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Chris Harrison, Vanessa Edwards, Jimmy Carper

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Jimmy Carper 00:05

The following program contains language or images of a friend or sensitive nature, which may be considered objectionable by some discretion is advised. Oh yes, you've tuned into after hours queer radio with attitude right here on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. The crew of after hours is ready to bring you news interviews, dialogue and music geared for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people and their friends. Hear it after hours, we may be diverse, but we have one thing in common. We are all out of the closet and urge everyone to come out of their closets. That means standing up for yourself taking responsibility for your own life, and being proud of who you are. Realistically, we know not everyone can do that because of age job or frame of mind. That's okay, we're here for you too. So sit back, relax, and enjoy this week's edition of after hours. Hello, Houston and Galveston in the world. And welcome to the Saturday October 9 edition of after hours queer radio with attitude. I'm Jimmy Carper, I'll be your co executive producer for the evening.

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Chris Harrison 02:17

And I'm Chris Harrison, the other co executive producer.

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Jimmy Carper 02:21

I usually don't do this. I usually try to get somebody else to say this. But on page 20 of this week's queue Texas is a picture of Ma actually, did you say this?

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Chris Harrison 02:38

Cute little bit? God he's not wearing a pink shirt.

J Jimmy Carper 02:43

Do you say yeah,

C Chris Harrison 02:43

that's pink.

J Jimmy Carper 02:45

Yeah, it's it's very light pink. It's very light pink. Okay, that's your number one.

C Chris Harrison 02:51

Now the guy next standing next to the nipple shot. That's pink.

J Jimmy Carper 02:54

Okay. I'm the one in the vest there and the right

C Chris Harrison 02:57

almost looks Butch. Hey, if it wasn't for that gold crown, he's wearing that. No, it's

J Jimmy Carper 03:02

actually it's not gold. I'm

C Chris Harrison 03:03

sorry. Diamond ask ya. Natuurlijk IC

J Jimmy Carper 03:07

o h function over at E js. And I'll be talking more about ISO H puncheons. You can do a lot with cute just careful. Yeah, no, it's the Empire is fake. And so the jewelry but the idea of the organization is to raise money. Yes. And they have been doing it this year. Yes. Yes. Yes. So far. \$10,000 for the clinic. Yeah, very good. And we expect a lot more money in the next two weeks because it is in thrown in for IC Rh and that means that's the big deal next Saturday night, and so I'll probably be late. coming in. I'm involved in that. So

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Chris Harrison 03:51

that means I got to pick the opening news DAP.

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Jimmy Carper 03:53

Sorry to say, Sorry, folks. Chris is doing it because of the Titans an evening on Mount Olympus. And the festivities have already started. And tomorrow, Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, October the 10th at the at Oh will be the in town awards party and reception. And that's always fun because there's a lot of Camp awards like you know, s tent best. Most likely to run off and join the circus and biggest bitch and you know all that kind of good stuff. That fun stuff that you like. Wednesday, October 13 is the final night for the space city idle had been held at E js at eight o'clock with a monarch roast and toast at 930. Thursday, October 14 is members of the universe show at EJ is at eight o'clock. You know see drugs is in there a lot. Friday, October 15. At EJ is at 730 is the ambassador's of the universe show that As the featuring the out of town guests putting on the show, Saturday, October 16 is the big event at the Crowne Plaza downtown that's in through myth three, Clash of the Titans an evening on Mount Olympus. For more information. Go to dub cubed dot space city Empire dot O R G, and you will see all the information and prices and all that kind of schedule. Yeah, the whole schedule is there. Let's see. I do want to mention free cover Friday and Saturdays 1030 to 11 and this is at South Beach. And every Saturday let's see October 2 And the first Saturday of oh, here we go the first Saturday of every month, enter to win a trip for two to Miami South Beach, spend four days and three nights at the show born Beach Resort airfare hotel transfers provided by South Beach. Cool. So that remember that first Saturday of each month. And don't forget the the new data show being hosted by Nancy Ford. That's every Saturday night at 1415. Club 1415 located at 1415 California, same building that houses the pride committee and a few other goodies, things like that. Singers comics poets drag kings and queens actors amusing ranters bring your instruments, CDs, wigs, spinning plates or anything else that helps you to perform every Saturday night 9pm till midnight 1415. And some some of the other stuff going on here. Oh, wait, I want to I don't know if some of you who watch Sex in the City and kind of I really liked that series, even though it's over now. But Sex in the City Star Cynthia Nixon shocked someone somewhere, I suppose. When she announced she's happily dating a woman in real life today. Is that cool?

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Chris Harrison 07:21

Isn't she the one who couldn't find a man on the show?

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Jimmy Carper 07:23

She ended up with not only a man but the child. Yes, I didn't pay attention. Oh, okay. What have you got? We didn't talk about the music. No, we did. Oh, my God. Okay.

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Chris Harrison 07:37

It was all about you. And the amp. Yeah, it was all about you.

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Yeah. All about.

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Jimmy Carper 07:45

Okay. Okay. I stand corrected. You. You worked on that first song? Well, we

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Chris Harrison 07:54

did a kind of a premiere. The first song we open up with brand new to radio, I believe were the first one that were popping his radio virginity. And it was Russ Turk boys. I like

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Jimmy Carper 08:10

like that. So we'll be playing that a lot, as

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Chris Harrison 08:12

he's a singer songwriter out of Jersey. Oh, I

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Jimmy Carper 08:16

love Joisey born and raised there. And

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Chris Harrison 08:20

they've promptly threw you out when they, you know, the Garden State found that there's a fruit in the state and

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Jimmy Carper 08:24

I washed up and got out. But I came to southern boy, bell so whatever.

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Chris Harrison 08:33

But no rush jerk. Like I said at that point, like we got some other songs here. We're gonna look at putting in there to singer, singer songwriter. First time getting on the radio, we're gonna be playing a lot of some new music, of course that you haven't heard before.

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Jimmy Carper 08:49

And not many other people have either. Now, as a matter of fact, I think we scooped JD Doyle on this one. Most

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Chris Harrison 08:56

likely. Got a couple other ones that were in the works trying to get some CDs in here. So yeah, that you know, this is the one of the few places you're going to hear.

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Jimmy Carper 09:06

So does Russ have a website or anything? I didn't have a

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Chris Harrison 09:09

website yet. I forgot to check with Melvin give out his email address. Oh, okay. But, you know, check if you'd like to and you just want to get in touch with them. Contact us here at the station. I'll see if we can do to hook you up with them. And they can do that by after hours at KPFT dot o RG or send snail mail to 419 Love it. Houston, Texas seven, seven double six. And

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Jimmy Carper 09:31

the second song was of course Melissa Etheridge, bring me some water, some water and we've played that, especially tonight because she

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Chris Harrison 09:41

has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer. Yeah, and she has canceled her upcoming tour dates to undergo treatment. The cancer was detected early and Melissa has been receiving treatment. She's fortunate to be under a doc wonderful doctor's care and thankfully it was caught early. Yeah, she looks forward to a full and quick recovery and

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Jimmy Carper 10:01

I was so happy I got to see her when she was in Houston a couple of months ago.

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Chris Harrison 10:06

If you have purchased tickets to one of her events, according to her website, you the venue where the date was going to be held where the venue where it was going to be held, will give you the refund. She had been scheduled to play 11 dates in seven cities. I'm not sure where

those were. But Melissa Etheridge is going to be out for a little while and not sure how that's gonna affect no mention on here about her upcoming movie role. Oh, so if that's really affecting in that or not, but I will keep an eye on that for you. Okay,

J Jimmy Carper 10:36

so what other kinds of in town things have you got? Montrose

C Chris Harrison 10:39

Counseling Center has a coming out support group. Coming out issues are the focus of a noose support group for me at the Montrose Counseling Center. The group is open to anyone who identifies as gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered and will meet ever at the MCC every Thursday for nine weeks, beginning October 14, from 6pm to 7:45pm. You do not have to be a registered client of MCC. Each week at New topical presented from recognizing internalized homophobia to discussing spiritual concerns, how to approach and speak with family members history and pride career issues and creating a family of choice. According to Chris Kerr, program coordinator for MCC life counseling program, the two main issues for people at the beginning of the coming out process is safety and confidentiality. The support group will help will provide that confidential space for people to address the question. How do I want to live my life as a GLBT person. Donations are requested but there is no charge to participate. The Montrose counseling center is at 701 Richmond. You check them out on the web at Montrose counseling center dot O R G. And a great way to start off net National Coming Out Day which is

J Jimmy Carper 11:56

October October the

C Chris Harrison 11:57

11th. Tuesday or Wednesday I forget

J Jimmy Carper 12:00

that would be to march Sunday is the 10th So that would be Monday.

C Chris Harrison 12:06

The hatch youth recognize their peers and community members at their annual awards banquet. Yes. To the most prestigious awards we give out the annual banquet on October 15 Are the Trish Morgan Kolodny award named for one of the hatch founders and the Kevin Davidson award named for former president of hatch new they continue to be ardent supporters of hatch and the awards to bear their names are given to hatch facilitators and community leaders who have made significant contributions to improve the quality of life for

the youth and other GLBT Houstonians. The hatch annual awards banquet is going to be at 7pm on October 15. It's going to be the fee is \$10 at the door for location and additional information, contact DL Deb Murphy at 713-529-3590. That's the reason for the anonymity on that part is to protect the confidentiality of the hatch members. Absolutely. Which is very important to them. Universities in graduate school of social work announced on the fourth annual Jenkins distinctions like distinguished lecturer, the legacy of Matthew Shepard featuring Judy Shepard, an advocate for Hate Crimes Prevention and legislature. Mr. Shepard is the mother of the late Matthew Shepard and anti gay hate crime victim. This is gonna be on Tuesday, October 19 at 7pm at the Cullen performance hall Auditorium on the University of Houston campus. And Chris will entrance one from Calhoun the lecture is free and for a special assistance call 713-743-2255. And if you're looking for something else to do, because on Halloween, we're gonna start getting into Halloween events coming up here soon. Oh yeah. There is going to be a Halloween parade at the main event, which is going to be downtown on Friday, October 29. Participants will gather at the parade between seventh and eighth on Congress between Travis and Main Street and the parade will travel south on Congress. At the parade, the judges will pick top 510 costumes to reach a final competition. They'll take place on a stage at Maine and Prairie. The theme of this year's event is Elvis is everywhere.

 Jimmy Carper 14:25

Oh my god. That's so scary

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he has

 Chris Harrison 14:29

the winner will receive a package of over \$1,000 in prizes from hotel stays and restaurant gift certificates to concert tickets and sporting events. There will be a party at the Crystal Ballroom and all this is done by the Houston press. So check out [www.houstonpress.com](http://www.houstonpress.com) For more information Wow.

 Jimmy Carper 14:49

And on Saturday, October 30 will be the annual big knobs on broomsticks show. It's Halloween show and costume contests. contest prizes will be awarded for best in theme and most original. Audience participation plays an important part in the decision so please join us. Their tradition started in 2000 When When ginger and Chris ran together as mother and daddy of Montrose, each year the toy donations gets larger thanks to Ginger's connection with Coca Cola North America who graciously donate toys proceeds benefit the camp HOPE Program and the toys go to children with HIV AIDS. So that is so cool. I like that. And some other doings here at the landmark theater in green Greenway Plaza. The Return of the Living Dead costume contest Saturday night only on October 30. Send more paramedics to dunderhead employees at a medical supply warehouse inadvertently released deadly try oxygen 245 gas into the air

making the dead endlessly reanimate and rampage through Louisville. seeking their favorite food human brains kugellager James Caron and scream queen Linnea Quigley star that's it midnight of course,



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of course of When else would they show a movie like that? And the following



J Jimmy Carper 16:35

weekend and the first weekend in November. Tim Burton's Edward Scissorhands will be playing at midnight over there. That's so cool. And don't forget, you can still get to see the calling of Jericho Jones theater suburbia is production directed by Judy Reeves and Elvin Moriarity. That's all you could get used to go to a matinee, Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, the 10th at 3pm or next Friday and Saturday night next Saturday is closing. So you only have three opportunities to see this great show. For ticket information 713-682-3525 and theater. suburbia is located at 1410 West 30 West 43rd at Oak Forest. Cool, cool, cool. We'll be talking about the radical fairy stuff going on later. It's time to play a little music and get Vanessa Edwards foster here because it's transgender at night. And of course, the second segment will be the Hispanic segment with Francisco Sanchez. And then at three o'clock we've got our infamous round table. Yes, yes, yes. Yes. I ever know. We've got lots of letters this week, folks for a great MBBS and a couple of new ones. I think



C Chris Harrison 18:06

we've got some new ones and



J Jimmy Carper 18:09

and a picture. Whoo. Okay. I like that. I like that. So let's go to some Boy George music. This is from his CD. The recoupable one bandit it's called she was never He and you're listening to it on after hours greater radio with attitude. KPFT Houston. 90.1 FM 89.5 in doubt boy, George, she was never He from the album. The recoupable. One Man Band Volume One, by the way, and yet. Okay, we've got Vanessa Edwards foster with us. Hello. Hello, Vanessa. Welcome. How are you? Nice to see you again.



V Vanessa Edwards 19:09

Thank you. I'm sorry.



J Jimmy Carper 19:11

I didn't make it last. Yeah. Well, you know, things happen. You're looking very nice. You're looking actually rested.

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Vanessa Edwards 19:17

Oh, well, thank you. Everyone else was saying I look tired. At least just saying unanimous. Thank God.

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Chris Harrison 19:23

Compared to Jimmy everyone looks rest.

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Vanessa Edwards 19:27

Okay, well, we don't keep his schedule.

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Jimmy Carper 19:31

True. True. True. True.

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Vanessa Edwards 19:34

How many benefits now? Oh,

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Jimmy Carper 19:35

I know. It's just unbelievable. Yeah. Yeah. But that's you know, that's it's a part of the community I've never been involved in. I've always been in five or one C threes. Organizations that need money to survive to do things for the community. I've never been involved in one that makes money to give to other other other organizations. So I'm really enjoying this. It's kind It's very different. Very different. Yes.

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Vanessa Edwards 20:02

Very good. This is I guess a foundation or yes,

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Jimmy Carper 20:06

it's IC o h space city empire. Oh, okay. Put on shows almost every weekend. And plus other different kinds of fundraisers and silent auctions and whatever we can do to raise money. Outstanding. Yeah, it is. It's just, it's a little difficult when Stanley's in town because he likes to, we'd like to be together at the same time that most of these things are going on. So

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Vanessa Edwards 20:32

yeah, a lot of the fundraisers are very big production. Yeah.

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Jimmy Carper 20:36

There's a lot that goes into this. Yeah, it takes time.

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Vanessa Edwards 20:38

Definitely. That time of the year, and how have you been?

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Jimmy Carper 20:44

What have you been doing? Ah,

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Vanessa Edwards 20:46

oh, geez. What haven't I been doing? lately? It's basically been politics, of course, the political season gearing up for that. But before that, there was some other politics, basically, the national convention that was up at the Democratic National Convention up in Boston, and spent a little bit of extra time up there, went down to Washington, and participated in a little demonstration in front of the headquarters of Human Rights Campaign, along with train textual madness, in fact, that's part of what tonight's Ricky Wilkins actually has not been involved with transsexual minutes for oh, God, I can't even remember how well it kind of, I guess happened when, I guess the schism to the Arab? Well, maybe I shouldn't say schism. But when she when her I guess, personal. Yes, that was a split, she started moving out of transgender and out of the labels, and moving towards just kind of a gender deconstruction. And so she's more involved in I guess, what might be commonly known. Just, I guess, give someone a reference point is within the genderqueer movement, oh, and any really any movement dealing with stereotypes as it relates to sexuality or gender presentation, or really any stereotypes at all. And she's kind of more involved in breaking down those stereotypes and pretty much kind of getting to a point to where we get beyond labels, which in I mean, there's, there's, I guess, a good side to that. And I guess, maybe a downside.

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Jimmy Carper 22:35

When I think of genderqueer. I'm thinking that that covers everyone involved in the GLBT community, because we've all crossed those gender lines. Exactly. You know, all of this. If we're gay, it's because we're having sex with men. If it's lesbians, because we're having sex with women, if it's bisexual, it's because? Well,

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Vanessa Edwards 22:58

exactly, yeah, like, oh, yeah, there or whichever and, and I see exactly what she's doing. She's really very much, I guess, in a sense ahead of her time. I understand exactly why she's doing what she's doing. But the one thing that I guess we always had, I guess an issue with was we were always used to growing up with something that was identifiable. Yes. Something that was more common to this girls do that. Yes, exactly. And even though we're trained standard, and we kind of transgressed the the gender norms, there was still, I guess, some sense of concreteness there in in the sense that one gravitated to something specifically instead of something undefined. And the undefined part is where, you know, we have a difficult time just trying to, you know, gifted the train standard education. Try doing this when you've got something where you tell them, No, we don't have labels, and we don't want to describe it to you, because it's too limiting. Try and do that in a political context. So that, you understand that it's definitely a quandary. And she's, she's got a lot of work ahead of her Sure. Does.

J Jimmy Carper 24:07

She sure does. They're just getting used to the words transgender transsexual.

V Vanessa Edwards 24:13

Exactly, no. And that's actually at least finally become a part of the lexicon. Within, I guess, the general population. Now people are starting to grasp that they understand what it is, they can at least focus on some kind of image instead of us walking in saying, Yeah, we're transgendered and then watching their eyes kind of roll up. Well, yeah, I

J Jimmy Carper 24:35

think I think people have a general idea. They may not understand exactly, but they know. They know you. Exactly. That is step number one, isn't it? Exactly. Yeah.

V Vanessa Edwards 24:45

That's, that at least gets us a basis to build a foundation of your brain to move forward and some history Exactly. And that's kind of where we're moving in. But to do so we have to have something defined are something concrete for people to attach this to. And for us to actually, I guess, reference to utilize this reference point to let them know exactly who we are and what it is specifically that we deal with. Because if it's undefined, it's kind of hard to

J Jimmy Carper 25:15

describe exactly. No one likes labels, but, but we don't

V Vanessa Edwards 25:21

like the limitations that you'd like to be able to. But the labels themselves really, when you

think about it, it's a comfort level, yes, the most. In fact, the strongest fear is the fear of the unknown. If you don't know what it is, then basically your mind is free to roam, your imagination can fill in the blanks. And when you've got a situation like that, it's basically something that means something different to each and every person. And with some of those if they can, I guess exaggerated to the point where it's something overly embellished, overly, I guess, fixated on, they can actually create fear with that backlash, which, you know, we get enough of is it is just within the transgender movement. But once it becomes more known once it becomes, I guess, a more known quantity that people can actually be comfortable with and understand, well, here's the limitations to this. These are what these people are, this is what this comprises, then you get beyond the the part where it's basically having to get beyond those fears. And you can start talking about specifics in you start breaking down those, I guess those walls that really kind of exist, at least to me rather, you know, well, extemporary well, not extemporaneously. Superficially.

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Jimmy Carper 26:46

Yeah. You know, so many people think they know what transgenders are because they've watched Jerry Springer Springer. And it was an image but yeah, and then when you when you do when you do lobby day or something like that, and then just all these very ordinary looking women and men walk in. It's quite a shock. How come you don't look like a hooker?

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Vanessa Edwards 27:15

I have actually been asked that

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Jimmy Carper 27:16

exactly. Exactly.

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Vanessa Edwards 27:20

What makes our job all the more worth it? Oh, at least I'm not a hooker. Maybe we should make it a self fulfilling prophecy? No, no. That's the whole idea. Exactly. Just fine. Break that.

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Jimmy Carper 27:36

Yes. Yes. That's that's a bad stereotype.

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Vanessa Edwards 27:39

I agree. Yes,

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Jimmy Carper 27:40



Jimmy Carper 27:40

we've got somebody on hold, don't do



Vanessa Edwards 27:42

actually, we've got Ethan St. Pierre with us. He is the actually he wears a number of different hats. Besides being on the board of the National transgender Advocacy Coalition, he's also the number two person with transsexual minutes now, as it currently exists. GWEN Smith, of course, is the head of that organization. And he's also one of the primary co organizers of Day of Remembrance, which is coming up on November 20,



Jimmy Carper 28:14

which was enjoyed the victims of hate crime, not that I enjoy it, but it's something that's very important for everybody in this community to know



Vanessa Edwards 28:22

exactly, exactly. And that's, I guess one of the things that little bit more relevant with this show, especially with what just recently happened in Congress. In a sense, it was bad news, but how well we'll be discussing it anyway. I guess I'm kind of running the show here.



Jimmy Carper 28:38

Where he's on the line.



Vanessa Edwards 28:39

Yes. On the line Ethan Yes. Hello.



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Hi. How you doing



Vanessa Edwards 28:43

pretty good. How are you doing?



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I'm doing okay, and I'm trying so hard not to look like a hooker

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Vanessa Edwards 28:51

sweetie, thank you good to start off by shaving your legs maybe shaping your back might help yes exactly shape your back you know that the stuff along the back just as dead giveaway they really ruin to business

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I was scary looking. client tell me get a picture of another bikini. So you know that's a debatable thing for

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Vanessa Edwards 29:21

teasing so teasing. Well, okay, well just so long as you don't mention pictures No, it's a bikini Yeah, especially with the sun tan doing little copper tune.

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Please. He looks like he's in a way they call it one of those. Drill Blanca the commercial

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Vanessa Edwards 29:57

what are they called? The iPad commercials I guess I'd live there with them. Anyway, I had a good time out there. This was when it was up in Boston for the Democratic National Committee. We actually took a day and went over to the beach there and her I guess that's not really a beach at the bay or something. But anyway, we went to the shore and I just couldn't lay down.

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Jimmy Carper 30:18

That's right up there. It's the shore down your beach.

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Vanessa Edwards 30:22

We've actually got a beach they've got

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we're in Beverly so that was it was really a base near Salem mass.

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Vanessa Edwards 30:29

It wasn't the ocean because it wasn't waves. Oh, that stuff some okay. It's yeah, it's definitely a bay, but that was nice. And the water was cold. Warm for him cold for me.

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Yeah, yeah. Well, and Houston, I guess. What was it? 75 degrees? Yeah,

⌚ V Vanessa Edwards 30:48

exactly. It's 75 degrees. Right.

⌚ J Jimmy Carper 30:54

Where are you? So the water being the same temperature as the air? Yeah.

⌚ V Vanessa Edwards 30:57

Which in the summertime means it's going to be in the 90s. Yeah. Literally. It was nice. As long as I was, you know, not too much deeper than ankle deep. Once I got in around Camp High all of a sudden, oh, yeah. This is kind of chilly.

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She hasn't experienced real. The real New England ocean that was so warm compared to what it's used.

⌚ V Vanessa Edwards 31:23

Well, then, I guess I'm kind of glad that I didn't

⌚ J Jimmy Carper 31:26

never be a member of the polar bear club.

⌚ V Vanessa Edwards 31:32

I take cold showers. That's

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why do you take cold showers? Well, I've turned red. Yes. It is.

 **Vanessa Edwards 31:50**

Anyway, I got Ethan on tonight to kind of discuss a little bit, maybe not so much about the Democratic National Committee. But specifically, I guess about the transsexual minutes demonstration. And then I guess we've got a number of areas to cover also the the upcoming Day of Remembrance and hate crimes and also the hopefully to get out the vote process isn't as it's going on right now. Oh, I'm not sure if you're doing yours. I'm definitely block walking my neighborhood and Republican West Houston, you can imagine.

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Well, you know, my neighborhood is basically I live in I live in a democratic state. It's very Democrat. But my neighborhood, unfortunately is all Republican except for me. It's like, you know, I'm just surrounded by them.

 **Vanessa Edwards 32:45**

I'm just the opposite. I'm surrounded by him. But you go around pretty much most of the state and we're still surrounded. I can't get away. The funniest

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part is after watching the last few, the beats. People kind of cringing when I say oh

 **Vanessa Edwards 33:06**

he's really making a good case for himself as well.

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He looked rather stupid if he wants to. And people are noticing. So it's, I was

 **Vanessa Edwards 33:15**

truly shocked the other night when he actually he literally jumped up from the chair and started cutting off the moderator Charles Gibson. Like trying to interrupt and he was like, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, let me finish here. And no, no, no, no, I've got some I want to say and trust is trying to say, Well, I was going to let you have your say here. Just one the No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, let me just say what I'm gonna say. I mean, he just, you know, literally kind of wrested

control of that, the moderation to the meeting there for a little bit. And my God, you know, I looked at that, and I looked around at some of the faces in the audience, and people were like, shaking their heads and, you know, duck in their heads down holding, like



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a true dictator. Yeah. Whoa, this



v Vanessa Edwards 33:57

is like a little bit frightening and very telling. Yeah. Maybe people will see a little bit more, I guess, you know what we're talking about. But the funny thing is afterwards, they're, they're asking people about their opinions of the debates, and everyone was still basically going, yeah, yeah, I'm going for the President. I'm sticking for the President. And it's the same stuff I'm dealing with on the block walking to everybody thinks, you know, he's the greatest thing since sliced bread when it comes to terrorism. And I'm thinking wait a minute, we're a border state our border, the borders are basically non existent. Right now. Everybody's coming over the INS doesn't even stop anyone anymore, because they don't have the budget to prosecute. They just they don't have the budget to do anything with them if they did arrest them. So



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people were stopping though the GLBT people that are trying to get over here illegally.



v Vanessa Edwards 34:45

Yeah, exactly. You know, they don't want them here. If you're coming in legally Forget it. Folks just come in illegally. And I mean, how screwed up is this? And what really gets me is we're supposed to have a sense of security with that. And we have no idea who's coming over.



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already. Yeah. Want to talk about a sense of security when after after he didn't even acknowledge the gun the gun laws in this country and totally ignored the bill to that he didn't sign he didn't sign the bill to keep off the streets. In this country, you want to talk about security?



v Vanessa Edwards 35:26

Well, after the election, maybe that's not a bad not a pink pistol. I'm sure Dan wiener wherever you are. Yeah, you're loving me.



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A good idea.

**Vanessa Edwards 35:41**

I don't either. But oh, my God, it it just It amazes me. When I see exactly how far the worm has turned on this country. In fact, actually, I keep looking up at this sign up here. In fact, we're supposed to announce that every our democracy now is something that they've got here at KPFT dot O R G. They're wanting everybody to apparently sign in and take a poll that they've got online here on the radio stations, website. And so if anyone's interested in that, we would like to have your opinion. It's www.kp FT dot O R G. But a lot of folks are really very much taking an interest in this election, much more so than really any other previous one that I can remember in them. They've mentioned a number of the different battleground states, the registration has been unprecedented. So many new people have actually signed up to vote for the first time. And so there's a lot of folks that are actually sensing, this is not just a run of the mill election, and not something to just kind of casually brush aside. My mom actually registered for the first time. Wow, Mike 40 years,

**Jimmy Carper 36:51**

Michael Moore is on the 60 city tour to get college kids to register to vote.

**Vanessa Edwards 36:58**

And that was one of the things I sent around them. Actually, I'm probably responsible for a lot of the quote unquote, internet rumors that they were talking about on the debate, but I sent around the stuff regarding the draft. And regarding people talking about the reinstatement of this sometime next spring, and apparently they've got the money allocated, this

**Jimmy Carper 37:22**

dinar was around for the last one during Vietnam, and guys were scared. to Canada, they were signing the box saying that they were homosexual, whether they were not anything.

**Vanessa Edwards 37:42**

There were actually people that were trying to, like pop out an eardrum, just, you know, just to get a medical deferment. And this is how extreme it was, I mean, held the President himself didn't want to go over their heads, you know, I mean, this is actually pretty pervasive. And this time, they've actually kind of more or less preempted some of this stuff. There are no more college deferments, apparently, if it gets started this, and they've also gotten an agreement with Canada. So if anyone flees to Canada, now they can extradite from there, they will not harbor them.



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Will they actually do it? They can, but we'll say we'll be dragging exactly on our side when it comes. I mean, they'd not our but the US OSI when it comes to the floor?



v Vanessa Edwards 38:30

No, well, true. But I really don't know what to think. I mean, a lot of the a lot of our allies that are actually getting involved with us. Some of them really voiced some opinions about this and voiced misgivings before we went into Iraq. But then next thing, you know, all of a sudden, they're one of our supporters. And they're involved with this too. And part of the the coalition of the willing. And so I kind of wonder what happened, you know, the, I guess, occurred out of eyesight, because we didn't see it,



J Jimmy Carper 39:04

or how about some some really extreme arm twisting? Yeah, exactly.



v Vanessa Edwards 39:07

And the US actually, they couldn't refuse? Well, yeah, I mean, we give support to a lot of nations around the world and from what I understand, a lot of more basically told, Look, you know, we need you now, this is our time that we need you. And if you want your future, you know, monies then you will participate with us in our time of need. And if not, then we'll remember you the next time the appropriations come around. So it's, it's really kind of sad in a lot of senses. We did kind of tend to lean heavily on folks. I guess we're kind of getting off the, our, our primary subject, but anyway, um, that was my reason for going up to Boston anyway to participate in the democratic national committee. We had our first ever transgender contingent in the A delegation factor, we had no less than five delegates to the national convention, two of which were from Texas. And we even had a committee member that was on the rules committee. So we actually had six official people on the delegation and Morrow with the campaign, the Kerry campaign, in her capacity, as well as Ross Manley is one of the media people down on the floor. So it was actually very interesting. We really had a good time. And it was a very good learning experience. I'd never been to a national convention. So this was, for me, I guess, kind of like going into the big times or going into the big leagues, as opposed to the state conventions. I've done those before. And so it was like, oh, yeah, the state convention home and everything, but a national convention was really need, you really get to meet a lot of people and love the, the federal legislators who we deal with up in Washington anyway. And so I got a chance to meet them and kind of passively lobby without having to actually go into their office as a lobbyist. And then having them you know, kind of, you know, draw the shades down a little bit on the lobbyist. Okay.



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I don't want to be seen talking to you.

 v Vanessa Edwards 41:14

Exactly. And we we get a number of those, especially, you know, since we're going in, you know, kind of pressing the transgender subject, which I guess maybe it's not the, the widest supported subject in the

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world, but I'm certainly not the most well accepted either.

 v Vanessa Edwards 41:29

Yes, exactly. So that's, you know, that's one of the things to be able to kind of catch these people off guard and be able to talk with them about other subjects. And then oh, by the way, look at here, I'm one of the transgender delegates. Oh, gee, well, so you're young, you, you kind of watch their eyes their expression. Excuse

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me, can I draw those blinds now?

 v Vanessa Edwards 41:50

No, no, too late. But anyway, afterwards, we did go down to the Human Rights Campaign in Washington, DC about what was it 10 days after? It was August 7. Okay, well, a week after the convention, and Ethan, they'll let you kind of take description on this. I was there mainly is just kind of the photography person for posterity. I had the video camera.

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Yes, it's a great film.

 v Vanessa Edwards 42:20

I've got to do that online somewhere. Actually,

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it's going to be I just I, I'm still editing it. I'm very slow with that. I'm new at it. So.

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But website, will that be on?

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It's going to be on? It'll be on transparently dot o rg.org.

v Vanessa Edwards 42:42

If between textual minutes, was that probably train textual minutes, I would presume

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there's no we don't have a website anymore for transactional. Wow. Yeah. No. So we're trying to really get that back. It got taken away from us. We weren't looking online.

v Vanessa Edwards 43:00

Yeah. See what happens. You misused it?

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I know. Somebody else wants to translate your language. Was probably that that.

v Vanessa Edwards 43:11

Yeah, exactly. Anyway, using minutes is an oxymoron. snoozing minutes?

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I was gonna say it was that probably that cross-dressing Senator from Texas, but

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any of those

v Vanessa Edwards 43:30

was gonna be a state representative notice, representative, but he was yes, said rather conservative, Republican. And then that's



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too bad, too, because he really had a chance to educate some folks. But anyway, since he was out. When we were down in, we were down in DC. Well, the reason why we we did this was Well, for two reasons. First of all, because the Human Rights Campaign is the largest national organization to support GLBT civil rights and legislation, they actually are the ones that go to Congress and say, Look, this is this is the criteria for, for what we're gonna do. And Congress actually looks to HRC for direction, and they were not supporting.



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Vanessa Edwards  
Oh, oh, hello, either. It's



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my phone. Oh, they were not directly supporting transgender rights. They were saying that they were. But on the other hand, they were actually supporting non inclusive legislation. So when the senator went to them and say, Well, do you support transgender inclusion or gender identity and expression to be included? And the employment non discrimination act? They say, Oh, yes, we do support it. But we'll still support the bill that has that doesn't have this exact wording. So of course, they'd say, All right, so we're not going to add it. And there you go. So, back in April, we went down and we did the same thing. We just we pretty much picketed the Human Rights Campaign. And through that they lost a ton of money. We started on a campaign telling people from the gay lesbian, bisexual and trans community look, if they're if they're, if you're donating money to this group, it's they're asking you for it on false pretences is they're not, because they are supposed to be a GLBT organization. And they're not supporting all of those things. And they're not supporting the GLBT. Part. And everybody agreed, people pretty much backed us up. 100% So when we went in August, we had letters that were, you know, all over the place, and the game media from every national organization saying, Look, you know, these people are right, we stand behind them. 100% we need to all get together on this, this is a whole community, and we can't single people out and say, Look, we're not in, we're not gonna support you. We're gonna marginalize you anymore. And that's everybody did that. And so HRC stood alone,



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Vanessa Edwards  
and which other organizations were participating with you down there the protest,



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it was PFLAG parents, Friends of Lesbians and Gays, the National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce. Oh, God, I can't even think there's so there were so many.



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Vanessa Edwards



Vanessa Edwards 46:29

Excuse me trying to work. It work.



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It just everybody there was everybody except for HRC was was supporting us pretty much. So finally, you know, the board. It was it was they were the board of directors were meeting in August. And that's why we went there. They were supposed to be voting on whether or not to support only inclusive legislation. So I'm like, Look, we got to really do this. We have to be there. And there were people from all over the spectrum. There were gays, lesbians, bisexuals, they were they were trans people. There was genderqueer people. And there were a lot of young people, which was really good, because, you know, it's like, Look, we're not gonna we need to be all inclusive. Exactly. Explain to him up because he is he didn't think we had a whole



V Vanessa Edwards 47:12

be there. Just briefly, I wanted to explain why it was important to have something where HRC is exclusively supporting all inclusive legislation. I think we may have lost Ethan on the other line. Oh, yeah. Oh, how are you? My



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phone cuts out? Give me a couple of seconds. Okay, somewhere on my battery, but it's all right. Okay. Sorry about that. Okay, sorry.



V Vanessa Edwards 47:39

I thought we lost you. Anyway, I was just mentioning with the audience, that it's the reason that we were pushing for them to support only the all inclusive legislation was if we present them with two separate bills, one that is fully inclusive, and one that is non inclusive, knowing Congress, they're gonna go for whatever is the path of least resistance.



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That would be the one that doesn't have gender identity and expression



V Vanessa Edwards 48:07

included. Exactly. And so when leaving them in, easy out? Oh,



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absolutely. And that's what you know, that was the whole point. Because they would definitely

just say, Well, you know, it's easier to do this, and they look to HRC for the lead. And if HRC is supporting the non inclusive version, then they're gonna of course follow suit. And nobody would be the wiser. Why would they want to stick their necks out for anything else? But we got a whole bunch of people together to say, No, this is not right. We're giving you money. That says that, you know, we're gonna, that you're, you're supporting everybody and the fact that you're not, you know, so we really outdid them. We voted them in the sense that they they said that they were doing one thing, and they were actually doing another in

 V Vanessa Edwards 48:53

a rather embarrassing fashion, or board members. Well,

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I got a picture of me and Cheryl, Jake's together, and I'm gonna send her an autographed copy as soon as possible. But,

 V Vanessa Edwards 49:03

of course, that was after the the announcement of the board meeting and the board vote simultaneously while the protests were outside. Do you want to talk about what was going on inside or?

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Well, yes, there were. We there was a bunch of there was a whole community of transgender folks. Lawyers from our community it can I name specific people or

 V Vanessa Edwards 49:30

if you want more, just, you know, the insiders of that.

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Let me do it like that, because that's not very fair. But we're all for them. We were there supporting in support of the people on the inside that were going and explaining to them what was going on why we're actually out there, what was needed and that it was important that everybody be included. There were people there explaining how they lost their jobs. These were lawyers that have lost their job. because they transitioned. very apt people, you know. And so so the board's, you know, just looked at them are like, Oh my god, I can't believe that this is actually happening. And they didn't realize the scope of what even some of the folks within HRC we're doing. It HRC themselves is made up of a whole bunch of people that some of them have, which are all inclusive, some of them that are old school and just feel like, oh, no,

we can't have the trainees involved. And so the board actually got together and said, You know, it's just isn't right. If we're supposed to be a GLBT organization, then we're going to be a GLBT organization.

 **Vanessa Edwards 50:44**

This is when they had the vote. And the vote was

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the vote was to support only inclusive legislation.

 **Vanessa Edwards 50:51**

And they made the announcement to us after the bill

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vs. They came out and they made the announcement and Cheryl Jakes herself came out, which really surprised me, but it was nice. And I introduced myself to her and she was like, Oh, I'm from Massachusetts. Yeah,

 **Vanessa Edwards 51:08**

I know, for just a second.

 **Chris Harrison 51:11**

Oh, I was just gonna say first. We have to just step in and make everything all legal and happy in that let everyone know that you're tuned into after hours queer radio with attitude here on listener sponsored commercial free Pacifica radio for the Gulf Coast. KPFT 90.1 FM, Houston, 89.5 Galveston, and always on the worldwide web at KPFT dot o RG.

 **Vanessa Edwards 51:32**

Thank you, Chris. You did that too? Well, I would

 **Chris Harrison 51:36**

have taken my asthma medicine, I can usually do it in one breath. Ah,



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well, you know,



Chris Harrison 51:40

I just haven't had the breath control. I



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quit smoking.



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I don't smoke.



Chris Harrison 51:48

That's reason why I'm in here doing instead of Jimmy, because he's out there sucking on a fag. And



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that is you don't smoke until you bend to the bar.



Chris Harrison 51:59

I've been a good boy lately. I don't I haven't smoked lately. That's the only part about being a good wife bad. Okay, but now. Anyway,



Vanessa Edwards 52:10

um, after the vote with HRC, of course, everyone pretty much kind of went their respective directions, we pretty much kind of took this. One thing that we did not get in I think is more or less been clarified since then, is that they will support explicit language in employment non discrimination. That does include a gender identity explicitly includes it or explicitly ensures that transgender is included, as opposed to kind of wrapping it up under I guess, more vague language, the real or perceived gender. And then, you know, maybe what the definition or maybe not. And that was one of the, the areas that was not covered with this vote was the hate crimes bill. Currently hate crime statistic tech, in the house or the LEA in the Senate, which still

has basically, just sexual orientation or gender, or the various you know, the laundry list of categories, real or perceived. But there was no definition in that, and there was no vote to change that. Do you want to discuss that as well? Yes.



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And that is very vague in itself, because, well, for a couple of reasons, but the way that it's worded, it says real or perceived. Gender identity, comma, base, and then on identity, right gender, real receive, I'm sorry, real sexual orientation, promise face, and I go and it goes on to saying disability, gender, blah, blah, blah. But anything after the converse face in the English language, it doesn't, it wouldn't be covered anyway, real or perceived only explicitly, we cover according to their definition, sexual orientation,



v Vanessa Edwards 54:03

and there's no definition within the language itself. That defines it either that, I guess kind of explicitly spells out what is covered under sexual orientation? Well, I mean, does



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orientation we're not really covered under gender either. Well,



v Vanessa Edwards 54:21

I understand when there's two schools of thought on that. But what I'm saying is that there was nothing in the definition of the actual language that spelled out what I guess the real or perceived gender was actually intended to cover.



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No, it's It's not and in fact, if they just the definition of gender, and itself is too vague. It's actually



v Vanessa Edwards 54:48

it's basically the same language I guess we've got here in Texas



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is gender is something that you you alone, can can say what it is, so how can somebody committed a crime based on real or perceived gender, when only you and you alone know what that means,

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Vanessa Edwards 55:05

perceived gender, it's, again, it's something that's very kind of open ended, and especially with the conservative nature of the courts nowadays, it leaves a lot open to the interpretation. And the more conservative the judiciary becomes, the more narrowly they roll on virtually any of the legislation. Fact, we had one up in Minnesota, which was actually an employment case. But this was a case that was attempted to be broad on their state language, which had real or perceived sexual orientation. And then, in the definition of real or perceived sexual orientation, it explicitly pointed out gender identity, it had mentioned the transgender coverage in there. Yet, when this went to the Supreme Court, the Supreme Court just looked at sexual orientation. Well, no, this has nothing to do with sexual orientation, and threw it out, even though it was in the definition. Right. Didn't bother looking further at the definition. They just stopped it. Right. They're at what the warning was. And that's that's the problem.



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I mean, and well. The Hate Crimes coalition knows this. And then there's an issue there with some people are saying that really perceived gender is already is already part of legislation with certain local jurisdictions. But what about jurisdictions that don't have real or perceived gender as their legislation, but has gender identity and expression of federal legislation, if they're fighting for the federal legislation, because real or perceived gender is, in fact, part of some local jurisdictions? And they're afraid that it will undermine that if it's changed to gender identity or expression? What about the jurisdictions that have gender identity or expression?

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Vanessa Edwards 57:11

California? Exactly.



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New Mexico, Rhode Island, Connecticut, California, California, there's, there's, there's a bunch of them, and it's better language. It's better language. So there's really no argument. And part of their argument also is that it's been a

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Vanessa Edwards 57:31

consistent. Yeah, exactly. It's an inconsistent argument. I mean, there. There's a you never say there, there's no argument, because especially when you're dealing with law, there's always an argument.



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But the thing is, and I'm not being anti gay, lesbian, I'm not. It's just that but but, but these folks would never settle for ambiguous language when it came to sexual orientation. Or why

should we settle for it when it comes to gender identity,

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Vanessa Edwards 57:57

a lot of it is in a lot of it kind of boiled standard, the same thing that's been done, I guess, traditionally, with a wanting to proceed with the two different bills, one with gender identity in it and one without, when you bring it up in that fashion. Even if they do decide, well, we'll go ahead and support one of them. Congress, every day is going to take the path of least resistance, they want to do the least amount of work. I mean, it's kind of American nature, more or less, everybody wants to do the least amount of work they can humanly possibly get away with and get the most that they can for it. So they, you know, obviously, if they have an opportunity to take something that's less controversial, they will do it. And that's the one thing that I worry about is that we're taking the less controversial route. But unfortunately, by doing so we may run the risk of actually creating legislation that will unfortunately not cover us. At some point, I'm I'm really afraid that someone's actually going to take this even if it is successfully prosecuted somewhere, and at some point, challenge this and have that overturned. Oh,

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absolutely. Absolutely. And also, if we do not have the language consistent between the local law enforcement Enhancement Act, which is the hate crimes bill, and the employment non discrimination act, there's going to be an issue between the two of them as well. And it has to be consistent between two the two bills, in fact,

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Vanessa Edwards 59:27

what we're talking about this, just recently, Congress had an appropriations bill, the defense bill, before the House of Representatives, exactly that was passed at the Senate level. We actually got a hate crimes bill out of the Senate level, which had the sexual orientation and gender. Maybe not, I guess, the wording that we wanted, but at least it did make it out of the Senate and made it over to the house and apparently wants to get to the house that ended up being stripped from the defense appropriations bill, which

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was a surprising, surprising pass that the President went in the scientists are

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Vanessa Edwards 1:00:12

well aware of that I had personal dealings with that particular issue here. That was, I guess, maybe, probably the the one thing that I was most concerned with is if the House did pass it, what would happen when two made it up there to the President's desk, and I was afraid that if

it passed both houses of Congress, we would have a much more difficult time just trying to get any changes to the legislation in the future, and at least right now, we've got an opportunity to take a second look at it, and approach this with good watertight language to where



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actually this there's going to be new legislation written on this. Cool, it will be written there's it's it's the new legislation. Speak in fact,



v Vanessa Edwards 1:01:00

it's not Orrin Hatch again isn't.



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No Orrin Hatch wants to attach the death penalty to the hate crimes bill.



v Vanessa Edwards 1:01:10

And you know, that doesn't really make a lot of sense.



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Well, it does when he doesn't want it to pass. So he's pretending that he wants it there. And he's saying he's telling people that it will raise the ceiling where people don't usually get life in prison for murdering a transsexual person, that raises the ceiling, and that, that to give somebody life or even the death penalty, they're not going to get the death penalty, they'll end up getting life. That's that's his logic. But of course, the Democrats are gonna say, No, we don't want this. And of course, I don't either. I'm a hate crime survivor. And I don't want the death penalty. I don't believe in it.



v Vanessa Edwards 1:01:47

So I'm the same way. I've seen too many instances where it's, it's almost like a rush to vengeance, more than a rush to judge justice.



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Exactly. And, you know, given the time, when when my aunt was first murdered, believe me, I wanted nothing more than Michael Thompson, the guy who killed her to be dead. But given the time to think about it, that would have just that was wrong, that would have just put me in the

same position, and I'd feel twice as worth would have just compounded the problem, it would have would have definitely compounded the problem. Why is it just not the right thing to do? I'd rather have them alive and suffering, to be honest.

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Vanessa Edwards 1:02:19

Exactly. And, actually, now that we're discussing the hate crimes bill that got stripped, it's relevant also, for another reason, we're kind of, I'm sorry, to kind of cut these things a little bit shorter, but I've got to make sure and end on time, if I can still cover all the bases and cover all the bases. This month is also relevant for another while actually not this month, next month will be relevant for another reason, November, November 20. We actually have an event coming up that Ethan is also one of the CO coordinators on nationally, Day of Remembrance, do you want to discuss that a little bit, all

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the National Transport international now, international Transgender Day of Remembrance, is a day on? Well, it takes place on November 20. And it's to actually to honor the folks that have died, realize, due to anti transgender violence have been murdered, actually, due to anti anti transgender violence. And if you go to the website, remembering our dead dot o RG, that's WWW dot remembering are dead.org you can see the list of places that are having a day of remembrance this year. And you can also look at the list of people that have been murdered, you know, from 1970 to till now. And it's really odd, because the numbers this year are very low, where they should be higher with the increase in murders. And I know that this is true, but it being a, an election year, there have been less numbers recorded because the media is not concentrating on the stuff that they're concentrating on. On the election and the debates. Exactly, so that it's not being reported.

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Vanessa Edwards 1:04:19

And we've we're in the midst of political season so of course,

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every four years it rings true.

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Vanessa Edwards 1:04:27

True and it's I also keep the statistics well hopefully we can at least ferret some of those out I'm I want to go down to the HPD I'm actually kind of surprised we haven't had one here in Houston this year to my no no do that. Oh, I know. And every time I do probably just jinx myself again. I started last year at about this time well live Yeah, we had our first one then had another one a month later. So Houston is actually



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it doesn't matter. It does. I mean doesn't it doesn't mean that it hasn't already happened either. It means recorded. Yeah,



v Vanessa Edwards 1:05:04

it hasn't. It hasn't hit our radar we just



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haven't been made aware of. Yeah, exactly right.



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And that's the problem. A lot of the times the murders go unreported. Well,



v Vanessa Edwards 1:05:14

we had another one in Houston last year that didn't get reported. So we actually had three. And I just, I never got all the details from Coco on the other girl. But there was apparently a third one that had been, I guess, cut up pretty badly and dumped over next to the railroad tracks. But Philadelphia



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two has had record numbers, as well as Marilyn, Maryland, the state of Maryland, and these are the ones that have gone unreported. And it's so hard to get the information. The police's really don't want to give it up. Oh,



v Vanessa Edwards 1:05:48

no, I'm hoping maybe now that we've got a different police chief, um, might be able to walk in and hopefully, keep my fingers crossed. I did for a brief period have at least an opening with Bradford's office, but I raised a stink apparently, I guess with the well actually about Rodney Ellis. After the BB Burroughs hate crime, if you ask the wrong question. Well, it was actually a press release that we had done in in one No, not even an intake. It was a T game press release. And it kind of disparaged Rodney Ellis for leaving us out of the hate crime spill in the first place. And apparently, that didn't sit too well. And afterwards, I got absolutely nowhere what the place after there was another murder, apparently, approximately two or three weeks later, and I got with him and kept pressing him and pressing him and no one would return calls. And it was like, you know, they just didn't want anything to do with me anymore. And just shut the doors. It's



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important to have a liaison, like Brett Parson, Dinah Washington, DC. And he's going around the country now, police departments how to do this.



V Vanessa Edwards 1:07:01

I really wish that we had those kinds of structures in place. I mean, Houston, we just barely got to the point where we've got a mayoral liaison. And that was like a big thing for here and then only started, I guess, in Mayor Brown's tenure. Well, Brett was in Austin,



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about six or seven months ago, doing a liaison training cool session. So he does he goes around the country and he does this. He teaches folks how to how to deal with this. And if it wasn't for Brett, though, we wouldn't have had a half of the information out of Washington DC. Because he's the one that he's he's the liaison and very good at it.



V Vanessa Edwards 1:07:43

Yeah, absolutely. Anybody that's a sweetheart that is Oh, that is the sweetest guy I've ever met in my life. Oh, he



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is. Yeah, he looks like he'll say Tommy Lee Jones.



V Vanessa Edwards 1:07:52

Yeah. Getting ready to say I wish he wasn't gay. Anyway, yeah. He may not be interested in me, but



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anybody hasn't seen him in a bikini yet either.



V Vanessa Edwards 1:08:07

Do you really think that's gonna matter to him? No. That's like a bikini Toronto. speedos maybe? Yeah, well, yeah, I guess I could take the top off and just say it's betta fatty works, you know, I mean, it's supposed to jiggle pecs don't juggle.



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Those are some nevermind. I can't say that on the air. Please. I know the words. You're not supposed



V Vanessa Edwards 1:08:44

like the corners up? No. No,



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they used to be that way. I Yeah. Used to be that way. Can we talk past tense here?



V Vanessa Edwards 1:08:53

Hi. Yes. Bigger than mine. Oh, well, you've got hair on your back now.



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And you've got a problem with your phone again. Oh, well.



V Vanessa Edwards 1:09:03

We'll just fill up the time. Back.



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Yeah, he's back. Ethan. Yes. I



V Vanessa Edwards 1:09:09

thought you were doing some really kind of obscene on the phone there for a sec. I was



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talking with one hand. I



V Vanessa Edwards 1:09:17

thought he was like making scene noises on the phone with different parts of his body and I

thought he was like making scene noises on the phone with different parts of his body and I thought



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no, it's just my scene all by itself.



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That's what you get for going cordless.



v Vanessa Edwards 1:09:32

See, that's what happened. Those batteries do wear down.



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Batteries too weird.



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double entendre Never mind. Leave the toys out of this. Never ready.



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I can Doris All right.



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Oh, there Yeah. Sounds like you and my investments brokers need to talk going



v Vanessa Edwards 1:09:53

and going and again, Chase much forever ready?



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Okay, now I got a question Is there a symbol used for this organization like there is for the HRC, the equal sign organization, the one that supports st

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Vanessa Edwards 1:10:17

technical minutes, Dave, remember, we've actually got symbols for all of men Tech has one intakes got the triangle that's got the three gender colors, okay? And they're all kind of going up to the upper right hand corner, Day of Remembrance bets on the different it's just kind of black and white and white, black, well, black and gray, I guess. Gray actually, right. And it just says Day of Remembrance on it. And it's all

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triangle shaped. Neuro inverted triangle.

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Vanessa Edwards 1:10:46

Does Dave remember that? I don't. Yeah,

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they remember says I well.

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Vanessa Edwards 1:10:53

And then transsexual minutes is really kind of the Rocky Horror font, I guess, you know, that they had for all the bloody letters. Yeah, the bloody letters, that's transsexual minutes. Okay, so those were icons, I guess so to speak. Take a really doesn't have one. That's too, I guess, obviously, queer or whatever. But in fact, actually, Sarah kind of did T gain in touch a patient where we could actually do it and approach people and it wasn't obvious exactly what we were before we walked in there because this is Texas. And you know, most conservative Texas if you walk in, say hi, and then hit him up with a little pink triangle on it. They're like, ah, go away. You know, we don't want to talk to you must. You must leave now or we're calling the DPS to have you escorted out and I have been they will do that Literally. Literally. Yes. In fact, that's happened a number of times with Dalton's office, specifically. Robert Tolton he's our favorite guy and now others are starting to I guess utilize that same tactic. wohlgemuth She did it this last time Senator duels he basically said okay, this meeting is over and basically requested me to leave and I said well what if I don't then I'll call DPS and have you escorted out oh my god you know this is really kind of made the Browns as an

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works if it works for one Yeah. Five minutes till they're on the phone with everybody else telling them exactly how to do it. believable.

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Yeah, you you vote you're a constituent in the advertising you're out of their office. Well,

 **Vanessa Edwards 1:12:36**

he's not my representative thank God for that. Don't want to live in crazy Pasadena but pay pass it well, I guess I can't say that on the air pass. I get down Dina. Yeah, there we go. They've got other words for it besides get down but starts with the D and D.

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or people in Pasadena get a little upset when you say pass a stink to Dana.

 **Vanessa Edwards 1:13:02**

Thank Adina for that one to like pass it get down Dean or Panasonic.

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Use it. Here's some of the pet names. We have voracity Oh

 **Vanessa Edwards 1:13:14**

well, I can't pronounce your cities up there. You don't pronounce them weird. Oh, even

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hero. Hero hero, even v e r e JLL. Hero. Oh,

 **Vanessa Edwards 1:13:24**

hey thrill. havior Hill. Haverhill. Haverhill always call it a haber Hill. Several behavioral hero Hey bro or hey bro. Hey bro Hey bro what's the other one Blair? Noble Erica. Erica. Well looks like Blair Kirby Attica

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lemon sir. He pronounces it Leominster it's spelled Leominster but it's pronounced lemons. Yeah, either.

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Well, I moved there does that mean I have to make lemonade depends on who makes

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Vanessa Edwards 1:14:08

the Minister of lemonade.

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Like some form of cheese

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Vanessa Edwards 1:14:16

would you like some? Like some Leominster tea? Cut the cheese? Not in here, please. Got a cracker. Got a few. Anyway, yeah, we are serious. Serious subject. Yes. The politics and the debate. How serious was said

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that was the funniest thing I've seen in my life. When President described as the last debate anyway, one person described George Bush as looking like a puppy that it's even so for the first time in the mirror. The

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first one? Yeah.

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Vanessa Edwards 1:14:58

It was really amazing. I mean, never thanks. It kind of embarrassing

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actually, in it's my professional opinion that that men needed an enema.

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It was like, but

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before really badly before we go any further. I must tell you that my primary job my primary

before really badly before we go any further, I must tell you that my primary job my primary vocation, is as a nurse.

 Vanessa Edwards 1:15:20

Ah, so someone who would know. Yes, my professional opinion but it's the one thing that really kind of shocks me out of this is even with these debates, we've still got a race that basically dead even and still a lot of people eat oh god out in my neck of the woods. So many people are still supporting him gung ho

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and everybody that asked about about their candidate having won the debate when there was really no deciding factor between Nirbhay

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actually, around here a boosted even in New Hampshire, the state of New Hampshire, which is a Republican state, that boosted carry, of course, really, I mean, carry. It's like he went off the charts in the state of New Hampshire, which

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I'm sure Travis very happy.

 Vanessa Edwards 1:16:14

Texas just doesn't get it. Well, at least I haven't gotten shut off of anymore.

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Oh, God. For small favors. Yeah, exactly. Is your hospitalization paid out?

 Vanessa Edwards 1:16:26

I've been unemployed for a couple of years. Economic Recovery. Don't you know? Oh,

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yeah. Employed unemployed for a year today. Oh,

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Vanessa Edwards 1:16:35

graduation, anniversary. Don't you just love these nice, auspicious universe? We're all recovering. All right, just like rocks to the bottom of the creek bed.

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Every employed person. My name is Ethan. We're covering employee,

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Vanessa Edwards 1:16:57

recovering employed person. We're all recovering. Fortunately, yeah,

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well, today's the last day of my vacation tomorrow, I have to go back to work.

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Vanessa Edwards 1:17:09

At least there's a work to go back to

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shovel crap for a living. But

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I haven't been I haven't received an assignment yet for the night shift. So you know, there. I've kind of got my fingers crossed.

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Vanessa Edwards 1:17:21

Sorry, we have outsourced your job.

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That's kind of difficult to do you see I work for a hospice company. Oh, yeah.

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Vanessa Edwards 1:17:33

I guess well, actually, they could still do that, too. I mean, they look hard, people



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are always gonna die. There are contractor services that my company has to use. But they only have the option of going to those contractors, if they don't have a member of our staff available to go somewhere. And I work essentially six days a week, but I have taken the last week off on PTO so that it no paid time off. Oh, okay. Essentially vacation so that I could kind of regroup for myself on what it takes to be me, you know, and stay away from the actual job site.



v Vanessa Edwards 1:18:17

Everybody needs that every once in a while, and I've had plenty of it. So I'm well recovered. Well, fortunately, it's become far too much of a habit.



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I always thought that a lobbyist in Washington DC actually made money.



v Vanessa Edwards 1:18:32

Well, any other lobbyist? Yes, transgendered lobbyists. We basically are volunteers Yes. Money. So transgenders are basically raising money from their transgenders, and they're unemployed in so it's, it's pretty much kind of, you know, one hand feeds the other, you know, and so on one hand, you know, starves with the



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Kind of like this radio station, we operate under funds from our listeners that gets granted to us through donation. And



v Vanessa Edwards 1:19:05

if you don't get the donations, and we've never had anywhere near enough to actually pay staff, and we actually started off initially, decidedly to be a grassroots organization. And to kind of shy away from the, I guess, the focus on money, first and foremost, because to us, that was like, what we were seeing that was evil in the groups that were existing at the time was the focus was all on money and all on fundraising, and very little on the



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actual commercially run objective. Yeah, exactly. Then

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Vanessa Edwards 1:19:40

to be an actual lobbying group or being someone who is a civil rights advocate. And we wanted more than anything we just wanted or bright. We wanted everything fixed so we could go out, get jobs, and get on with our lives. This wasn't anything we looked at, at least initially is being You know, our profession and a profession, you know, to go on ad infinitum. But now that we've gotten into this, it's kind of like, well, this is not going to happen anytime soon. And now, right, exactly. And so all the others, even though they were saying that, well, we're, we're busy building our organization, it sounds in really, in a sense, it is superficial. But there's also a sense of realism there in the sense that you have to have someone there. And if you don't pay him eventually, if it's like us, I mean, things would have been fine if the economy would have stayed the way it was, we at least had enough people that were able to sustain themselves and to do this on a voluntary basis to help other people that couldn't do it. Right. But now, now that we've got economic recovery, everybody's unemployed, everybody's hurting. And it's basically gotten to the point to where anybody who is working is working so many hours and working so much overtime, that they don't even have time to participate. So you're either feast or famine.

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That's that. Isn't that part of the plan anyway? Yeah, exactly. That's generally very empowered if we cannot support ourselves.

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Vanessa Edwards 1:21:15

I guess at some point, I don't know if that's who we've got on line to that's probably

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Dean Becker. Yeah, calling in with the network 20 nose, cultural baggage. And

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Vanessa Edwards 1:21:25

I, I guess we need to kind of wrap this up a little bit. I kind of stopped looking at the clock there for a second I looked at there and it was like already after 130

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thing, Becker was cultural baggage. Excellent.

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Vanessa Edwards 1:21:38

Well, Ethan, I do want to thank you very much. I'm sorry to kind of hold this abruptly like this. Anyway, her may not have been the smoothest ending in the world. But thank you very much for coming on and giving us in fact. a number of different things that we needed to cover

tonight. And maybe we'll have you back on again, at some point in



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the future. Hey, no problem. And thank you very much for having me. Not about



v Vanessa Edwards 1:22:04

many times, sweetie. And thanks for staying up with us. All



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right. Yes, definitely. Bye. Bye. Bye. Anyway,



v Vanessa Edwards 1:22:12

um, I guess, should I go ahead and just punch in Dean and see if we can get him on. Go ahead. Hello, Dean. Are you there? Ups? No, that didn't seem to work out. Let's



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try the second line. Okay, well, you see the one that's flashing yellow.



v Vanessa Edwards 1:22:37

Hello, Dean. Can you hear me? Oh, yes, I got the wrong row. I hit the wrong button. Sorry.



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We made it and that's fine. I wanted to kind of throw my two cents. And it's what Ethan was talking about in many ways. It's all about confusion. It's all about distortion. It's all about building walls between us. That's



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what politics is all about.



v Vanessa Edwards 1:23:01

obfuscation and keeping people distracted. That way they can continue moving forward with

their agenda, whatever this agenda is, but, uh, you know, it's not going to be whatever, I guess it's beneficial to us as much as this beneficial directly to them.



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Right. And I think at its heart, we must all realize that