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Communication is a biggest key to this whole thing. If he can't communicate about it, it's going to be a problem. And you just need to learn to communicate it, talk to them, find out what's going on. Why is he doing it? Is it? Is it a fetish? Is it sexual? Is it something that just like most of us, he just enjoys doing? You can probably relax from the standpoint that he's, he's probably not gay, especially if he's married, there's always that outside possibility, but it's probably not true. This is not a progressive thing, he's not going to go from being a crossdresser, to a transsexual with he's a transsexual, he already knows it. And there's nothing that's going to make him sick.



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Okay, so that's something that I always like to talk about. Now, because we do get calls from wives quite a bit. And I hear from what usually will happen is I don't hear from them so much during the show. But I hear from them two or three days later, after they've had time to think it over. And then they've got a lot of questions.



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Right, they're gonna have that. And unfortunately, let me relate your story today. Because this one, I refer to my wife being an angel, she's my fourth one. And my first wife when she found out about it, packed up bag, baggage, and my two children, and headed 3000 miles away. And since that time, I've seen my children one time. That was when I had to go sign to the adoption papers for her and her new husband to adopt him. It was a blow. But back then it was something that I didn't know what to talk to her about. Because I had no idea why I did it. I did it. There was no way we could talk about it. There's no way we could discuss it, even at that time. And that was 19, mid 70s. I still didn't know what was going on. Totally. And I wish she just sat down and talked to me about it. It may not have shown anything. But at least we could have talked about or didn't. And maybe the sport and a breakup wouldn't have been quite as drastic as it was.



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Well, let's tell folks how to get a hold of hope and crossdressers anonymous, because I, I often get a chance to talk to people about it. But we want to tell them how they can get ahold of you and give them some sense of what a meeting might be like.



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Our meetings are not formally structured, per se. It's a discussion group. Like I said, it's based on 12 steps. But it's primarily a discussion group. We kind of let the participation of the people there dictate what our evening topic will be for that day. We don't go in any meeting with anything preset unless somebody has a real agenda they want to talk about. We meet every Tuesday, from eight to 10pm. And we've been doing it for approaching five years now meeting once a week, which is kind of a unique situation. And people can come and go this way. I mean, if somebody it's not like something comes up and gee, I got to wait three weeks till the next meeting. So if you want to come you can, if you don't want to come the next one in business, we don't care. We don't ask anybody's name. What you want to share is your business. It is anonymous. Like we say. We made it to 39 Westheimer. Suzanne Anderson has been gracious enough to donate her building to us to utilize for our meetings. And that's where we meet and we're there every Tuesday night. And if you want to stop by, stop by if you want to drop me a letter on mail addresses 6804 E, number 334, Houston, zip code 77083. You can reach me on email. It's Brenda at FYrstnethou.com FirstNet dot FirstNet huge.com. Right, the abbreviation for Houston. Those are the places you can reach me. If you want more information you can call my evil twin brother. His name is Tom. You can reach him at 4958009. But please ask for him if you call.



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Okay. And those one of the things I wanted to ask you because it's been asking me often when a crossdresser calls me they have never been out in public before. I mean, we're talking really new people. And one of the reasons they have not gone to one of the other meetings whether it was to try as meeting or toward GCTC meeting or whatever, is because they're afraid to go out dressed in their feminine persona. When they come when they come to an H CDA meeting, do they have to come and as the as their family sells or can they just wear their street clothes and come in?



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Our dress code is your particular comfort zone. We have people come in Daily Mail business attire, we have people come in daily female business attire. We've had people who just like to wear leotards coming, they're leotard. We don't care how you come, and nobody's gonna judge. It's a very non judgmental group and we want you to be comfortable.



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There you go. There we go. The group was called Helping cross dressers anonymous, and I hope that would have answered some of your questions. They made it out for those of you who live in the Montrose I think many of you will know when Suzanne Anderson's office is on

Westheimer very easy to find their meeting there on Tuesdays, you can call her at the station, and we'll repeat the information for you. Brenda, thanks very much. I really appreciate you coming on the show and talking about it. Sarah,

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thank you. It's been a unique treat for me.

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And, and we are back yes,

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you're listening to after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station Brian on Jimmy Carper. And with me tonight

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is Sarah dipalma. I was very interested to hear Brenda talk about how her first wife packed up the kids bag and baggage moved 3000 miles away and and all that time Brenda has seen her children once.

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That's that's unbelievable, you know, and it just brings to light, how much we really believe the pink and blue crap that we're, you know, brought up with

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the number one thing that wives say is, I'm not a lesbian. So they feel their fear is that their husband dressing somehow makes them and if they tolerated that somehow it makes them lesbians. Well, you

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know, when the wife is running around in jeans and their husband shirt, he doesn't feel like she's a gay man.

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Here you go. See, it's funny. When I first started dressing way back when Methuselah was

young when I first started started dressing, it was one of my biggest complaints was that dressing is a double edge is hypocritical. If a woman wears a male looking clothes, they call her fashionable, right? If a man wears female clothes, he's a fag.

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There you go. You know?

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I mean, so Right. In, unfortunately, even at this late date, lots of people still think that's true.

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I don't understand. I don't I don't understand. America thinking that if a man is dressed in female clothing, he's a homosexual?

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Yeah. Because see, they don't understand the difference between sexual identity and sexual orientation and sex people and that still muddled in people's heads. And it's funny thing, we're It's Time Texas and lesbian gay rights lobby of Texas. Starting in February, we are going to be jointly sponsoring educational meetings in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio. And, and, and she's awesome. And the reason that we're going to do it is because they are finally convinced that the gay people don't understand those differences, either. Now, we've been saying that on the show forever, you know, but they actually went out and did a survey and they discovered there's this huge gap between the way transgender people perceive themselves as being related to the gay community in the gay community doesn't see that at all. And so part of what this is about is to go out and educate people and explain to them what gender is, what sex is, what sexual orientation is, what sexual identity is, because people don't know so in that respect, I guess the gay community is no different than strike community.

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Yeah, you're right. I think it's my association with the gay and lesbian switchboard and we've had in service with with Phyllis and and so so many times I guess maybe I'm and I know I've known you I guess I'm more educated than

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you know, yeah, that I get confused well,



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sometimes I have a hard time sorting some of it out myself as they're occasionally terms combined meanest opposite Wait, why are Wait a minute. I thought I understood what but it is true and crossdressers are really pay a tremendous price. Because if they have if their spouses don't understand and so we go back to that purging thing and then what they say to the wife is will all stop. Yeah, and of course that never works. Never work. That never works. And that's where Brenda's group comes in with his helping crossdressers anonymous. Here's a safe place for you to go. You do not have to go dressed as themself. You can go talk to people who are in the same situation, who understand. They're not trying to cure you of anything. No, they're trying to help you deal with a guilt, deal with that shame and get you through it



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except just get you to accept yourself.



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Isn't that the primary part of almost anything, I guess sure is getting through the shame of it. And transsexual transsexuals go through that, but not to the extent that crossdressers do interestingly, because a cross a transsexual says, Well, you know, this is a mistake of birth. a crossdresser doesn't say that. They don't want to be the opposite side. Right? And they're very confused about what does it mean to be a male who wears female clothes? You know, what is that? What kind of a me and MI now try Yes, has something called boys R Us, which I think is interesting. And what they do is once a month, they have to guys, the cross The cross dressers get together as the guys and the girl bowling or go do something, something to reinforce that male I say the guy thing. Now to me, that's an alien is jumping over the moon. But I can understand why that might be a good idea. stressor. It's a cross and I can see why it might be a good idea. Yeah. So it's different.



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The other thing about about the transgendered people is that we've talked about this many times, but many transgender people go into the closet after transitioning. You know, it's makes me crazy. Yes.



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makes me crazy. Um, it's funny because we were just talking about that at the tats meeting today. I am convinced that woodworking as it is known in our community is impossible. Because today, credit records of all sorts exist, everywhere. Oh, yeah. And so the idea that

you're going to simply disappear into into your new life as a feminine person or as a masculine person as the case may be. And you're gonna hide this crazy



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move to another city and start a new life as an as the new person.



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You're one of the people in the meeting today was just talking about the fact that their credit record and an old credit record popped up out of nowhere, surprise, well, it so happened and they were open at work and I wouldn't work so it didn't do any damage, but it sure as heck could have. Yeah, you know, so the idea that you're just gonna pick up and hide, it's just like, I don't think so. That's a good idea, but I don't think so. It's just one of the things that I have not figured out about transsexuals is why they find it so difficult to say that's what they are interested in, what will happen is people will say, transsexuals will often say, Well, I stopped transecting Some time ago. Now, I'm a woman. Well, yes, but you're a transgendered woman. You were not born. You were not born that way. At least you biological. I



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think it's the whole idea of passing. Yeah, I



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guess so. I guess so. It just, it's like, Well, okay, but what's wrong with what's wrong with being what you are? Why can't Why not just say well, I'm proud of this. Yeah. And it's like, I sort of had the feeling they haven't worked through that.



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To be proud of being a transsexual person, tells the world I have gone through an incredible journey to be where I am today.



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There is an article in the current time magazine called trapped in the body of a man. Now, the gist of this article is that some Dutch researchers have been studying the brains of transsexual, I guess,



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I guess, Scott Lewis mentioned this last week.



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Now, what they found is that there's a part of the back of the brain called the hypothalamus, the hypothalamus, I guess, and they discovered that it is slightly larger in transsexuals than it is in men. Or, in this case, they settled studied female, male to female transsexuals. So that's why I say that, what these covers Now, the problem is that these were transsexuals who had all been taking estrogen or some sort of hormone for years. So the question is, did the hormones create the enlargement? Say, what came first here, the chicken or the egg? Okay, and the answer is they're not quite sure. Yeah.



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But if it studies some people who have not been taking hormone



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right now, if it turns out that the hormones didn't cause it, and then it actually is slightly enlarged, it could actually lend some credence to the to the transsexual claim that they are trapped in the wrong body. Here's the problem that I've always had with this kind of thing, because it comes up. You know, there's a lot of talk now about the gay gene. Suppose they find this gay gene is this Something parents and they're gonna start screening for so it can be fixed before birth.



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That's, that's the yes, that's the bad part of it. The good part of it is that if we can, if it is, if we can say it's caused by a gene, then it is not a choice, as of course, we all know.



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Like, you get willfully I'm gonna be queer now so I can be discriminated against for the rest of my life. Yeah.



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It's what choice is this? Even if you're a transsexual, or a crossdresser, it is not a choice. It is what you are. It's how you were born. And so they want the gay gene so that they can lend credence to this non choice routine. The other side of it is yes, if it is a gay gene, and there's a possibility of changing it. Will people do that?



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Yeah, it makes me it has connotations to me of the Nazis are Yes. Trying to change bodies and things to secure it's sort of scares me it's step one to that. Yeah. And um, so I guess I have some the this article about the transsexuals in the large brains of transsexuals. There are a couple of boards on the internet that deal with transgender issues. And they are just jammed with debate about this right now. both pro and con. Is this or is this not a good thing? And there are a lot of people who say it isn't. I just wonder about, you know, these pro lifers. If they do discover the gay gene, and the woman just discovers her kid is gay, which he aborted. Oh, hello, Paul. Cameron, we have a question for you. What a great question. Yeah. Huh. Well, we can call our buddy at First Baptist Church and he asked, it's only what 230 in the morning? That's a good, that's a good question.

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It's a good question.

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I don't know. I guess I'm just leery of this so called Science down The Mentalist crazy? Yeah, I'm a little leery of the so called science stuff, because it makes me wonder what's next? Are we going to start genetically altering and creating the perfect people? And according to whose standard in my

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lifetime, the question about choice was raised in the gay community. And there was debate on either side in the gay community? Are you gay by choice? Or are you gay from birth? I can remember that 10 years ago.

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Why does it matter? I mean, you're gay is that that's the end of the discussion.

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I am what I am. Yeah,

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I mean, I guess I guess I don't get it. It sort of worries me. If you happen to get Time magazine. It is a very interesting article. It's a little bit convoluted in if you're not real familiar with some of the transgender issues, you may find yourself scratching your head saying, huh. But it is very interesting. In on the same page is a discussion about new evidence of the gay gene. And it seems to me if one respect, this is one more example of people who say, well, gays and lesbians and transgender people don't have anything in common. Well, you know, we may have

something in common from birth. There you go, you know, interesting just sort of pointed out, let's go to some music. And then when I come back, I think you have something that you wanted to do. Okay, this next piece of music, and I don't know why that same CD from that same CD called out music getting



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a lot of mileage out of that



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we are this piece is called why now I was telling Jimmy about this earlier, this is one of those pieces of music that the first time I heard it, I said Yeah, and the second time I heard it said it's not bad. The third time I heard I heard it said hey, that's really pretty. So give this one a fair listen, if it doesn't grab you right off don't mean it. Maybe you shouldn't be surprised that doesn't grab you right off. Listen next week. You'll hear it again and we'll try it again. This is called Why by Andrea Katz



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huh? Yes, that was all about are love why by Andrea Katz. That's off the free out music gay and lesbian music compilation CD. You'll be hearing more of that in the future. You're listening to after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station Brian. I'm Jimmy Carper. Let's say before we get into the Brian thing. I want to I want to mention that there is a gay and lesbian readers group at Barnes and Noble and it's the Barnes and Noble that's over on West Holcomb Boulevard over there. The new one it's really a nice place. When do they meet here?



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Hmm, well, you're fine. Oh, here it



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is Monday, November 27, at seven o'clock. And though November members have selected glamourpuss by Christian McLaughlin for reading and discussion, the next meeting will be held on Monday, January 29. With mothers by Jack's Peters Lowell as the selection, that's Barnes and Nobles, gay and lesbian readers group and what's missing from the title of that group? How about bisexual and transgender? Yeah,



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okay, I'm gonna borrow from Phyllis here. And, and just thought I would mention it. And we can learn to say that your



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third GLBT GLBT. Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah. Well, you know, I often talk about the the thing that gay men do here nowadays on Fridays as you go and you pick up a twit. And the first thing you do is you open up the back to the obituaries. And if you haven't, if you don't see anybody in there, you know, then it's been a good week. It's right. Well, I guess I was kind of it was kind of my turn, because there had been several weeks and I didn't know anybody. And now all of a sudden, there are three people. Two that were in the twit, one that wasn't. And of course, we were talking earlier, we're talking about Brian Bradley, right? The Supreme gay activist.



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I use the term sometimes an activist activist. Oh, Brian really was he really was in for years in this community. Brian, I thought was the premier activist in the city.



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There was a little kind of a memorial thing over at Carter Coley last Wednesday night that I stopped five really quick because I had a meeting here and there on the table as you walked in there was set out Brian's awards and a lot of pictures that that he were that were taken during lots of demonstrations. And there was one he was just sitting with someone and his mouth was closed. And I said that's not Brian, his mouth is closed.



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You know, and the thing is, I don't think Brian would want us mourning for him. Now. You're right. I don't think that's bro. No, not at all. I think Brian's attitude would be alright, I'm going to start kicking butt for me. Yes. Because Brian was a person who stayed in action. I mean, right to the end, Brian stayed in action. And it is terrible. And it's a big loss to the city. But Brian, wherever you are, we're gonna keep going for what you were about.



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You bet. You bet. And he was born in 1961. Year I remember very well.



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Yeah, I didn't realize he was that much younger than I am. How much



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someone else who was born in 1961 was Steve Wright, who, who also passed away from AIDS.

And I knew Steve when he first came to Houston because he started out as a waiter at the potpie restaurant. And that was way back when it was under the original ownership.



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You're dating yourself.



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I know I'm dating myself. But I remember him way back then. And here lightly in past years, Steve was you know, Mr. This and Mr. That which was really just a front to do fundraisers for the Colts and all other kinds of good charities, and mostly at the BRB bar that doesn't get a whole lot of recognition for all of the fundraising. Things that they do. It's like every weekend there's fundraisers going on at the at the BRB. Steve also had ran a gay business, something that I always treasure. He was the head of Rijn car nation, which was a car repair.



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I think he did detailing if I'm not mistaken. Yeah, detailing



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and DVR, and car repair over on Taft. And, you know, in a way he was another activist because he raised he was he was the activist that raised the money through the through the bar shows,



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activism comes in a lot of different styles. Sometimes it's very quiet. And sometimes it's very public. But yeah, that's you're absolutely right. You're raising money behind the scenes. You're an activist. That's right.



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Yeah. And you just mentioned something about doing something behind the scenes and doing it very quietly. That's where the third person comes in. That was Bill White, who is the lover of Larry Lingle, who owns Lobo and Larry You know, did Larry and Bill together did a lot of things behind the scenes quietly, you know that every time do you open up a gay publication? It was there for you because there was a Lobo ad in there that paid help pay for that publication. Susanne Anderson was talking about that last Thursday night on lesbian and gay voices. That, you know, sometimes when the advertising dollars are hard to find, Lobo has always been there.



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I think I think that's often true. There are a number of gay businesses who do a lot of that sort of thing Suzanne Anderson, although she probably wouldn't take credit for is so heavily involved in the community in giving of time ourselves enough for building off her office space. And, you know, I guess it's true in all communities, it's a lot easier to bitch than it is to give credit. But in truth, there are a lot of people in the gay lesbian community and bisexual transgender community as well, who do a lot of giving and get no credit for it whatsoever.

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So the city lost three activists in one week. The ACT UP type of activist that was Brian Bradley, the behind the scenes raised the money during the for the bar shows, which was Steve Wright, and the really behind the scenes, maybe working with political caucuses and and donating money for four causes, which was Bill White. So for the three of them, we've got some music, and we'll probably take us up to the three o'clock hour.

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One more thing I want to talk about. There is another activist in this city right now. Yeah. That I think a lot of people know by the name of Ray Hill. Oh, yes. And Ray is a fallen on some hard times right now. I didn't know this. He's not feeling well. And I would like to put out on the air and suggestion that we do some sort of a fundraiser for Ray. Hmm. I don't care whether we do this carwash. Or bake sale. Hey, if there's anybody in this city that this community owes something to raise ill, he's this station is here because of Ray. That's right. And so I would like to put that out on the year as a suggestion. And I'm I anybody who's out there, and if you'd like to participate in this, because I'm going to organize it regardless. Okay. And we're I just to let Ray know that we care. I think that's important. And it's too late for us to say anything to Brian, although I think Brian already knew that he was loved before he left. Oh, yes, he knew that. But I want to make sure that this community gives something back to Ray Hill. Okay, I just thought I'd bring that up.

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So for Brian and Steve, and Bill Karla born off singing Goodbye, my friend. Brian, for Steve, for Bill for everybody. Goodbye, my friend. And it's about time for us to say goodbye to all of our friends who are still with us and listening.

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And if you don't come back next week, we're gonna go find you.

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This is Jimmy Carper. And for after hours that queer radio program with attitude that you are listening to right now on KPFT Houston or ke O 's College Station Brian.



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Remember our motto of its time Texas? Yeah, when decorum becomes repression. The only dignity free people have is to speak out. Good night folks.



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