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Chris Harrison 00:00

actively campaigning for Daniel's opponent. So that was that was historical on that. Yeah, unfortunately, Edwards is out of a job because he actually resigned from the from the Senate to run for president and then for vice president here, but Carrie is returning back to his post.

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I don't however, yeah. I don't know if you guys heard this, but Elizabeth Edwards, the day the election was conceded, Elizabeth Edwards was diagnosed with breast cancer. And I'm actually I think it's a really good thing that that's the only good thing I can see coming from that is the fact that he will now be able to be with his family. Totally, man, because he's got small kids with her. Right, exactly. Other than that, though, I mean, I think that's a really good thing. I mean, at first, I was really upset that we, that John Kerry chose someone up for reelection, I thought it was a bad idea from the beginning. Because, you know, because they didn't get elected. Edwards is now out of a job, and we yield a seat to a Republican in North Carolina. And I think it was poor. It was a poor choice. It was.

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Chris Harrison 01:19

But you know, I don't I don't actually see carry going for Minority Leader. Because, you know, basically, with presidential election, you know, he has no bad he really doesn't have the backing of the support anything. And they need someone in there who's willing to stand up to it. And, you know,

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and that's sort of one of those rising star spots. Yeah,

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Chris Harrison 01:42

he I don't think he really pressed where he could have, and should have on a lot of these events on a lot of the stuff for free, where he picked the wrong moments to say no. And I think he got burned on that portion. But you know,

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it'd be interesting to see who actually steps up to the plate.

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Chris Harrison 02:03

I mean, it looks like Travis said, you know, it's kind of a rising star, because you need to find someone. I mean, like, no one heard of Nancy Pelosi before she got Minority Leader of the House. And she's been a little firebrand on that. So then she ever shows awesome. They need to find someone with the Kohonen or the ovaries to do that job and stand up to the Republicans. And right now, the Democratic Party, they've, I mean, they've got three things they need to do, first of all, is get rid of Terry McAuliffe, who's the head of the DNC even before his term runs out, get him out of there, because he screwed up two presidential elections. And a midterm election. The Florida Democratic Party needs a major shake up. Because basically, they have handed Bush the presidency, two terms in a row. They are the ones who created the butterfly ballot in 2000. And they had the legal right to keep Bush off the ballot in Florida in 2004. And they let him get on. You know, he can't win the state of Florida if he's not even on the ballot, and they said, well, we can't leave the president. We can't leave an incumbent president off the ballot, that heylia camp. And so there needs to be a shake up there. And they need to pick who they want in 2008 and start grooming them now. Hillary is not a viable option. No, I'm sorry. You know, that sort of stuff. Where the, the wife of a politician works at the governor's level. We've had that in Texas. Ma Ma Rainey took over for Paul Rainey and continued on as governor. But that doesn't work at the presidential level.

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The the biggest things we need to do right now is a party. And I'm pretty active in the party. And so when I say we it's, you know, pretty much me the party. A couple of things, no, senators, okay. John Kennedy is one of the very few senators very know John Powell, to run for president and when, right. Not many people are most of them successfully from the Senate.

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Chris Harrison 04:30

Democratic. Carter was a governor,

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Roy McCarthy 04:34

the governor's house, the State House is where they normally come from.



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Right? Because then you don't have that voting record, because it's dangerous. Look what they did to carry. They made them out to be some kind of wishy washy flip flopper if you will, yeah, because people don't understand the way Senate voting works. You know, they played on that.



C Chris Harrison 04:54

And it was George HW Bush. He had been out of the Congress for so long from the House of Representatives. And then moved on to CIA head. Exactly for Veep.



R Roy McCarthy 05:04

He was he was when when George H. W. Bush got elected president. He didn't get elected president for anything he did was people elected him to for a continuation of Ronald Reagan, right?



C Chris Harrison 05:20

No, no, no, no. Not Monday, he went up against the caucus.



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That's when liberal became a bad word.



R Roy McCarthy 05:28

Yeah, I know that Senator from Massachusetts governor. He was governor.



C Chris Harrison 05:32

He was governor. He was governor of Massachusetts when John Kerry was his lieutenant governor.



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And so, you know,



R Roy McCarthy 05:40

I mean, okay. Reagan was a Reagan was a was a Governor Carter was a governor.



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Yeah. Ford was House Minority Leader. Nixon was nobody. Now next. Next, I think next thing was just house representatives of House of Representatives



R Roy McCarthy 05:59

long that you're going to the 50s for Nixon, to Nixon went from House of Representatives to Dwight Eisenhower's running mate, as vice president ran against Jack Kennedy. Lost in 62, he ran for governor of California lost that you won't have cookie dicta kick around? And he was out of it for from 62 to 68. And the rest is history.



C Chris Harrison 06:28

Are you looking for that graphic? Yes. Yeah, there's some of



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the thing is another thing I was gonna go into sorry. We need to Governor someone without a voting record. We also need someone from the Midwest. Look at that map Tuesday. And you see both coasts are blue, but everything in between his red,



C Chris Harrison 06:49

okay walks up the upper upper midwest, Michigan, Minnesota,



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the northern states, we need someone who's going to get that vote back. Okay. Regardless of how fake George W Bush's cowboy act is, you know, Karl Rove has instigated that beyond all belief. Okay. But



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people from that big band, the center, exactly,



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people still identified somehow with this idea that George W. Bush was their, their cowboy friend, their same and John Kerry was some liberal Massachusetts rich boy. Okay, we won't go into the fact that George W. Bush was just a conservative theoretically Texas rich boy you

know, I mean, so what we need to do is we need to get someone who's going to get those states back, someone who's gonna go okay, I know this guy is going to have values and principles and agenda that will fit to the Midwest. A really one of the view pleasant surprises in the election on Tuesday was the Senate, one of the Senate races in Colorado, Pete Coors, running against a guy named Ed Salazar, I think his name's Ed, but it's definitely Salazar, and Coors is, of course, the family who owns the Coors beer company, very conservative, very anti gay, however, they want gay people to drink their beer. And so what they do is they in, they sponsor all these different like gay events, and they run ads in the Texas triangle and that sort of thing. Mary Cheney used to work for them. Apparently, she doesn't like jobs where she feels like the people around her like her. But um, so what they did was Ed Salazar Ran is the country boy, he wore a cowboy hat and flannel shirts, and people identified with him and he won. I saw a picture I was reading a look through Time Magazine, looking at the different interesting Senate rates across the country. And Senate races, excuse me, one of them, the pictures I came across, there was a picture of Pete Coors and a picture of Ed Salazar. And at first glance, you have it totally mixed up. Because here's Ed Salazar wearing this cowboy outfit, basically, because he was a rancher. It wasn't fake, per se. He was a rancher everything. They maybe embellished it a little bit, but uh, well, and then there's Pete Coors standing there in a suit, barefooted with his ankles rolled up standing in a river. So a mat automatically when you look at that, you think here's the Democrat, and here's the Republican, I know who it is, but it throws you off.

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And I think that's amazing. It's like what they've done with American politics is they've turned into I mean, the advertising in the backend is done with a dish just at a package. Yeah, it's absolutely amazing. I mean, they must have like, a huge design team just worked with these people, because the ideas that are that are pushed out so much. I mean, I work in the design field, and just looking at the politics center in the commercialization of American politics has just been an interesting from my standpoint.

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Yeah, well the real kicker in that race was in order to destroy Pete Coors conservative base. What ads Ed Salazar's campaign did was footage from things like gay pride parades and big parties up in Vancouver, that gay parties that Coors was a big time sponsor of and said, Look, this guy is not totally anti gay. I mean, he is yet he's so enterprising. He's willing to let them drink, he's willing to let us drink his beer, just not acknowledge our existence, past anything but a

Chris Harrison 10:43

fight. You know, like, like I said, about Mary Cheney, with her working to get her father reelected vice president who work at course, you know, she's just I just look at her the same way as like the Jews that helped people get get people to Auschwitz faster. Right, exactly. She's trying to work for her own destruction.



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And he misunderstood when they said she was supposed to like Bush.



c Chris Harrison 11:08

I mean, she I mean, the core of the Corps family is



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that was crashing, isn't it? I'm sorry. I mean,



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see, that's that's



c Chris Harrison 11:15

appropriately. But I mean, but no, it goes into politics to the appropriately named Adolph Coors help. The prop two in Colorado, right, which was there, gay rights, anti gay rights amendment. So you know, we already have that history. He can't help his name. Nate off, you know, Corps is a German family and, you know, aid office at the time.



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The thing is, like what you were saying that's business, Vincent, is, I am not going to work for someone.



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Oh, I agree with you. I'm just saying I mean, you know, when it comes to when it when it comes to business, you're not. I mean, your business is not moral by any means. I mean, yeah, I understand what you're saying Walmart



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doesn't sell certain things, because the Walmart family does not agree with those things. Right? They have



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to do a certain degree, they have to make some sort of sacrifice in order to get a certain

product into their into their business. Well, what they do is people do that all the time.

 C Chris Harrison 12:23

Well, like okay, like the case with Walmart, they, the new book by Jon Stewart, you cannot go and buy in a Walmart store. Right? Because there's one picture of they took nine naked people, and superimposed on each one of the bodies a face of the Supreme Court justice. Oh, that's great. And part of it is they have these little cutout robes and bases to show, hey, they're not gods, they're normal people under those robes. Walmart will not sell it in their store. But you go to their website,

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and now it's a best seller, they'll

 C Chris Harrison 13:00

sell it to you. I mean, that's the sort of thing. It's it's right. I mean, it's some, I mean, there is a way you can, that you can have your your values with that with a company. But you know, you don't have to, if you don't, if you don't, if you don't tow the party line at the company, you don't have to go along with it. Oh, yeah. And

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aside from that company, either you don't have to drink Coors you can drink it. There are other beers out there. There are other places for Walmart to shop.

 C Chris Harrison 13:33

You know, for years and in this community. We've had boycotts over the years, of course, is one of the more familiar ones. Florida orange juice is another one, really, from the Anita Bryant in the 70s. She was very anti gay. And at the time, she was with Miss America, Roy, yet he was he was Miss America. And then she got a sponsorship deal from the Florida orange juice commission. And so she was walking forward orange juice. So in the gay community, there was a push against drinking Florida orange juice. Nowadays, you know, everyone declares a boycott at the drop of a hat. I think the most recent one that got any attention was the gay boycott of Wendy's. And that was based off of the fact that when Ellen had her coming out show, Wendy said, we're not going to we want we do not want any commercials on that show. And so everyone went and did that, you know, from that sort of a protest?

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I didn't mean a boycott. I mean, I mean, just personally, I mean, yeah, definitely do it yourself. Yeah. Don't have to have a boycott.

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Chris Harrison 14:50

Yeah, no, you don't I mean, you don't have I mean, it all comes to a personal level. You know, there's, there's one gas company out there that you know, is great is Well, part of it was good for our community. Then were they bought out by another one. Their stories kind of changed a little bit. I don't use their gas because I get lousy service. I won't stop in there again. But it comes down to a personal choice Do you want? I mean, do you want to help feed the machine? That's basically chopping you to bits. And with this current administration, you know, we've we've seen the Bill of Rights go up in smoke,

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except for the Second Amendment. Yeah, except for that second amendment.

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Roy McCarthy 15:37

Wonder how much did same sex marriage play in this election? I think it played a lot. And I think really, what you said, Well, this election was way, the very beginning of this thing. Gay marriage was not we shouldn't ever have had this push. There was other things that were more important. And the Republicans did use same sex marriage as a win.

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Chris Harrison 16:07

I mean, the gay the gay marriage debate in 2004, you know, for the majority of the park was not done by gay people. No, no, the Massachusetts legislature started working on hey, let's let's do this for for the gay couples, let's do something nice. And you know, the San Francisco Mayor, straight guy, cute, you know, he decided, Hey, I can't let Massachusetts do some out gay San Francisco. And so he jumped the gun and did his thing, threw it out into the front, which he forgot to tell a few people. And so there's all these wonderful lines of, you know, people and celebrities in San Francisco, and Massachusetts, they had all the news crews out there at 1201 when they started registering people for that. But it's all wonderful, but the stuff that what they're, what they're handing out, isn't recognized by their own state, you know, completely. And the only way that any of this stuff is going to work and you know, 11, anti gay marriage amendments were passed on election day. The only way that they're gonna get defeated, because they're part of their state constitutions is some state has got to issue a full valid certificate of marriage, not a certificate of holy union, a civil union anything, they have to give the same certificate of marriage, that they give to a straight couple, they have to give it to a homosexual couple. And then someone has to take that document across the state line and say, I have a certificate of marriage issued by the State of blah, blah, blah, I want these I want, I want insurance. I want to walk into this room and visit my partner when she's in the hospital. I want to file a joint tax return. That's gonna be the quickest way is someone moving to a state that has a state income tax, and they try and file a joint income tax return. And the it should be easily fought. That's the reason why they're talking about a federal marriage amendment. Because the because then the government decided, well, no, the the United States Constitution has a Full Faith and Credit Clause, which means that, you know, whatever is, you know, my

driver's license for the state of Texas, if I moved to California, they're gonna look at that say, Oh, he's had the training and all that will just give him a license. They recognize that you're talking about, like, crossover licenses and what one can't what one state recognizes the other state, just like, everybody wants to Nevada to get divorced, or get married, because the laws are a little bit easier. You get married over in divorce, or you gotta get married over in Nevada, you come back that marriage certificate is valid. But you know, Massachusetts is handing out civil union papers. San Francisco.



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I thought Massachusetts was full and equal marriage.



c Chris Harrison 19:12

We ever mod civil union.



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Massachusetts is absolute total.



c Chris Harrison 19:19

It was I've already bam,



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no crap.



c Chris Harrison 19:22

Okay, but yeah, but that's not valid. Unfortunately, it's not valid outside of the state of Massachusetts, because you can't be they don't they don't allow you to come in to the state and get married if you can't get married in your state. Right. That's an old law. So that's the part of it. So they have to find some way of invoking this Full Faith and Credit Clause so that you know, the other states have to do it, have to accept it. And once that finally works his way through the Supreme Court,



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then all the other states will have to adopt it and then it becomes the law

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Chris Harrison 19:56

you know, just and but we're talking about some process is going to take too Two years at least, and the supreme court can decide we're not going to touch it. So it's whatever the last court the sides. And if the last court decided, you know, we don't see a problem with him banning it, then that's where it stays, there's You can't force the Supreme Court to take a case.

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This is an issue that the way that you spin it to the public is incredibly important. If you focus on the issues of, hey, I want to go see somebody in the hospital are maybe I want, because it's possible to be in a gay marriage and have children either from divorce that you've had in the past, or whatever, and you're like, hey, I would like to be able to see my loved one, as they're dying. I might want my grandchildren to see my loved one as they're dying, because I thought that would be possible to in marriage, focus on things like that, as opposed to two guys kissing, which for some reason, is is scarier to people in the United States than it is being broken bombing people. Now, we you might, you might have a deal. Also, if you if the issue is that separate the difference between religion and the government? Because in my church, it's alright, for gay marriage. And another church, it might not be alright, for gay marriage. That's okay. That's their religion. All right, what the government does with marriage and what the religion does and marriage are two completely different things. And we, we need to put we need to that needs to be made more public than I think it is.

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That's one thing I didn't understand about with John Kerry was he got up on his platform and said, I'm a Catholic. Yes, but I'm against abortion personally. But I will never let that stop. Any I will, I will never attempt to stop any abortion because I don't think I can enforce that belief of mine on people.

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Well, the way he did, yeah, pretty interesting, because he didn't say that he was he was designated, he was not against abortion. It was the way he did it. That he he said that even though his faith said that he could that bortion was bad as president, he could not make a decision for anywhere, everyone in these United States to ban abortion.

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Right. And he's right. However, his opinion on gay marriage was totally different. It had a lot to do with his faith. And I really didn't understand that.

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What he was looking for, I think he was looking at like a more presidential standards. He can't say these entire United States can do this one thing because it doesn't it he also

 Chris Harrison 22:48

has, has had to take a stand on it. Because of the fact he is Catholic. Right? Yes, the same thing Kennedy went through, you know, the Catholic Church, you know, is, is a sovereign nation unto itself. Vatican City is a sovereign nation. It's somewhat recognized by the United Nations. It's as a delegation, but not a voting member. And it's referred to as the Holy See, the Pope is the king of the church, you know, technically, bishops are princes in in a in this country. And, you know, the fact of the what this, the king is saying is divine law. And there's a lot of people who have questions about the fact of having a Catholic in a position of power like that, because he's having to pledge allegiance to two to two flags, basically, the Vatican, and America. And, you know, that's anti Bible, their usage of not not supporting two flags, but the fact that are you getting your marching orders from the people of the United States? Or are you listening to the guy with the funny hat? And that's what a lot of people had that problem with Kennedy. And he was able to dissuade him from that. I don't think Kerry did because basically, you know, the Catholic said, you know, he may be Catholic, but you know, we're not gonna even serve him communion.



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And that was the church's doing.



Roy McCarthy 24:14

And you know, I think



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that spoke out against him and had that was only happened it he probably would have been able to pull it off,



Roy McCarthy 24:23

or what I think is really interesting. Getting back to what Jack Kennedy 1960 the public wanted assurances that the President's religion was not going to influence his decision in government. You know, now, in 2004 they wanted assurances from George Bush, that his evangelical religion, religious belief will influence his decisions as president United States. I mean, it's just a complete opposite.



Chris Harrison 24:56

Yeah. Because back then it was they were really pushing the strict separation of church and state, because it was Catholic. And you know, this country is founded on Protestant beliefs. And for some people, you know, some of the Protestant and evangelical faith, you know,

Catholicism is considered a cult. Along the same lines, as you know, Scientology in the Mormon is, you know, Catholicism is right up there. And, you know, there's only one major difference between Catholicism and mainstream Christianity. And it's, you know, better flying Mary. And that's the, that's the main thing, and the fact that we've listened to this guy in a funny hat, who can barely speak over in a city in a town in Italy. So I mean, the election, I mean, we've got a long way to go. The only the only thing we've got looking forward to with it in 2008, is the fact that, you know, the Republicans also have got to find somebody to take their take their leadership, because, you know, Dick Cheney is not going to be next president, he won't run. So, come 2006 I will place the bet now 2006, Dick Cheney is going to come down with a cold, he's going to be too ill to continue as President, Vice President, when I say President, and whatever, and he's, he's the puppet master. He's gonna become too ill to continue as vice president. And they're going to appoint someone so that they can spend two years Acting Vice Presidential and then come the 2008 election. It's not senator, or governor or representative or dog catcher. It's here is the Vice President of the United States. And that gives that extra credibility to him automatically. So and plus, they're gonna have to start grooming someone because they're what they're probably their biggest challenge what the Republican Party is gonna not want. Is McCain coming back. Because McCain, I think he's too popular, too, for the Republican Party. I mean, that's why they had to sabotage him in 2000. And so if he's, if he's able to come, if he decides to come back in 2008, that's going to be a hard ticket. And depending on who he gets on there, and VP, I mean, that that could be that could be a powerhouse that is going to be difficult there. But McCain is a lot more moderate than then Bush is?



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Well, one of the thoughts about Attorney General right now, one of the names that's been popping up here and there in places, you would have to get mentioned by the right people to pop up is Rudolph Giuliani, former mayor of New York City for attorney general. And the theory there is, they put him in as attorney general for a while. Then in 2008. They run him for president, which is sort of interesting, I never would have picked him as a presidential candidate. I mean, he's the guy who just you know, was way too recognizable for the weird things. You know, I mean, it would be interesting to go from someone who puts these quote unquote, family values so high to someone who's been divorced, like three or four times in office. But I mean, and it would be really good if the Republicans did decide to choose, you know, a New York, a moderate New York City guy. And then the Democrats did to choose choose to put in a country boy, because I think we would get a lot of those votes back. But I think Rudolph Giuliani is just sort of a bizarre choice. They're interesting.



C Chris Harrison 29:15

Trying to find something here we, you know, we've been talking all this political stuff there. We need something cheery, where is that Catholic story? Where is it? Of course, you know, when it comes to finding the humorous things, we go to the wonderful source of the daily rotten.com Catholic sex guide endorses masturbation a bad



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time. Hey, you're saying it's bad. Borya

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Chris Harrison 29:39

Vatican sanction sex guide is encouraging church goers to make love more often in an effort to offset impotence and frigid frigidity and address people concerns over declining birth rates among Italian Roman Catholics. 40 years ago, the Vatican published a notorious set of guidelines for courting Catholics that outlawed even French kiss thinking before marriage. The pages of it's a sin not to do it, however, feature a frank interview with Cardinal reseal tweeny in which he emphasizes that the church is not an enemy of the flesh. He argues the Vatican doctrine has always defended the nobility of sexuality, which is regarded as the church's a treasure of humanity. And another chapter, likely to raise eyebrows honors the theological justification for post coital masturbation for women who failed to achieve orgasm during intercourse. Which is weird because, you know, they usually don't care about the women occurring about

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I didn't think it mattered to him to tell you the truth.

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Chris Harrison 30:42

Okay, we got our final pledge in here for the night. Thank you, Otis.

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Was it? \$150?

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Chris Harrison 30:52

No, but anything helps. We have We thank all of our

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it's \$150 to run the station for an hour.

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Chris Harrison 31:02

It's \$150. And let me tell you this, you know, we're hour Yeah, per hour. Yeah. And you know, the people we heard on the show, we didn't get a dollars worth of it. We're all volunteer. But you know, keep the lights running the generator going and the electrical bill and I tell you what we use on headphones, you give it a signer



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\$50 But let's talk for an hour. So let's thank let him you let him Yeah. All right. We got some call now.



Chris Harrison 31:32

If you want to call any last minute pledge here 713-526-5738. Once here we want to thank Robert Jim, William and Otis for helping us get our do we get our goal? Yes. Do we get both of them? No, just we just got the one. We have. We have the monetary goal and we have the new member goal. One out of two ain't bad. We want to thank you for listening and it's time to play something festive. No, it's our closing cart. And we will be back next week.



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