I think that basically has to do with the fact that because with the Latino, you know, the African American community, Latino community, they're a little like, they don't want to hear it. They don't want to see it. So Dromore bind or closed doors and but I think a global we have found that we like being ourselves better. And we're there to support each other. So like what Marian said, yeah, come on down.



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Global's incredibly ethnically diverse I mean, just in this room. Yeah. Yes, here we go. So



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so I don't know what else well, we weren't we were also discussing we just had elections past Thursday and one of our members and is running for vice president in his speech mentioned a&m And you know a&m Being very harsh on gay they've



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been going up and down up and down up and down over the past few weeks you know?



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Yeah, we're gonna leave it in our yard. Yeah.



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The least the last one I heard is that it's back in



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Yeah. Sexual orientation is back. Okay.



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Well the problem with them is that the fact that there Boris mostly Republicans don't mention the word



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there are a lot of gay Republicans



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now Yeah, but you know those that love



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so King, okay.



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I mean, Phil Gramm taught there before he went to Congress.



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That was a good one out I'm gonna start calling your max for some reason it's claimed. So Marian any more comments? I'm gonna pull the finger on you



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said something that I thought was interesting. You say all the UT students come on over. And yes, she has. I'm sorry, store. What are the requirements to be in your group,



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there are no requirements. It's like one of my best friends, he's, he's straight, he comes to the group, he's a member. In fact, I always invite all my friends, I say anybody, if you have an open mind, open, heart, open willingness just to come and listen, come to the group. When we have meetings, we always announce them. If anyone, everyone on campus pretty much knows me. So if you see me, bug me, I don't care. I'm always willing to help people, like



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a lot of people that come to our group go to other schools. I mean, that's surprising. Former Students, I mean, this is not just some like, you know, we're gonna sit there and look and make sure that you go to U of H. I mean, we do serve the university, but we're also larger part of Houston as well. And it's just very open.



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And I think the only time that we enforce policies, when you've H is asking us to, you know, the officers, the officers have to be your age students. And as the only thing that we actually to be a member, you can come in from any word and just be a member and follow the U of H, you've H rules and our rules of conduct. And basically, you're in pay your dues by the vote. And



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what do you do in the group meetings are



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it's a full, full umbrella package. Basically, we serve like the social needs, like any student, like if you want to meet other gay and lesbians, bisexual, transgender students, come to the group, because if you don't know anyone, is the best way to do social outreach, outreach, go out and meet people. Plus we do we are we try to be as active as possible. And active activism is probably one of what I consider should be a very diehard focus, but not like overkill, right?



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I mean, we want to integrate everybody into it. You know, we always say we're a social organization and political organization. I mean, there's just such a variety of different things you can get out of it. And I think that we're representative of the larger Houston community as a whole and a view of age, just by including so much diversity. I mean, sometimes there's conflict, but it's, that's a larger part of any type of democratic group that as people open expressing their views, we have all types of discussions, social events, we have, you know, of course, there are subgroups that do different things. So you know, come on, join us.



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And, yeah, one of the biggest things that we're going to be doing hopefully, at National Coming Out week sponsor, we yeah, we sponsored a whole week events, lectures, on different issues. Also, you know, bearing from religious conflicts, sexual issues, you know, a board support issues, also a rally, which is our biggest thing, and Marian has hosted a rally and she hosted it one day and was like, Oh, my God, it was totally awesome, because we got a lot of responses. I don't know if you want.



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Gosh, I have to think back when



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I'm thinking about when I was speaking like four years ago,



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yeah, it was a year, year before last, we held a rally for Matthew Shepard. And I was overwhelmingly surprised about the turnout because it was a big news media was riding the bus. And it was like, I think, right, the day after the candlelight vigil, yes. And so it was kind of like I was hoping to make a fitting closing, or just a fitting, smoking silence more or less for that issue. And the fact that we didn't want to forget, we didn't want to forget someone dying and just erase the issue that if it can happen to someone in a small school, it could happen to anyone anywhere.



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No. And that was also a very pivotal day for global because I remember that the next day somebody wrote in one of the bathrooms a member when they wrote that dive fagged died in Munich University, Bagel, black letters and one of the UBH