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period. No one has the right to say to you, you must go to a therapist. You don't must do anything. I know that's a lousy career. But I think you get the point.



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Well, yes, I mean, I know a lot of gay and lesbian people who've been through therapy, but you don't have to go through there,



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you don't have to go. But if you want to have the right to professional care, well, sure, but you don't have the right to be forced into it. And that comes up at work a lot. A person may decide that they want to come out at work. And they say to them, well, you must have such and such from a therapist, they don't have the right to demand that. They don't, there's nothing that says that they they have to that you have to get something from a therapist, you have the right to freedom from diagnosis, period, you can't you can't be forced into it. You can't be made to do it. You can't be coerced by your fellow transgenders, you have the right to not go if that's your choice. That's an important point to make, because we talk so much about therapy. And we talked so much about about that, and gatekeeper almost



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like a cop out. Because it's like, Okay, I've been to therapy. And I've been diagnosed as gender dysphoria. This is for That's right. I know you don't like, but that sort of gives Oh, well, in that case, okay.



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You have the right to freedom to sexual expression. Hello. That because you are transgendered, does not mean that you have to stop having relationships. Oh, gosh, no, you have the right. You have the right to sexual expression, you have the freedom for it. You do not

give up these rights because you magically became transgendered. Perhaps the First Amendment did not go away for you. Okay, just just thought you'd want to know that relationships



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important for all people. And corresponding to that you have the right to form committed, loving relationships, and enter into marital contracts. Oh, that's a big one. That



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is a big one. That's a big one. And we're not there yet.



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No, we're not. But let me point this, I want to point this out to you, it also means you have the right to be a parent. Now, that's tough, because Texas laws don't recognize a lot of this, don't recognize it. Yet. transgenders are winning court cases on these exact issues. And they're winning them even more often. The hard thing about these rights is it takes money. Because you have to get your own attorney, you have to enforce it yourself. And it means you're going to have to be able to finance it yourself. Yeah, in most cases, if you're transgendered, you ain't got debt. Money you don't have. That's true. Having the right to these things, and being able to enforce them is not the same. It's unfortunate. Gays and lesbians have known that for decades. And I would be lying through my teeth here if I didn't tell you this. And at the same time, I also have support I'd be lying through my teeth, if I didn't tell you that if we don't fight for this, we'll never get it. You do not have to get divorced because you're a crossdresser. Because you are transsexual does not mean that you have to divorce your wife, or that your wife has to divorce you. It does not mean you have to lose the right to your kids. If you are legally married now and you become transsexual, you are still legally married in the state cannot dissolve your marriage, that's important for you to know very important. Okay, the last thing we want to talk about is the right to conceive bear and adopt parents. Now parents, your children, the right to nurture and have custody of your children, and exercise parental rights. Sure. Okay. And the next show, we're going to have Sharon Boyd and we will be talking about this exact issue. But the point that I wanted to make about this in about any of the things that we've talked about, is if you cannot look in the mirror and say I am transgender, you better start if you you've got to be able to do it. And I especially want to address this, to those of you who are very young to the teenagers who are out there.



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You know, I think it's easier for the teenagers sometimes than for older folks,



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it is Jimmy if they're if they're aware that this stuff is here. And that's that's why I wanted to make this point. I hear from the transgendered kids and they say things like, Well, my life will be over, you know, because I'm going to have a low quality life. That's not No Not. Not true. I can't stress that enough. It is not true. I know the old phrase about your life is what you make it. In this case your life is good. The attitude you have about it, you



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know, 2530 years ago, people who came out of the closet were pity because, oh, gosh, you're gay. That means you're going to have a miserable life, you're going to end up all alone in your old age. Not tracked, that was the general



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thing. She's just not true.



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And it's not it's taken 20 years to prove them wrong.



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And it does not it is not true that because you are transgendered, that your life will be miserable. No, it means you are going to face challenges. Yes, okay. Is there anyone who's lived a life who didn't face talent? Life is challenges, you know, it is listen, you could have been, you know, that you could have been any number of things. The fact of the matter is, you were born transgendered. Yes, that's a challenge, the attitude you have about it, in large part is going to determine the success that you have. If you start out with the idea that you're cursed, then Sister, you're cursed, count on it, like the sun comes up. If you start out with the attitude of yes, I'm transgendered, I've been given a gift, I want to explore and enjoy it, you're in for a wonderful time. It can be what you make it to be. But not if you sit around in shame. And I cannot stress this enough, you must must must find a support group. It is just impossible to do it alone,



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or a support friend or a group of friends. If it's not an official support group.



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There are churches by the way, which are very supportive and very well educated about us

There are churches by the way, which are very supportive and very well educated about us. The Metropolitan Community Church is very good. The Unitarian fellowship is also very good. They have a specifically transgender group at the national level. Now, it's called interweave. Okay. So I mean, there are things you can do, you don't have to sit around and say, Oh, God hates me. All my life is over at Bologna. I've gone to church many, many times now and found crossdressers in the church. And I may always make it a point to go over to them and say, Hello, and welcome him, Matt, welcome them in, and please come back. And you want to see the look on their faces? I mean, you know, because they're convinced no one's going to talk to them. And you know, they're just worthless little. It was like, no, no, no, no, no, no, no. And there's nobody in the Unitarian Church thinks that. So don't go into that church thinking then come out that feeling that it's not true. And it's and it's in it's the same is true of MCC. Yeah, it's same as true. Anyway, I wanted to talk about some of these issues. The next year that we want to do, I'm going to take it a little different tact, I want to talk about sense of humor. Oh, and the importance of having a sense of humor, if you're going to survive it.



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It's very important.



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I'm just going to tell one, one quick story just to sort of give points you were this. When I went to when I had to go get the mammogram. I had written on my on my application, that I am a transsexual, who's been on hormones for about two years. And the nurse obviously did not read it. And she said to me, I noticed they did not order a test for cervical cancer. I said, Well, no, they didn't. And she said, Well, you know, maybe they should have worded that. Should I call the doctor and I said, I think you need to read the chart. And she said all but that's usually the case said no, no. Pay attention here. I think you really need to read the chart. Finally got her to study. And she looked at it and she says, Oh my god, I'm so sorry. So don't be don't be stories, the funniest thing I've had happen in a month. Now, on one hand, I guess I could have got sat there and been felt ashamed and embarrassed and humiliated. Oh, my God, my life is going to end. It was hard. It was just hilarious. I laughed it off. She laughed it off. No harm done. Okay. You really can have fun with this, if you choose to do it. And we'll talk about that. The next show that we'll talk about having a sense of humor, and I've got some really funny stories to tell things that have happened to Phyllis and other folks. If that'll be fun, you know, I'll tell some of the stories and but some of the things that had happened with legislators especially because you really can hear it. You really can have fun with this. If that's what you decide to do with it. You want to go to a piece of music or go straight to the interview.



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Let's go back to a nice okay.



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We're gonna go back to the second half of the interview with a nice Parker candidate for city council.



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I hate to think that we need to do that. Yeah, I'll get about but it does get our community out and it gets people energized and it makes those people the great middle out there who really are tolerant and may not be comfortable with certain issues but still believe that no one's You'd be attacked for for being who they are. They come out to vote too. And I think if they do it, it will backfire.



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I was telling ray that when he ran for city council this last time, we happen to live in Sharpstown. And I noticed that in my precinct wheel, he only had four or five votes. And two of those were from Lori in May.



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Right, this special election that we were just talking about Chris Bell, and the Reverend James Dixon, Ray Hill finished fourth out of I don't know, there were about a dozen candidates. And



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yeah, of course, he had some financial backing this times, but



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Well, he did. And he didn't. And I argue with Ray about that, because he didn't actually as a candidate have control of the money, right. It was spent on his behalf by the adult entertainment industry. And it money in campaigns should really go to phone banks and direct mail. And I don't think there was enough of that spent where it should have been spin in his race.



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But it also means now that you've run once Ray has run for various honestly, I



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have actually I've run twice. I ran back in 91, in a district City Council race, and I didn't know that. Yeah, it was a I was the sacrificial lamb for the for the gay community, oh, in a district council race, and it was in the midst of redistricting. We were trying very hard to carve out a a more gay friendly seat. And it didn't work. And in fact, when I first started running, I didn't know

who I was going to be on the ballot against and that sort of thing. It was a it was a name ID raised for me, and it was good experience. I don't recommend people run a sacrificial lamb name it raises. But But you were started to say that Ray is run for city council and he's run for JP, right.



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He's run for a couple of different things. But the point I want to make listeners is this is not a new idea. The idea of having gay and lesbian candidates out run openly gay and lesbian candidates have run before. I think this may be our best shot ever, though. I think. I think this is a serious attempt. This time. I think this



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has been at least my my last race was absolutely a series. Yeah, when I ran a when I jokingly said I was the sacrificial lamb. That was a serious race as well. But I have an excellent chance of winning this race. All races come down to who else is in the race, what the issues develop out into? I will be going into this race as the front runner. There's, there's no question about that. I do want on a side note, the first openly gay candidate in the city was given Nottingham ran as a Republican in the early 80s.



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I remember that. Yeah, I remember that, which took a lot of guts took a lot of guts. What do you think the key issues are going to be?



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It's, it's kind of hard to say. What's interesting right now is that Houstonian seem to be fairly satisfied. Bob Lanier, whatever any of your listeners may think of him is as mayor has been very efficient, or rather very effective. As a mayor, things happen, right? He's gotten things done, things are moving forward. I don't know that. He was the cause of it, but the crime is down. There have been improvements our streets of getting are getting paved the city's working. And if you look at the recent Houston survey done by Steven Kleinberg at Rice that we quoted from that in the show, yeah, again, it's that most Houstonians kind of feel that things are looking up and that we're we're moving forward nicely into the future. So if you look at the noises that the mayoral candidates are making right now, it's we're gonna stay the course, we're going to keep doing what linear has been doing. I think we're gonna have to take some of those very effective things he's been doing and squeezing them for more efficiencies. No one wants a tax increase. And there's no way we're going to do a tax rollback. Right? So it's how do you do more with with the money you've got? And how do you take the things that are happening? The good things, they're happening in the city and spread them to areas that still haven't gotten them yet? Lanier's idea and it's probably a valid one is that you spend the most of your money in transitional areas that are already coming back to try to boost them up a little bit. And I understand that theory and Montrose benefited because



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a Microsoft has really benefited from that. Yes, but there



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are other areas of the city that are just aching poor, and that have read streets and the sidewalks and poor drainage and all the things that need to be done and there was a conscious decision made that of where to spend the money and at some point we need to get the money into those other areas. Now that little sleeper issues, speed humps or, you know, there's always an issue that comes up and bites people and they don't think it's a serious issue, but things like speed humps



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that putting some in on our street and back even as we're talking about this, I would love



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to have a speed hump right in front of my house. However, I have to say to all those people out there who absolutely hate speedups, and I'll have a lot of friends who do that there are criteria for where they're supposed to be placed. And I think some of those criteria have been ignored. And they can be placed in inappropriately and if they are they need to be removed. All right. I think flood control is going to be another



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Well, every time we get a heavy rain, yeah. Yeah, I would think the Kingwood issue is probably still going to be on the burner. Well, it



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is for people out in Kingwood.



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Yeah, I understand. They're calling themselves occupy Kingwood.



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And now they need to go talk to Clear Lake which was occupied 20 years ago, and



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I would think the Cotswold proposal for downtown is probably going to be an issue.



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Well, not just the Cotswolds but downtown revitalization in general. The stadiums still on the drawing board, the idea of downtown hotel, which kind of got derailed by an FBI sting investigation. Yeah, he's still on the drawing board. But I don't know if if you've been downtown lately, but downtown is beginning to turn the corner. In residential development. Yeah,



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I work downtown so I can actually get to see it every day. But lots of people who are out there may not have been downtown in a year and they'd be surprised things have changed a lot.



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Yeah, it's gonna when the when the rice the old Rice Hotel, comes on. The downtown lofts are going to be wonderful benefit to downtown. great cities of the world have livable downtown's. I don't have a debt. They don't have downtown's where people desert it at at night. And you could fire artillery off in downtown Houston most nights and not hit any live person. That's going to change. Now we I think We've almost reached critical mass where we can put some markets groceries and retail shopping in, the more of that you have and that brings more people in and that has more of a base for more retail and it'll it'll go from there.



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Well, anybody who's not been downtown, I think you'll really be in for a surprise. I say happens. I work downtown. So I've seen a lot of the changes. In fact, I can see the Rice Hotel going up in the office where I work with in what they're doing. And what an ISA saying



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and I look down my office looks down on the top of the rice. Oh, so



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we're probably few blocks from each other then. And downtown revitalization is one. One thing I wanted to definitely ask you about is one of the things that metro was talking about with the changing of the streets downtown. There's a metro project and narrow the narrow the streets and sidewalks he suppose that's going to be an issue too.





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It's all going to be an issue. I don't know how that's going to work out. It's probably going to be settled before we knew council members take office next year because you mentioned the console project. It's a redevelopment effort privately funded privately sparked to make some changes to a downtown street waterparks fancy sidewalks tree



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Painting San Antonio Riverwalk.



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Unfortunately they didn't talk to Metro in clear some of their proposals with Metro Metro already spent several million dollars designing some some traffic flow changes



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federal grant for don't they are at least partial federal grant or something



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I believe so I'm not sure of the details on that. But that's that's gonna have to be worked out. Downtown, we've taken some steps to make it more comfortable place to be. We you can now park downtown almost anywhere downtown on the weekends or after 6pm without having to feed a parking meter. That was a really important change. That that benefits the theater district had benefits the restaurants downtown. And for people who live downtown it encourages them to have people visit and have parties and so forth. There are gosh, I just lost my train of thought here.



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We're talking about improvements in downtown axes. As we were talking I had a little different thought. The downtown thing, the downtown issues. Those are important to anybody who goes downtown. I'm curious about what happens when you go out to a Hispanic neighborhood or a black neighborhood. How are you received?



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I'm very well received in in the black community. I haven't been campaigning in the Hispanic community very much as yet. And it's still really early. I'm at the point where I'm going around and as I said meeting meeting with the packs and Showing up anywhere and everywhere to be to be visible and just get my name out there. As we get closer to November, a lot of folks are

saying, oh gosh, I don't even want to think about that now. Better months away better. There'll be official endorsement nights and so forth. I expect to do well in all different sorts of communities I expect to do especially well, in the black community. I'm already campaigning in the black community. There's a gentleman named Carl Robinson, who is a candidate for position five. I'm a candidate. By the way, my name is nice, Parker, we get to say that periodically. Yes, yes. Right. And he's Parker, candidate for position, one at large and Karole. Robinson is a candidate for position five at large. And for the last two months, we've been really the only candidate city council candidates out campaigning, curl is a is black. He's he's a professor at Texas Southern University School of Law, the Thurgood Marshall School of Law. And we've been campaigning in that community somewhat together. I have ties with some sort of black elected officials. John Boney, who's a district Councilman has been very helpful in, in my campaign and has made some introductions for me, I have two strong supporters, alginates, Scott Davis and Ginetta Bernie, who are well known in the African American community, and they've been gracious enough to contact people on my behalf and write letters for me. So that's where I'm in making most of my inroads gotta have a multiracial, progressive, coalition,



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that's what was making. And that's what I started thinking when I thought, you know, to run this city, now, this city is so diverse, I mean, within a few within a mile of where I live, is a mosque, a synagogue, to two Catholic churches, and a Baptist congregation. Now, you think about the different ethnic groups that you look, you're talking about, just within the mile radius, it struck me that maybe the day is of of the for the downtown crowd? Yes, that's important. But if you don't win the suburbs. Now, I was just curious how you how you being received out there well,



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and as I said, I haven't spent a lot of time in the Hispanic community yet, but in previous races, I've been endorsed by Mexican American Democrats and some other Hispanic groups. And so I, you know, expect to go back to back to my friends and work those communities. In the same way. People have got to think about what Houston is going to look like, in the next century. And we are rapidly approaching a city that is about 1/3, white, 1/3, black and winter and Hispanic. And it's the voting population is not quite there yet. But that's in terms of the physical population in the city and there are there Asians we have a huge Asian community, relatively speaking,



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but right down below our Boulevard, me most of the signs during our in Chinese. But



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yeah, but the three big voting blocks, and this is this is not a this is not a white southern southwestern city anymore. It is a multiracial, multi ethnic, international, very cosmopolitan city

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You gotta challenge it, how do you what do you need people to do what



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they can, they can call my campaign, which is 713-521-7338. That's 713-521-7338. That's my campaign line. My campaign manager is is named Grant Martin, and will probably be the person to return the phone call. But we are going to start phone banking very, very soon. And phone banking means you show up in the evening. And you're sent to a location with multiple phone lines. And we try not to send anybody out in groups of less than three, but four or more is better because you can kind of bolster each other up. But we give you a list of names of registered voters who might be interested in the race and put you on the phone and start you calling them.



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And I can tell you from experience, it actually is a lot of fun. I remember one lady that we call and we introduce just Oh, isn't that that gay woman? And I thought, well, yeah, she's damn that's good. We were all just sitting around laughing about that. Okay, so it can be it can be a lot of fun. Don't be afraid of volunteering because you have no idea how much you'll end up enjoying it.



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Well in the some people don't don't like to do phone work. They would rather do block walking envelope stuffing envelopes. Duffing block walking is a big thing we're going to be doing and if, if you're tired of going to the gym, you want to get some exercise. And we're not going to sit, we never send anybody out alone. Again, it's teamwork. You go out in teams, and you descend on a neighborhood and knock on the doors of registered voters and give him campaign information. But it's a good way to, uh, you can do in your own neighborhood, or you can do another neighborhoods. It's a good way to get out and get some exercise and talk to folks. Envelope stuffing. There's always computer data entry information, put going into the mailing list, things like that. There's all sorts of things. We don't have a headquarters yet. We'll be opening a headquarters probably sometime in June. Right now we're running out of our unofficial headquarters, which is in Montrose, California, if anybody drives down Montrose Boulevard, near California, and you see this, there isn't a nice Parker for city council, Billboard,



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I won't be able to miss it, believe me,





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he's got to be updated, I changed my logo, it still has the 95 logo on it, I've updated the logo.



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So the point I want to make to folks is don't be afraid to volunteer, don't be afraid to send a check. Don't be afraid to speak to your friends about this candidate say this is this is a, this is an opportunity to elect someone from our district, from our community, who cares really knows the issues and is genuinely genuinely qualified for the job. The no one is going to be able to come along and say, all this is just another gay candidate, because that's full, as a qualified person running, we got a serious candidate, when you have to get off your ducks and help,



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there will be no more qualified candidate. I agree with Alan, in my race or any other there may be equally qualified candidates good candidates out there. But there's not going to be anyone who has is better qualified for the race than I am, again, to if anyone has questions, you don't want to volunteer, you're still trying to make up your mind, call that campaign number that 5217338. We're all not going to agree on every issue. But the one thing that I can promise, and I know, Sarah knows, and the people that have worked with me knows that I'll listen. And when I do take a stand on something, I'll be consistent, I'll fight for it. But I'm not gonna I don't burn bridges. I believe that that compromise, and that we all have to figure out a way to survive in this city together. Tolerance is a virtue that keeps us keeps us able to move forward. You don't have to approve of everything. And there'll be people who are supporting me, I know I've already gotten some some feedback. Those people are supporting you, I don't want to be involved with



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Oh, get over it with over it. But



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if there's an issue that I can agree with him on, and I can work with them on, and you can find that one issue too. And we can all come together around that one issue that allows us to move on to another issue that allows us to educate each other and find more and more things that we can share and agree on and keep going and won't be everything. But as long as we give each other courtesy and respect as we work our way through them. We'll get there



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and we can't afford to have single issues and something like this. We need to be able to work together and get this done. And



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we cannot wait until November. I know it's awfully early, but we can't wait till November. My most critical need right now is early money. There's a national organization that supports women for Congress and it's called Emily's list attributor. In fact, yeah, and Emily stands for early money is like yeast. The more money you get up front, the more you can generate later on. So I need money and I need volunteers and people who you know and I, I've had I've had several \$1,000 contributions and and a \$5,000 pledge, but I value the \$10 pledges, equally. And more most critical of all is the people who actually give their time. I will make good use of their time.



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Besides you get to meet a lot of people in the community that you didn't know about. And it's good for you all the way around and



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different kinds of community. You know, we throw that word around. Well, people in the community. I'll have gay and lesbian volunteers. I'll have transgender volunteers. I'll have a lot of straight volunteers. Yeah, there'll be there'll be people who look like you and they'll be people who don't look like you. That's right.



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And actually that was half the fun to doing it. I really enjoyed the heck out of it. And nice. I'm glad to finally get you on the show. We'll be talking about your candidacy a lot between now and election. I want to pass along compliment Ray he'll gave you the last time he was here. Right as Ray was talking about how at some point he was really seriously thinking about just slowing down and getting out of things. And he stopped second, he said, I can't think of anybody that would be better to succeed me than a niece. And I hope she does. And I sort of get the sense that now that the baton is being passed, I think maybe you have succeeded him away. In in. That's a real compliment coming from Ray, let me tell you,



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Oh, it is. And I know that and I appreciate that. Ray has been the standard bearer, Ray has been a standard bearer for the gay lesbian community for years and years and years and on prison issues, and on a number of other issues. Yeah. And we we have argued, we have disagreements, but we have we have also agreed and work together over the years. And in fact, we run against each other for in organizations, is that right? That my wife? And I just want to point out to Ray that I did beat him twice. No, that was that was that was set in mostly in jest. But we have we've competed. But we've also worked together. And, and I think, you know, I've not been involved as long as Ray has. But I have been involved for 20 years. And one of the

things you learn you've been involved. I know Sarah for years and years in, in community activism of all kinds, and the people who survive, realize that you may be enemies on this issue, but there'll be another issue come along, where you're going to need each other again,



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never burn your bridges, right. When he says it's been great to have you on the show, I really appreciate your coming in. We'll be talking about this candidacy before. And for those of you who are transgendered, you're going to be hearing from me, because I'm going to be calling you and saying By the way, and you need to be going down into a nice when can I give you a ride so just just know that's coming in. Nice. Thank you very much.



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Thank you for having me. Enjoyed it.



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Oh, that was great. And for those of you who are other if you don't think I'm going to be calling you and saying oh, by the way, a nice is starting her phone bank soon. Which shift Do you want? Oh, trust me, that's exactly what I'm gonna do.



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So community should be behind a nice, she's she's been in there for us for many, many years.



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First of all, she's a good, decent person. Very, I mean that that's for starters. On top of that, she's a very competent, hard working person. And nice is one of those people who's says what she means she means when she says you don't have to go looking for her hidden meanings. And nice doesn't say one thing to your face and another behind your back. She's She's exactly what she seems like. And we talked about how important it is to get to get any selected. I don't care what part of the gay lesbian bisexual Street Community you're in. You need to get out there and work for nice. You'll be hearing a lot more. You'll be hearing us talk about this a lot more before November. You bet what you got there.



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We I got a lot of odds and ends I want to chat about before the end of the show. First of all friend of ours. Let's see if you recognize this name. Fancy pace, Lawrence. No, that's Bill O'Rourke stage name. Is it really? Yes, yes. And the Royal and imperial court of the single star presents Fiesta mama seek ta Sunday May 11. A benefit for avise beginning at 8:30pm at the

briar patch that's located located at 2294 West Holcomb. If Bill's doing something, I always like to promote it. He's he's a good friend of after hours. Also, a good friend of after hours is Ray Hill who I you know, I heard a little bit about there at the end of that, that I surprised



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Denise with it. I have to admit I surprised her.



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But right Hill is starring in his own one man production. You told me that earlier. Not that oh boy. Yes. It's called Ray Hill, the prison years. And it's occurring at the end of this month, May 28 29th 30th. And June the first there's gonna be five performances. On the first there'll be a matinee at, oh, about four o'clock. It's taking place at the actors workshop on 109 Charteris Street, downtown, or reservations, call 236 1844 and hurry, because the actors workshop only has 15 seats. So with five performances, that's only 250 people that are going to gonna get to see Ray do his one man show. So tickets should be going pretty fast on that they sure should. There's a couple of things in the advocate recently that I really liked. One was an article about gay moms having happy kids. It may seem unlikely to Christian fundamentalists, and some family court judges, but lesbian mothers do raise emotionally healthy and well adjusted children. According to three studies, all released April 3. In fact, one study suggested that non biological lesbian mothers spend more time with their kids than do fathers and heterosexual couples. A researcher from the Netherlands reported that in comparing 15 lesbian couples with 41 heterosexual couples 90% of the lesbian co parents assumed the child raising tasks, while only 37% of fathers took an active role. The studies presented at the National Meeting of the Society for Research on child development, compared children up to age nine being raised by lesbians, and usually conceived through artificial insemination with children being brought up in a heterosexual environment. Researcher Charlotte Patterson, from the University of Virginia reported that a mother's sexual orientation does not seem to affect children's behavior, saying when you look at kids with standard psychological assessments, you can't tell who has the lesbian parent and who has the heterosexual parent. Now, that's news,



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that is news and it's going to make the fundamentalist real upset



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and that's exactly why I wanted to bring



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that out. Yeah, it's gonna make the fundamentals real and happy to find this out.



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Now something else that we were talking about coalition's and how well yeah,



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and why why they were important test in Maine.



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gov and ag Angus King said March 31, that he will allow a bill banning same sex marriages to become law. The measure was approved by the state legislature after concern main families gathered more than 60,000 signatures to place the proposal for the band on the November ballot. Both King and Maine civil rights activists said they wanted to avoid a divisive campaign and deny concern main families an opportunity for whipping up fervor while the governor who calls himself a deep believer in the sacrament of marriage, and in the constitutional guarantee of equal protection under the law did not veto the bill. Neither did he sign it, allowing it instead to pass into law without a signature. Because if he vetoed it, then it would have to go for a vote. That's right. I just couldn't in good conscience, put my name on it King and independent said April 1, the day after the measure became law. It's an unconscious, it's an unconstitutional solution in search of a non existent problem. Whoa, isn't that a quote? Boy,



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I like that. Yeah. But he's still he went he probably had no choice. No choice right now the political momentum. And it's such a phony argument isn't it's the most fun, you know, and it's become politically popular. You know, let's pass one of these referendum fees here and well, we'll you know, we'll we'll outlaw queer marriages, you know, like, Oh, boys and girls.



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Oh, I know. It drives me crazy.



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It's it's a bunch of phony nonsense.



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Okay, a couple other things. Let's say Houston, gay and lesbian parents presents the first summer lecture series for the community. And let's see Tuesday May the 20th alternative insemination interesting topic. Pat Jones certified nurse midwife with Denae, Houston and nori Collier. All meetings are held at the Grace Lutheran Church 2515 wal drive 730 to 9pm that's on



May the 20th. put on by the Houston gay and lesbian parents. What is alternative inseminate? What is it? It's different ways of being inseminated? Either by turkey baster or your best friend or your gay



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buddy or almost tour ask now.



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Something that's gonna piss off the Republicans crashing into an answers. There already are libraries honoring each president from Hoover to Reagan. When will George Bush start his



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actually boys and girls he already has It's called the George Bush Library. It's located on the campus of Texas a&m. Hello Aggies, and



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it cost you \$83 million. Thank you very much. Yuck.



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Yeah, I say I actually know where it is because I've had to drive by it. Yeah. Gigamon is



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at 3 million for his own library.



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Let's put in a plug for the transgender leads. Yeah. law conference is coming up in July. And they have I was looking at the tracks that they are going to be offering this year. They are offering different tracks and on some of them they are going to be things like educating about educating the police in your city. Of course, boys we're talking about it would be anywhere would be they're going to be doing things on employment law, health insurance law, family law concerns, prison issues, which gray he'll be talking about activism and lobby training, training and how to be lobbyists. legal needs of F of F two AMS. I really want to encourage you the Friday price for law conference this year is lower than it has ever been.





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Lea You have been listening to after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O's College Station. Coming up after the news at the top of the hour is Billy Gilbert, with the return to the sons of musical chairs with Elmo and Randy. Good night tonight.