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The boy or girl from contending. That's on stage three, the stage one and stage two. And these are songs sung in the appropriate gender. Cheers. I went into it was not my favorite. There are more kind of Broadway stuff and Sondheim and stuff like that. This is got well, you know, Michelle, sung by a woman is really really pretty. The let's do it. Let's fall in love. Escape. Everything's all right from Jesus Christ Superstar all the things you are. And I'll be seeing you and family from Dream Dream Girls. So sounds good. And then the last one is true colors. Which is really, really pretty. Oh, wow. I like this one. Stage three. It's available everywhere, I'm sure. Where music



Gigi 01:14

brings the thoughts in me.



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We better say who we are. Oh, yes. This



Gigi 01:18

is Chi Chi with find it, Houston, and Jays with me? Yes.



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This is after hours. And KPFT

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Gigi 01:27

you know, kind of stirred a thought because I remember a time when I used to listen to music, and I was always kind of down because its eyes. Boy, girl fall in love music. stuff. Yeah. But nothing applied to me. Really. And, you know, I guess this leads into the pitch I promise from outside. Since the phones aren't ringing. You know, it's like you don't get that on three mini stations. I'm such a bad salesman. But anyway, you do get it here and



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do get it here. Yeah. And I don't think any of us are good at asking for money. And we don't like to do it. And I always think of this station. This is community radio. And and this is a radio station that the listener support. So that when we have a fun drive, when we have to do a fun drive, I always like to think that I can just open the show and say, Hello, this is fun drive 5265738 and then go on with the show. There have been times when that was effective and work. And other times that we begged and pleaded throughout the whole show and got nothing. Yeah, so

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Gigi 02:49

Well, well, that was my little pitch. So the bigger and better thing. We did like bigger and better. Well, actually, I like smile. But as long as it says right, I



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see now you're on here kind of early. Peter is usually here, Peter and continuing to show but he's out of town. You normally do the first Saturday. Yeah. Okay. And we'll be back next week. And we'll be back next week. But we've got another guest next week. That's gonna take up half of your time. So I asked you to kind of if you'd like to kind of hang out here. Yeah. Because you've just been to Colorado. Yeah. And what's going on there.

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Jay 03:37

My baby sister got married, got married on gay pride day, actually. In the morning, I was actually in a dress, if you can believe that dress and high heels and doing the whole marriage thing. And then the evening. Her husband's brother is also gay. And he was going back to Denver, too late to see their pride parade. So he heard that ours was in the evening and he was so thrilled. So he came and he was no kidding.

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Gigi 04:02

Yeah, we gave him a full Oh, how I loved it. He loved it. He just was his. On top of the world. Yeah. Right after the break after the parade. He said, When you come up to Denver, we're gonna have to give you a bar tour of the Colorado gay bar.



Jay 04:24

But we did and then we had a reception up in Colorado Springs for all of my sister's husband's family's friends kind of type thing. And afterwards, I was exhausted. But he took Ms. Gigi on a tour of the I guess V gay bar in Colorado.



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Or what's a small town, isn't it?



Gigi 04:42

Yeah. It's actually three bars. It's kind of like the branch it's three bars. And up, it was kind of very odd feeling because you had to have an identification card to get in. The bar was locked. I don't know who They were trying to keep out here. They were trying to keep in



Jay 05:02

the family how love? Well, I think but I



Gigi 05:06

asked them, I said this, this is a result of gay bashing sort of something. And he says a pair, I guess? I don't know, we just it's always been that way here. Well,



Jay 05:16

apparently Matt said something I can't as my sister's husband said something to the effect of, um, there are like more churches in Colorado Springs than like, anyplace else. Proportion wise. Very. I mean, that is where our focus is Focus on the Family got started.



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I say, you know, that's why Colorado Springs. Yeah,



Jay 05:35

that was so I was I was, you know, it was such



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Gigi 05:50

an odd feeling going into this bar being London. Well, not just that, but he, you know, I couldn't have gotten him if he hadn't been there, because he had this little ID card to get in. Oh, it's an



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ID card from the bar. Yeah. I thought you meant like, you had to have your ID No, no, you had to have a bar ID card, how to be very caring, gay, like, like it's a private club. It's out there doing that. That may be the only reason that they're able to even operate in that town. Because they're a private club, because I know it isn't that way in Denver. I've been a member,



Gigi 06:15

but it was very



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Denver's a lovely town. Yeah,



Gigi 06:21

apparently I didn't get to do any gay bars in Denver.



Jimmy Carper 06:25

This is not like a particular gay section. Yeah. But it's also the first place I grew up in the north. I'm used to houses with basements. But I'm not used to having seeing a one bedroom home. That would be interesting. And the friend I was saying with had a one bedroom home he had just bought Oh, it was an older house built in probably the 40s or the 50s. But one bedroom one bath. amazing to me. I don't know anything



Jay 07:02

I've ever seen is the one my cousin lived in in Kansas. And it was so tiny. It's like a doll's house. I mean, our living room had a couch in it. And that was it. Because it's all you could fit in it. It was the



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it was no I mean, the rooms were nice size and everything. Yeah,



Jay 07:15



Jay 07:13

I mean, but you know, that's why I say is hers was so small. You couldn't have more than one bedroom.



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Well, what they did you know, because they had the basement they had that finished off and so anyway, anyway, what's that got to do with being queer?



Gigi 07:29

But Colorado was fabulous. We did the aspen grove thing.



Jay 07:34

My parents have a pretty large aspen grove. What's that property? aspen trees they're like white trees kind of white almost looking like birch Yeah, and they have these tiny little almost round leaves are called quaking Aspen's because the slightest breeze will make them just flutter. I've seen them absolutely gorgeous. And it's this very magical place to do loves it.



Gigi 07:56

Oh, yeah. You walk into this quiet forest. And waist high grass, too. Yeah. And it's like the slightest breeze comes through and you hear the leaves rattle.



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I've heard. Yeah, it is



Gigi 08:10

just so I mean, for a pagan person. That's, like



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nature there. Because nature is talking to you. Very magic. So it's your family has this.



Jay 08:29

Yeah, we have our family reunions up there every year. And my uncle has. He and his business partner own two cabins up there. And then he owns a third cabin with my father and draw the three cabins. He always answers with three cabins and he's still looking for another one. It's

like, hello, hello.



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Does he rent them out? Or?



Jay 08:49

No, but my father is retired. So they spend the entire summer up there their place? And Dawn says, Oh, look sounds really good. And so he wants to have a place like that. But his partner, you know, when his partner has family reunions, they take up both of those. Oh,



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gotcha, gotcha, because people stay there. Yeah.



Jay 09:09

Yeah, but it's just you know, I think it dawn how many Kevin's do so we had a family reunion up there. Actually, we kind of got there a little bit late. So we got the tail end of the family reunion. And I don't think we came out to anybody explicitly this year. But



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do you have to?



Jay 09:26

Well, I don't know. I mean, I you know, every year I just kind of you know, where freedom rings or something where I mentioned something about being bisexual to at least one of my family members. And I figure the word will get around eventually. But you know, it's just kind of one of those things just kind of want to remind them hello, not everybody's straight. You know what?



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They were pretty hydrogenous you know that?



Gigi 09:49

This year? I had the name change thing. Oh, that's true. You told everyone that everybody was like, just fabulous. I started calling me drew even before I even open my mind. Yeah.



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Explain to our audience what you mean by your name change. Oh, I had



Gigi 10:03

my name legally changed to Gigi Raven Wilbur, which is well, Wilbers JS lessening?



Jay 10:13

Yes. Last name. Yeah. now officially a part of my family I guess.



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Well, you know, I love to have you told stories about how your family has turned turned away from you.



Gigi 10:27

Oh, yeah. Well, they did more than that. Yeah. Well, I was



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trying to be nice. Yeah.



Gigi 10:33

Yes. driven into bankruptcy and had legal entanglements and yeah, and having people threatening to beat you up. It's,



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yeah. Family has has taken you in and you're one of the family and yeah, that's, that's a nice thing to do.



Gigi 10:58

And, you know, that's one of the things that, you know, is real big about for the bisexual moment for me is that it's always been my family of choice. And, you know, I think Jays family has become my second family of choice.



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It's a, it's a nice alternative to actually, because if you and Jay got married, which you could legally do, because



Jay 11:23

technically we're men,



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that wouldn't be white. You know, that would be like saying that you're straight or something are over. But but this is this is making more of a statement. Oh, yeah.



Gigi 11:37

And one of the things too, that's been real important. For me, it's been just looking at this whole family, optimise yourself, and finding that you know, I don't fit in in certain areas. And in society, I don't fit in I know that. And that kind of leads into what I wanted to talk a little bit about tonight. And that is the gender bending.



Jay 12:06

Am I going to do my own book review,



Gigi 12:08

I'm gonna do a quick review is because that



Jay 12:11

kind of leads into the book. I don't have it with me because my sister is borrowing it. She's doing a commitment ceremony for some women. won't be until January, but she decided she wanted to she's never done a commitment ceremony before for lesbian or gay couple. She wants books on it. And it's actually very appropriate because the book I'm doing is called the lesbian and gay Book of Love and marriage. And I just threw the paper on the floor. So I don't know who wrote it. Thank you. Nope, that's who did the foreword is Paula somebody. And at first, I was kind of disappointed in the book. Because, well, I thought it was going to be like about, you know, marriage. I mean, the whole marriage thing, the Hawaii debate, you know, blah, blah with love. And it really it starts off with coming out issues. And, you know, this is how some people come out and they, you know, suddenly realize they, they're a man, they love men, women, they love women, you know, all that stuff. And then the next chapter is about



dating. As a homosexual. They don't talk about bisexuals knew very briefly mentioned transgenders, but as a homosexual, I guess, I don't know. But and then they talk about getting serious. That's the next chapter called serious or in serious or so you're getting serious. And then you know, you pop the question, and then you marry and have a little bit about commitment ceremonies, and then talk about creating a family after that. So it's very comprehensive in that. I mean, it covers everything from A to Z. I mean, you know, from the very first moment you discover you're gay, all the way to you've been living with your lover for 10 years, and you've got kids and what do you do with the PTA? So it's very comprehensive. But yeah, they talk about that. And they have a lot of interviews with couples and with single people and, and all this stuff. And it's so it's good in that sense, but I was reading it I just kept thinking because they talk very briefly, okay, some people when they come out and they have problems with their family or you know, sometimes they have problems with religion. Now, what do you do once you find Mr. or Miss right now, none of that let's go back. It's been more and more and more so I really wasn't impressed with it. At first I thought this book kind of, you know, yeah. But um, Rita picked it up. My sister picked it up and she really liked it. She said, Oh, this is great. Look, it's got all sorts of stuff and look at all these resources and places you can go and stuff on the internet. And I looked at it again, I thought, you know, she's, it's more of like a resource book. I mean, if you want to know anything about what it's like to date as a homosexual, this is not the book for you. If you want to



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hold on just sec, we have to do a station ID. Oh, this is KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station, and all that nifty bit. Since we probably could



Gigi 15:07

just call in



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Late Breaking Bad joke, Oh, I'm scared. There's this guy in a grocery store. And he gets up to the wine. And the infamous question, paper or plastic guy says, both, I'm bisexual. That's bad. That's pretty good.



Gigi 15:35

Anyway, now you made me lose my train of thought. So anyway, Rita, like the big. Okay, so



Jay 15:41

the book, she really liked the book, because it was very comprehensive to her. I mean, it didn't go into any depth in anything. And that's what I didn't like about it, because it didn't, you know, it was seemed very shallow. But she saw it as a very good jumping off point for people who I

mean, you know, I've obviously read a lot of stuff in you know, about these issues coming out issues, religion and homosexuality, the whole marriage debate. So for me, I didn't learn anything new

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Gigi 16:07

more than read about it girlfriend, you've got a whole library.

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Jay 16:14

But then I saw it's a good resource book, it would probably be really good, you know, my parents would probably really get a lot out of it. For people who are either newly out and you know, looking for some information on this, straight people would really enjoy it. So in that sense, it was it was, I could see it being a good book, it's a good resource book, because for each section, each chapter, as I say, it's about a different aspect of love, or marriage, or whatever you want to call it, whichever one it talks about. So on the one about, you know, getting serious, they may talk about some different books you can look for look up for that. I'm apart about you know, you're married, and you got kids and you've been together for 10 years, they have resources on the internet. So it's a really good resource book. Just if you're looking for anything. For some reason, I was also under the impression it was something you know, discussing the debate on gay marriage. And that is not what it's about at all. And it's also this is really what Rita was looking for his books on commitment ceremonies, how to do them, you know, how to create your own commitment ceremony, which we couldn't find very much on that we had a hard time looking, but she found a few things. And this is not that kind of book, either. They talk a little bit about commitment ceremonies, you know, you can have a lot of different kinds. You can have religious ones, not religious, you can combine religions, you can have a lot of them. Then it goes to the next chapter. You know, again, you're kind of left with, but but but but so as a resource book, it was very good. But as a book, if you want to go into any depth on any of the issues, this is not the book for you. It's big orange book, though. And I think another thing too, is it really looked like my Spanish textbook from high school. I was like, Oh, no. So maybe that was part of it, too. But at first, I really didn't like it. But then when Rita picked it up, she really enjoyed it. As a matter of fact, she has it right now, which is I didn't bring it to the station because my sister is reading it. So she really enjoyed it. So um, you know, we were talking about family and marriage and stuff like that. And this is a book that addressed those issues, at least very briefly and kind of pointing in the right directions. Where to go if you want to talk about the issues more? No. Oh, wait, that's right. I was gonna look up who did it. Paula. Paula. Paula, somebody? Allah, Martin EC, M AR ti n AC. So there it is. It helps if you bring the book on a book or, but I wasn't Oops, I'm sorry. Anyway, so there's my book review.com

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Gigi 18:48

on the by gendered are kind of gender bending.

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Jay 18:53

Unfortunately, the book didn't talk about that. So we can't segue into

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Gigi 18:58

Yeah, that somehow don't fit many categories.

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Jay 19:02

Did talk briefly they I looked up of course bisexual and the index I always do with books and had nothing. I looked up transsexual or transgendered, or whichever it was that was in there. I think it was transsexual, and they had a little blurb about it. You know, what do you do if I guess you're transsexual and want to get married and but they didn't really talk about by gender issues?

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Gigi 19:26

Yeah, well, I don't think too many. I mean, I haven't found very much on really by gender. Now. I've seen a lot on transsexuals. People wanting to be one or the other, or go from one to the other. But

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Jay 19:42

actually at the FBI conference in Boston, I noticed that that was really I mean, this is maybe seems to be a new thing, but we've talked about this before and bisexual conferences, there seems to be a lot of, for lack of a better term, I'll say transgender issue And by that I mean transsexual where you know change from being male to female or female to male. But then there also seems to be issues of, you know, intersex people, which is where you're not male or female, you're kind of neither in between someplace else, you know, I got a book called looking queer. So it was called looking queer. Yeah, cuz there's no one called queer Lux, which is about gay cinema. But this is looking queer, which is about body images, the Gay Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, etc, etc. Community and one of the authors is of course, my fav Raven Caldera, who was born intersex, had an operation to quote unquote, get fixed and was raised female and then decided, this is not me and is now taking hormones and is undergoing female to male surgery. Or, you know, the hormones change going through the change that way and lives as a pansexual intrasexual. person,

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Gigi 21:02

I believe is when pansexual is a big term in the BI community becoming bigger term.

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Jay 21:10

People use that because bisexual implies only two genders. That's what caldera does, it says pansexual because actually, caldera is mostly attracted to other intersex people. And so bisexual implies Yes, I like men and women, as opposed to pansexual I like people regardless of

gender. chronotype

**G** Gigi 21:30

No, so I how you identify as a person, I think, the pansexual label kind of get open saying it's even more means that, you know, you can be attracted to both, but you can also be both male and female. You can come you know, and enjoy role playing, you know, I like being girly some days and boyish other days. And it's like the bitch family, she you know, the lesbian community.

**J** Jay 22:05

You think of that book I was talking about? Gender? Me? Yeah. Femme itself. I mean, I think that that is a little bit more. You know, if we're gonna have to have a dichotomy, let's go for something like Butch Sam rather than male female, because what femme crosses the genital line, Epson can't hear myself. You know, you can have a butch male or Butch female, and they seem to be a bit more fluid. You know, I can say I'm Butch one day, a little more fun the other day and people now, I mean, back in the 50s or so I think, you know, 40s 50s stuff like that people had problems crossing those you were either Butch as in like, stone Butch, or you were a femme as in what we call lipstick lesbian these days. And, you know, there was there was nothing in between. So those have begun to blur as well. Maybe we'll see some.

**G** Gigi 22:57

And that's, of course, you know, one thing I've noticed too, with the gay community is that you do see some gays that are meeting people with the opposite sex and having

**J** Jay 23:10

another sex, shall we say?

**G** Gigi 23:16


The other sex and falling in love


**J** Jay 23:19


and other sex, not the other sex again. Okay. You're still in these


**G** Gigi 23:27


bind. So I'm so dizzy. But anyway,


 Jay 23:34  
I made you lose your train of thought and deny


 Gigi 23:36  
language is so weird. But


 Jay 23:37  
anyway, they're meeting people, the opposite sex will just say that, you know,

 Gigi 23:40  
you see it happening where people do fall in love not so much because of what's between the legs but what's in their spirit. And I think that's where I've always kind of been at as well a little bit about, like, what's between big time

 Jay 24:02  
I think people are more open to that now. And again, it used to be that there was these rigid dichotomies Yeah, if you were lesbian that meant you never slept with a man if you it reminds me that

 Gigi 24:14  
if you're gay man you never slept with a woman

 Jay 24:17  
that scene and go fish you know when I don't remember any of their names because only saw the movie once. That woman she slept with a man just for you notice just for kicks. And then there was it like, tribunal that that jury that trial, you know, oh, she really lesbian. Well, she's bisexual. She's just saying, I'm not bisexual. I'm a lesbian. I just happen to sleep with a guy. And there was just there's, you know, can you be a lesbian? If you slept with the guy? No, I mean that.

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Okay, can



Gigi 24:50

Yeah. And I just got a note pass that we need to do a ticket Pirsch we had,



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okay, we do need to do that. But okay. Demand and long ago, we got a caller, a note from a caller, who says when we were talking about the clubs and in Colorado Springs, he says it's cheaper to get a liquor license if it's a private club. Ah, maybe that's what it is probably easier to. Yeah, yes, we have tickets to give away. We do. It's to Billy's Hollywood screen kiss. It's August the fifth. That's Wednesday at 730 at the landmark Greenway three theater. We will be giving away tickets at 526-573-8526 KPFT. We would like you to pledge but that's not necessary. We are in the middle of a phone drive. It's our annual summer mini weekend fundraiser.



Gigi 25:55

And you say that 10 times real fast with a penis in your mouth.



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I had a penis in my mouth. I wouldn't care at that point. But I do care about raising money for KPFT. And it especially in the name of after hours.



Jay 26:17

Yeah, gotta let him Let him know that you're listening. That's right.



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It's, it's what our goal is not a whole lot of money. It's not going to make or break the station. But it does let management know that we have listeners who believe in this show. And and want to back it. Now I know a lot of them the number is 5265738. I also know that a lot of the listeners are teenagers and can't Yeah, because they don't have money. Or they're in the closet. Or you may be in the closet. If you have, you know if you're an adult, just think of when you were a gay teenager, or a queer teenager, or bisexual teenager or transgender teenager and you didn't have the money you couldn't do it. And you found out about your life. Through after hours or lesbian and gay voices and what it meant to you. You can pledge for those teenagers who are listening right now. 52657385 To 6k P F T It's 120 it's time for the news with big Roy and Michelle since I get their music in but we do want to hear from you with a pledge of support oops



Jay 27:42

oh just sing it Jim.



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I'm gonna have to well, I'm I'm finding out all the CDs are filled with people from the last show. It's



Gigi 27:56

all mine. Anyway, just to do a quick wrap up while you're looking for music. I did want to say that when I was a little kid Yeah. I did used to have a lot of problems with gender issues because I was a little bit of both boy and girl even as far back as I could remember. And I remember my father tried to beat me up. Key on tried to teach me to shoot this little thing and to the thing. The basketball big ball. I can never even hit the



Jay 28:30

daddy wanted you to play with balls. Anyway,



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he certainly did. But



Gigi 28:38

you know, I realized how different I was and and how I didn't fit into so many places. And then I discovered where I do fit in. And it's it's with the family of choice. What however you define that family I know how I do for me. Absolutely. It's a wonderful family to be a part of and I know a lot of people are in the closet but but we are out here. We're here for you and if you ever need us just look to Montrose .



Michelle Meyers 29:11

We did anybody to say that. Tt has a fantastic tan. He wondered and I think he must have done it nude.



Jay 29:23

No but he will show



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you know people talk about you know tanning in the nude but I want to do usually yeah but you know when you when you have a little something. Then you have the tan line so you can you can kind of show people oh look look look look the difference. There's something to be said for tan lines. Anyway, we will see you next week. We have more of the same and more of the different. Thank you Gigi and J Now it's time for big Roy and Michelle Oh, and after hours news



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and here's big Roy's and Michelle.



Roy 30:13

Good evening, Michelle.



Michelle Meyers 30:14

Good evening.



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That page off of that, Pat. Well, we



Michelle Meyers 30:17

had to mobile.



Roy 30:21

Well, glad to have you all here for this week's edition of after hours news with Michelle and myself. And we're going to start off with a hate crime Summit. Meet town hall meeting that happened today over at baring Memorial United Methodist Church on Harold Street. Michelle and I were both present for this meeting. present at that meeting was Texas Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee from the 18th congressional district, along with a nice Parker, city council woman at large. And quite a lot was talked about at that meeting.



Michelle Meyers 31:02

Yeah, it was really interesting meeting. Again, this is the second round table discussion. This Ben had in Houston, specifically about the hate crime that was committed in Jasper when Mr. James Harper Jr. was murdered last month, that again, his sister and his daughter both showed



up and both testify for the record on their feelings about hate crimes and their support of the hate crimes bill, which by the way, we understand is now going to be called the James Byrd Jr. Hate Hate Crimes Prevention.

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Roy 31:48

That's correct. Also present at that meeting, was acting assistant secretary, Acting Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights. Mr. Lee?

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Michelle Meyers 32:01

Yes, Mr. Bill Ionley.

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Roy 32:05

You're correct. A and the eldest daughter and sister of Mr. Byrd were there and they both had a very poignant entry into the into the discussion. And one of the mazing things that I found out that the current hate crime legislation has is so narrowly focused right now. That it's really incredible the way it's really working. I mean, it's,

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Michelle Meyers 32:39

that's, that's at the federal level. In order to get the crime, the hate crimes bill passed several years ago. Not only did they limit those people who were covered, which means it only covers race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, it didn't cover and it doesn't cover sexual orientation, disability, or gender. In addition to covering the few categories that it does cover, it also requires that when a hate crime is committed, it be committed on Joy during the victims. During only certain acts that the victim is doing, that are federally protected, such as going to school, acting as a juror in public transportation.

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Roy 33:36

And if, if they were in a convenience store that has a

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Michelle Meyers 33:41

video game. That came that actually. If you're in a convenience store, and it doesn't have a video game, then it's not a hate crime. If it does have a video game, then it is a call. That's very confusing, but that comes out of law. And that comes out of a case that occurred where the video games were considered something done on a nationwide basis, and therefore were part of interstate commerce. I don't understand anyway, the new law if it passes, and in order for it to pass, it needs support from a lot of people. It needs support from everyone in Congress, and there are a lot of people who don't support it. But if it passes then it will cover more categories that try to get sexual orientation or gender and disability into the eye and it will eliminate the

requirements that it be only only a hate crime when it's done when the victim is doing these few things that are federally protected. They're going to eliminate that for Shouldn't they hope only if it passes, however?

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Roy 35:04

Okay, now, I understand that we have a comparison here to the panel that was held on on July 4 at City Hall. Yeah, on July 9, it was July 9.

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Michelle Meyers 35:19

Council person jutaan. Pony representative, or Senator Rodney Ellis states, state senate for running house had a hate crimes panel or hearing at some of the city hall annex. And there, most of the discussion was around the hate crimes bill. And understandably shelf. Number one, it was about the hate crimes bill and enhancements to punishment, move for the States for the first data set. And this is the hate crimes bill that they're going to try to pass this coming year, and the state legislature. So that's why they were gathering information. And this one today was somewhat differently focused, although there was talk about the hate crimes bill, the federal bill, and there was some alluding to the state bill. The thing that a lot of the panel members brought up, and that Mr. Byrd's sister, and daughter both brought up was the need for education in the community, and cooperation within the entire community. And that's not just the gay community. That's the entire community of Houston, and of Texas, we work together in coalition to make sure that violence is considered as as considered abhorrent behavior, and is not tolerated.

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Roy 36:59

Also present at that meeting, to make his presence known was democratic gubernatorial candidate Gary Morrow, and some the US Attorney for this district and a special agent from the FBI that who specializes in civil rights violations.

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Michelle Meyers 37:19

Yes, as in fact, there were two people from the FBI that were there. And yes, Gary Morrow, good. The Democratic gubernatorial candidate did start by he was out today block walking in the Montrose. He's on a campaign to knock one 1 million doors. I don't know how he's gonna do that. A lot of doors not on fire. But he was out here today. And so he stopped by for a few minutes to lend his support to the discussion.

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Roy 37:54

You know, I want to say that it was really amazing that the congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee was able to attend, especially after events of yesterday, and Washington, and she was there for that, and I really did not expect her to, you know, be in any shape to come to this town hall

meeting. And like, I honestly believe that she must have been just running on adrenaline and coughing because she practiced not getting

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Michelle Meyers 38:25

sleep. Yeah. And she did a fantastic job today of pulling this whole thing together along with co sponsor and his partner. In the same way, I'd like to mention that as most of you know, Paul Bouchard, was beaten and stabbed to death on July 4 1991, by a group of young men who had driven into the Montrose area of Houston. And as basic to beat up some fears. One of

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them they murder they have a weapon in their hand when they beat him up.

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Michelle Meyers 39:06

Oh, they're picking him up with a two by fours. With nails in it. Mike Nelson. There were 1010 young men and four of them prison sentences in the risk of 10 years of probation. One of those congrat probation has never shown remorse for the murder. According to Paul Bouchard matter, Nancy Rodriguez, and he received a sentence of 10 years probation. He violated his probation because he was not serving. He refused to do the community service that was ordered. And that is why he's now serving time. He is up for parole. and Mrs. Rodriguez and book as being gay rights lobby of Texas are asking for those who find this find that this person ought to be kept in jail until he shows remorse, or until his sentences serve, whichever comes first is requesting that all those who are like I write to the parole board. So the gentleman's name who, who is involved in the murder of publishers is Galen Randall. His TDLC number is 727682. And you can write to Raven Catherine, the Texas Victim Services Division, Texas Department of Criminal Justice. That's post office box 13 401, Washington, Texas 78711. Now you can find the information. Also in this week's triangle, on page five. And Diane Hardy Garcia, who is the Executive Director of the Lesbian Gay rights lobby of Texas says that the fact that Paul's murders are already murderers are already eligible for parole is a clear illustration and the reason why we need tougher hate crime laws in Texas. She also adds that no mother should ever have to fight to make sure that her son's killer serve time. So I think we've covered enough on hate crimes. Let's go on. Okay, something a little more cheerful here, cheerful

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camp hope it's a children's project of AIDS Foundation, Houston, will be heading to camp for all that's going to be near Brenham. They're going to be leaving today July 26. And they're going to be there through July 31. With 54 children ranging in ages from seven to 16. Camp hope will provide a week long camping experience for children living with HIV and gives them a chance to be like other kids and enjoy camping, and most importantly life. Now it's estimated that over 15,000 children nationwide are HIV positive 1500 Children are born with HIV V