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J Jimmy Carper 00:22
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.

i 01:47
Hello, Houston in College Station in the world, and welcome to the November 9 edition of after hours. I'm Jimmy Carper. I will be your producer for the evening. And on my right

S Sarah DePalma 02:01
is Hello Houston. How the hell are you? Sarah DePalma again again? Yeah, filling in for Beth Richards who's into the hammer. I was in a Yeah. A Beth Beth Richards in Seattle, apparently a last minute thing. And I called Wednesday night and said would you do show Saturday? And so here I am.

i 02:22
It's she's up there with her heart group is like your heart convention or

S Sarah DePalma 02:28

so? Yeah, some or something like that. She can for something that yeah, she actually plays hard. And yeah, she's she's really very, you know, I had this horrible vision when she told me though 1000 people playing harp all at the same time to Lawrence Welk. Oh my god. I feel old. I feel ignorant.



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For late on Sunday night,



Sarah DePalma 02:50

yeah, well, lots of power. Repeat lots of polyester. Lots of crepe. Lots of really crappy music that wouldn't even make it is music. Any was on for years? Really years? I kid you not.



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Before we get too far into what I want to talk about the music that you heard, because it's all new. All new to this show. Yes, indeedy. New, new NEW NEW NEW NEW that mean Jimmy is it new? Yes. Thank you and I'm saying that because I'm trying to find this piece of paper



Sarah DePalma 03:22

this is called stalling stalling Yes. The



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first was is a really different CD. I mean, I get a lot of music CDs in and this is just very really different. This guy is not so much of a singer but he thinks to save a lot of the same sex stuff and some of it he talks but it's it's different than anything else going on because he's got to love what I did was I'm gonna fall in love this is by Jay spears and the CDs called boy howdy and in relation to Britney No, not even close. And the you know the first song is called my ray he then he has I like Mike and cry and over Brian and you know all kinds of you know, sounds like country western so it's just really direct direct mail to may have




Sarah DePalma 04:11


been crying over Brian twice. Close,





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but no cigar on a nursing. That's, I'm gonna fall in love. That's Jay spears. And you can check his CD out at [www dot j spears.com](http://www.dj-spears.com). J A y SPE ARS. That's how it goes. And the second one was really this is this is very, very special because I know you have not heard that song before


 Sarah DePalma 04:41
and I was dancing around the studio and that song I like this because the CD


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is not going to be released until Friday, November the 15th. It's David Lopez. The CD is called Latin lover. And yeah, yeah, by the Mingo. And the reason He's


 Sarah DePalma 05:00
a hook I mean seriously a hunk this


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this is a big deal that's going on because he is.

 Sarah DePalma 05:07
It's nice to see look like peewee.

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Would you like cleaner? Would you like me to talk about it? Jimmy, would you like me? Tell them about it. Do you have

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more information?

 Sarah DePalma 05:17
Oh yeah, Jackie. Jackie, widen the door. Hey Jack,

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I snuck behind you. David Lopez is going to be at Diamond gyms at 13 331 Kirkendall, which is up in north Houston on the 15th for the CD release party. That's right. He is going to be there in person. And they're going to have giveaways and so forth like that. So if you want to see him,

you know you need to come out That's



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right. He's gonna be there at 10 o'clock PM. And there is no coverage no



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cover charge and and their drinks are \$2 for well drinks.



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Yeah, can't talk about drink price. I'm sorry. No, that's okay. We can talk. If it's a fundraiser we can talk. Yes. Well, he did charges and stuff like that, but but not not okay. Okay. I'm sorry. That's okay. No,



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I didn't say that



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I'm in gyms. I do want to talk about diamond gyms because it has it's becoming the bar in the GLBT community because it is so welcoming of everyone. Everyone.



Sarah DePalma 06:21

Like another bar that I've heard about that is, shall we say not welcoming? Well, it



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and the other thing about it is their urge. It's like 10,000 square feet up there. They've got Yeah, and that Yeah. Oh, it is it's massive. And they've got a patio. You know, a deck, patio out on the side when the when the weather cooperates. It is it is a fabulous, fabulous venue. This evening, they had Joe Jordan was up there and they had a talent contest. 10 contestants make absolutely absolutely fabulous.



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That was what happened tonight. I just got this this week, or I would have talked about make me a talent star. Make me a talent make our talent show.



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Yeah, make me a star make me a star talent show. Exactly. Yeah. And there was prizes, and everything was prizes. And from what Theresa was telling me, there was somebody from one of the recording companies up there to to, to watch the show and listen to these people. And so you know, who knows?



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That's that's cool. And so next that's that happened tonight. Next Friday. Is David Lopez's CD released on the 15th. And on the 16th. It's called whip it wild weekend party. Oh, yes. This event starts at 8pm. And there's a closed door party open to members only memberships will be available at the door throughout the night at a cost of whatever for those in fetish attire.



Sarah DePalma 07:55

Okay, my kind of show I'm going



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Oh, yes. All



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those kinks, fantasies and fetishes out of the closet and parade



Sarah DePalma 08:04

them around. Oh, honey, I've done that already.



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Done. They're been there and got the t shirt.



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They only ask is that genitalia be covered? Oh, damn. Yeah.



Sarah DePalma 08:16

Well, well see once he was

well, well see once he was



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asking that you hot glue it. So well. Yeah,



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it can it can be covered with latex. Yeah. You know, so. You know, gee, I



Sarah DePalma 08:29

thought I left that party tonight.



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No, I'm talking about the liquid latex. Okay, other



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things going on?



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I didn't hear about that one. No, no, this is private. The diamond



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gyms was the venue that at the last minute stepped in for the transgender. Houston



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transgender cover girls had a Halloween party that was a fundraiser for the transgender shelter down in Galveston. And it was originally scheduled at another bar that children remain nameless. And a bunch of the Redneck idiots out there objected to the transgenders being there. And so unfortunately, the owner you know, hey, we're all related. The Alex Walker had to Yeah, well, yeah. Right. And so the owner had to cancel the, you know, renege on the on the offer to allow us to have it. And Jim Hale came through for us and we had a fabulous, fabulous Halloween party out there.



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Now, this is a bar it's 13 331 Kirchen doll. Diamond gyms, it's as she's I didn't know it was that big, but you're gonna find gays and lesbians you're



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gonna find you're gonna find you go you find everybody out there. I mean, I was out there tonight. There was close to 200 people there in the club. And there was probably I would say a good third of them that were straight couples that were out there. I mean, it is it's a it's a Everybody's welcome really



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for everybody. Everybody. Oh, cool. Accepting. Yeah.



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Well accepting straight couples. That's the big difference. That's



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right. Yeah. Well, I mean, not near Yeah. Non accept non accepted straight couples aren't going to come in there. Anyhow,



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there you go. They will be shown the door. Okay. Some other things I need to mention before we get into Sarah's segment. There's a whole other bunch, you know, this is the season. Now there's going to be fundraisers and events going on for now until so here we go. Get ready, because here's a whole bunch of stuff going on. There's a Mr. Prime choice benefit that's happening later today. Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, Sunday. That's right. Mr. It's a memory of Chris Robinson, Mr. Brian choice who, who of course, died last year, this year, this



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year, and he was missing. He was the reigning Mr. Prime choice at the time.



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Yes. And that's going to be at Sunday at 8pm at the rip cord and it's benefiting the Gulf Coast archives and museum.



Sarah DePalma 11:06

And worthy a worthy, very worthy and 40



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fives. There's going to this has been put on by Robert Harwood and he is going to be presenting the Gulf Coast archive and museum with Chris



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leather vest. Yeah, he's very nice. Yeah, that'll go Nimmer leather. Well, somewhat similar to the one that was done for lady victoria last



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two weeks ago, three weeks ago, two weeks ago. Whenever Whenever, at the, the the one of the parties downtown. Think it's a great party. The Misfits. It's the misfits locked down ball. There's so many there's so many. There's so much stuff going on the misfits lockdown ball, they presented the Gulf Coast archive and museum with with Chris shirt



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from fish from the from the best pet show.



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So now we have the shirt now we're getting the best so that's that's, that's good. And now and on Monday. There's another wonderful event happening put on by slag, HG LCC and G cam all of these different they stonewalled Lawyers Association, and the Houston lesbian and gay community center and the Gulf Coast archive and museum. It's GLBT history Houston's first decade 1975 through 1985. It's a history program with presenters Ray Hill, Phyllis Randolph Frey and Aaron Coleman. And this is going to take place 7pm Monday evening at theater suburbia. That's it. 1410 West 43rd That's 43rd and Ella



Sarah DePalma 12:58

43rd nella north



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north as a 610 loop there you go. On Ellen hanger hanger hanger left and go north.



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It's a benefit for for G cam and the community center. There's a suggested donation at the door no one will be turned away. Because we want everyone to be there. Oh, and as a matter of fact, Judy Reeves has just walked in.



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Amman, Judy Good, good. Where she



Sarah DePalma 13:26

wishes she was back down. Because I'm sure she'll be back.



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We're just talking about it. I know. I



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heard you in my car. Okay. The Misfits Baltic.



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Thank you so much. I was just talking about the GLBT history Houston's first decade I'm 75 to 85 happening Monday night at the theater suburbia West 43rd. Yes. on Veterans Day. History on Veterans Day Yes. Very good idea. So we're looking forward to that



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boy, can we hear that all right.



Sarah DePalma 14:10

We now know that Mike is 360 Yes. Okay, it even spotted even hurt a little rat is across.



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Matt Macintosh from our AC is also involved in this project. Jimmy,



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Jimmy, let me let me run something in here. There was a question asked where the whip at Wild Party is going to be that's going to be at Diamond gyms also. Yes. On the 16th which is Saturday, a week. From yesterday. Gyms is in case diamond gems is 13 331 Kirkendall. What you do is you go north on 45. Get off an extra 62 You hang a left on Rankin road for about 100 yards. You want to get in the right hand lane because you're going to immediately turn right on to Kirkland doll and it's about a mile and a half up on the on the left side. Ah, the landmark the GH past tumbleweeds, and you'll see a big spectral liquor warehouse sign. And then there's a yellow sign with a red outline on it. That's diamond geometrical if she's been there.



Sarah DePalma 15:13

She's probably given those directions before.



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Just once or twice. Yeah.



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My car, my car drives there automatically.



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History thing that's happening Monday night. Yeah, I see that Matt Macintosh from LPC is one of the co sponsors. Oh, okay. Some of our PR work and John nachtmann.



Judy Reeves 15:35

Yeah, Nachman in his SOC I slope. So key socio



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sexual orientation and gender identification section of the state board.





Sarah DePalma 15:44


It's pronounced Sophie.





Judy Reeves 15:46


 Judy Reeves 15:40
So she thinks so she never, nobody ever tells her flag. So we


 Sarah DePalma 15:49
have so many acronyms in this place. I don't know how we ever keep track.


 Judy Reeves 15:54
May not be on that press release. And I sent out OutSmart and the voice Oh.


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Oh, I did not know that. As a co sponsor. Hey,


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PFLAG. And Jimmy EO you're talking about? From 75 to 85. Yes. You know, when I came out, yeah, no, that's that's your

 Sarah DePalma 16:15
that was when we came out there. That's right. I hit Houston in 85. Was it that late? Yeah, it was in a graduated a&m and 85

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and 81 out Shut.

 Sarah DePalma 16:26
Shut the hell up.

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So Stephen, you can you can be there. You can be there with all your HATCH friends. Yes, definitely. Well, yeah, we're looking forward to having HATCH there too. Yes.

 Sarah DePalma 16:43
He isn't that vound.

...and then, I mean,



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You know, I know Sarah is dying to get into this. All of this. There's some other things coming up. Later today. From five until eight at Mary's Yes, the MJ summers benefit is happening. And yes, I am. J summer and J summers happens to be the other half of Steve bright well. Engineer for KPFT Oh, really? Yeah. Right. Yes. And how do you spell fun? Sex?



Sarah DePalma 17:17

Oh, it was a rhetorical question, sir.



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Bingo for cars benefiting coronation 19. Now, this is the Royal Sovereign impure record of the single star and they do a bingo thing once a month. Now. I know what you're saying. Oh my god. little old ladies. No, this has held it decades. Now little boy on 12 1200 block of Richmond and they have over five years.



Sarah DePalma 17:43

You think yeah, he knows when he places near before.



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But this is a fun little neighborhood type bar. You go in and this this happened happening at all. They didn't put the time on? Seven 7pm. Seven o'clock go in, you know about 630 Because there's munchies like hot dogs usually. Darlene, who's who wants to ballrooms a bar for fights that



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on this week as the bartender and banjos they're also and Jeff and a couple of others.



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Now, this is happening Tuesday, November 12. Tuesday, Tuesday? No doesn't work. It's not sad. Sunday. Yeah. Okay.



Sarah DePalma 18:24

Do you know when that stuff came from Sunday. Sunday Sunday, the issue of drag races all

Do you know when that stuff came from Sunday, Sunday Sunday, the issue of drag races all over the place? Yes. Anyone always held Sunday,



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Sunday, Sunday? Yes, yes. Chicago, St. John and the drag queens



Sarah DePalma 18:36

are everyday, everyday everyday



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record of the single star and went to this



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one. Incidentally, while we're talking about Imperial Court, the single star candidacy announcement was last Saturday. Late Yeah. Last Saturday night. The newborn? Yes. And we have two candidates for ampere and two candidates for Empress and they will be out campaigning, looking for your votes. And I have I have my favorites that you will be hearing about later. But, you know, probably in January, as as the voting comes closer to voting the voting they this year is going to be on January 11 and January 18. The heavy early voting Hey, all together now.



Sarah DePalma 19:25

Who's running?



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I knew you're gonna ask me that. Okay. Yes. For ampere Ronnie Siebert, who has for the last five years been president of the garden party. And Danny Deville, who is Mr. BRB this year for Empress is Lafonda St. John, who has worked her butt off this year. I mean, she is she's the one that opened up Boulevard saloon down in Galveston. For the court as well as the rancho saloon up in Conroe. And she is running and then Cheyenne St. John who is Miss BRB this year. So we have as I say, we have two for each position. The voting will be on the 11th of January and the 18th and it will be over here at the Resource Center. 500 love it at the corner. Love it and Whitney the ultimate building. Yeah, right. Exactly. And I'm I'm wanting to say that on the 11th It's like, one to four or something like that. It's a short you know, it's a short period, but we'll get the thing in January. We'll get it out to you. And then on the 18th It'll be all day from you know, from 10 o'clock in the morning till six o'clock in the evening.



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Friday October Oh, that's October nevermind. Since gone, whoa. Next



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number next November. I mean next October maybe that's it.



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The from the calendar of the Imperial Court of Houston. Friday November, yeah. November The 15th. From from eight until 11 There's the Texas leather man 2003 and the Texas leather woman 2000 Okay, now you're talking my language and the Texas leather boy 2003 Meet and Greet and this is this is the event boy



Sarah DePalma 21:24

doesn't mean what you think it doesn't leather sense.



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It has a specific meaning this is going on for two nights, the 15th and the 16th. And it's of course at Mary's Naturally, it's the, the the contest and it's a state preliminary preliminary to the American brotherhood weekend. 2003. And the net proceeds benefit Colt 45. So that's there's going to be all kinds of talent and leather and all kinds of stuff going on. Ooh, that'll be fun. I can handle it. Fall Harvest is happening. November The 17th. Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, November the 17th. That's four to 10 o'clock, benefiting the Colt 40 fives H triple fund featuring boot. Boot black by the Lone Star boys of leather. take a whack at Crystal and others pie toss. Now now now Nevada draw crowd and flies



Sarah DePalma 22:22

get a chance to throw a



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pie at Crystal Ray put your best foot forward silent auction this is shoes decorated and donated by local entertainers and organizations and a raffle for an HP digital camera.



Sarah DePalma 22:40

Oh nice. That's



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very nice and a show at eight o'clock. There's a Five buck donation at the door and and that's that's all I got there. Okay. Anything else that I that I left out?



Sarah DePalma 22:58

She's asking me



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like I know our court meeting is tomorrow at two o'clock No, no, no, it's gonna be over here at the Resource Center. 500 really? We've been meeting over there because it gets kind of it could kind of noisy in the bars and so forth. It's a little hard doing a little hard to hear



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the starboard Imperial for the single star has been going through major under under



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they have their they have gone undergone substantial renovations, reorganizations or whatever you want to call it. And you know, it's it to me, I mean, I've been a member for 15 years. And I believe in what the in what the court stands for, I believe in what they do. But they are probably one of the premier fundraising organizations in the city of Houston because they will work for any 501 C three organization does not have to be age related. I mean, we we worked for the the the pet patrol back when they were still alive.



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There isn't there is a new group now called paws. I am not sure what the acronym stands for. But



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of course they the court has also had a couple of shows for the transgender shelter down in Galveston to raise some money for them.



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I know, I know that they're putting a show or two on the books for Gulf Coast



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archive. And yes, they are. And in fact, they've already done a couple of shows, I think for them.



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And as as along with that there is another court called the Imperial Court of Houston and I have to mention that then. I think the city being the fourth largest in the country that there's probably room for two courts, different fundraisers, different things going on attracts different people, both Oregon physicians I think are doing a very fine job. And as, as treasurer of a 501 C three organization, I can't afford to piss either one of them off. Exactly. But that's not why I'm saying that. I'm saying that because the both groups are putting their best foot forward to raise money. Now, one other thing that's going on that I wanted to let you know, I'm going to just take up your whole show here. So



Sarah DePalma 25:28

you know, you're having a good time. I'll just kick back. The triangle



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has voting there's a voting ballots in last week's I think it was for the 2002 Texas triangle round up awards. Yes, indeedy. And you can vote for your favorite all kinds of things, from restaurants to bars to retail, to beverages and places and services. And let's see enter arts and entertainment. Let's see, do they have a best radio station? I certainly do think we looked at it last week. What do you know? KPFT.



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Yeah, we're working. We're campaigning for Diamond gyms on the best bar.



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Actually, this was in the November 1 edition of the triangle. But you can vote online at W cubed dot t x triangle.com.



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And the triangle has a very, very nice website. It's very easy. It's easy to navigate. Yeah, they've got a good site. very user friendly. Yeah. Unlike the Houston voice, which really needs major work,



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you know, for someone you know, I've been on the computer for nearly three years. I can go to I can take care of my email and I can go to porn sites. That's it.



Sarah DePalma 26:50

You better go while you can because Ashcroft wants to jail. That's



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what Merlin was saying. He finally got an email address. He still didn't have a computer, but he's got an email address. Great.



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Great. You know, I



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finally finally finally found a couple a couple of new sites and have the fantasy stories on them. I've been enjoying those.



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Yes, they are. Before we go too far. I want to say hello to Lynn from Pasadena. She has been listening to the show for a while and highly



Jimmy 27:23

Hello got your tape. Oh. Lynn sent a really nice email to after hours. kpft.org. And just really, you know every once in a while it's nice to to hear from people who are listening to the show.



Sarah DePalma 27:42

It's nice to know there's an audience out there.



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Somebody out there I got it



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wrong, huh? Okay, Chris is going to tell you the real address after hours kpft@hotmail.com
Sorry.



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Don't worry you just combine a couple of different things Yeah, well hey,



Sarah DePalma 27:58

are you can send it to religious idiots post office. If you tuned in and you're looking for the
radio, Steve's religious station is to the right, literally.



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And of course, I wouldn't say hi to my MBBS out there.



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somewhere to the right of Attila the Hun.



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No kidding. Especially Paul, who who's been writing faithfully for for a couple of years now. And
let's see this pet green eyed devil who wrote a very nice oh,



Sarah DePalma 28:28

I should say yes. That's today. Get that postcard in prison. My God.



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Roy and color and Randy and what



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do you have the envelope to show her that that guy sent that there

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Sarah DePalma 28:42

it is. And that was obtained in person somewhere? Yes. Yes. We got a letter. I'm gonna leave it right there because Ray might get upset with me from



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somebody some man by the name of Kevin Mensa. Me. Ns a H from Ghana. Who was looking for pen pals.

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Sarah DePalma 29:03

Get the East African nation of



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Ghana. Ghana. Yes. Ghana.



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Yeah. listening on the internet must have been That's great. Yeah, no gonna



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have the 22 year old gay looking for personal con towel. Trust



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me they do I get I get a you know, about once a week I get one of the damn scam letters from from Ghana or Nigeria,



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Nigeria. For



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Yeah. Yeah, no, this this is very, very nice. And of course, you know, a lot of the guys who write us or MBBS are looking for pen pals to Yeah, and most of these guys are especially like Paul, and they're really



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wonderful written letters



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here. Yeah. Well, the other thing, too, that you got to realize is that there are several countries. I don't know that Ghana is one of them. But there are several other countries in Africa, and that the government and the powers that be in the government are rabid. Deadly anti gay Yes. And so these people have to be very very careful. Just



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like the prison system, which is women in America anti gay right here. Yes. Especially the Texas prison system. So if you'd like to be a pen pal give us a call up here right now and talk to big Roy 713526573871352 6k P F T. I'm really gonna I'm really gonna give you the show now.



Sarah DePalma 30:31

I wasn't saying the word it was



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10 minutes left.



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You know you can say that your party



Sarah DePalma 30:42

I was determined not to say and you know the best part is when I leave he'll still be strung up waiting for me.



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There's nowhere to go.



Sarah DePalma 30:51

I Scott the key.



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Worrying big right coming in here holding is but



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I wanted to take this where the caller was given with



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a pen pals.



Sarah DePalma 31:02

Oh ladies and gentlemen, this is called Live disorganized radio. This is Radio chaos.



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We are a weapon of mass distraction.



Sarah DePalma 31:17

Radio circus and just think the religious right is afraid of us and I don't see why. You're listening to after



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hours on KPFT Houston and ke OS College Station. I'm Jimmy Carper. Sarah DePalma is really the assistant producer for the evening. Steven is here Jackie don't leave it and Chris and and big Roy are in the lobby along with Philip and David Lee and David and Lee



Sarah DePalma 31:44

and all the usual suspects. Yeah.



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I want to say hi to my friend Jonathan, who is driving home from work. He's listening. Oh, hi, Jonathan. asleep at the wheel.



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No, heck, No,



Sarah DePalma 31:55

he won't fall asleep. Now the way that we've been doing this show, are you tuned in because I think we're all insane. We are.



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You don't have to be but it really helps to do this.



Sarah DePalma 32:06

I've been doing this show I found insanity is very helpful. We have had some guests on where I'm convinced and and Sandy was the only way to survive. Yeah, boy. Well, you want to talk about the subject of the show now whether it's okay. I thought we talked about the election results. Oh, okay.



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Okay. Did you want to talk? Do we really have to?



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Do we really have to? Yeah,



Sarah DePalma 32:29

I don't think there's all this there's a reason for everybody be jumping off buildings here. Oh, really? Yeah. I really doubt. What I've been




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reading this is controlled by Republicans? I




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don't know. Rainbo has been threatening to move to Canada.


 Sarah DePalma 32:43
Would they have


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somebody respond? In Canada already has a queen

 Sarah DePalma 32:51
trying to picture him driving the art car across the border?

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I don't think that was Chris's line, wasn't it? I think Wait a minute, Jackie, Jackie versus line and he

 Sarah DePalma 33:05
I'm here for that. I tried to fish for Rainbow rainbow crossing the border and then telling them you know, Studebakers are not allowed. Anyway, no, I, I do want to talk about the election. And I think we are we should probably start out with a couple of things. First of all, I want to say hello. I am with I have been recently corresponding with the number of transgendered kids about the importance politics. And I have gotten several letters in the last couple days saying, well, what's the big deal whether you voted or whether you didn't vote? Oh, oh, well, okay. First of all, you gotta marry these people young. So let's start with that. At least they weren't going out to vote. Yes, that's a start. But the question that was great was brought to me was does it really didn't make any difference who we elect? Oh, does it ever and I think it's a legitimate question, because I've heard other people talk about it, too. First of all, let me say, Yeah, okay. The Republicans swept the election. That's not necessarily cause for jumping off a bridge. And let's start with the case studies of Denver, Denver. Denver, Denver lost, not because she ran a bad campaign. Oh, she was redistricted out of her district. Yes. And she was put into a neighborhood she was putting into an area where it was larger nominally predominantly Republican was predominantly Republican. She knew from the start that this was going to be a very hard race,

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and they did it on purpose.

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Now, now, let's back up a minute. How did that happen? Deborah has a history of quite

honestly of pissing people off in the legislature. And Deborah was a champion of some extremely unpopular causes. She stood up for the rights choose in a time when when the legislature was that was not a popular thing to do. And I think what we've what we've seen if you've watched Deborah over the years is Deborah has had a history of standing up for unpopular causes. Yes, he stood up for gala gay rights. She took in transgenders to the legislature. The first time that we went, there was Phyllis and myself and we went this there were six of us. She sat us down and talked to us for an hour and a half, about the way to approach this. I mean, it was a college education and politics one on one that we got from Deborah, and we got for free. She stayed until 10 o'clock at night for that hearing, so that she could be there to work with us, even though she had you back into her office at 6am. The next day, wow. That's the kind of person that you want to elect. But it's also the kind of person sadly, that becomes a target. She outworked the Republicans. She outsmarted the Republicans, and it made her a target of the Republicans and they got her. They got her. Okay, now, here's the deal. The her election comes up again in two years. Okay, assuming that she runs and we don't know if she will. But we've got two years to get our little act together. For transgenders that losing Denver, Denver is a serious disaster. Yes, it is. We had already lost Glen Maxine Austin because he had left. Yes, we lost two legislators from Austin who were extremely friendly to us. We lost to two representatives in the valley, who were very, very friendly to us. This is a major disaster for the for transgenders. Having said that you might think well, gee, Sarah is gonna pack up the tent, and she's gonna go home. If you think that you don't know me very well. All right, just the opposite. Yeah, if you think that you don't understand how I operate. With T gain the tray, the Texas gender advocacy Information Network is being re instituted. We are already work at putting together a lobby day, we will probably work with the Lesbian Gay rights lobby in Austin and attend their lobby day, in addition to ours, so that we will go to the legislature at least twice. Now, the minute the minute, I opened my mouth, and I said, we're going to Austin, the email started. You're gonna go to the Republicans and let them know that we exist. What do you think the Republicans grew up in the cave? Already? Hello? Yeah.



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Let me let me say that let me let me say this. Beth Richards denied this last time, we had the lobby days up there. We went to my state representative who is Joe Nixon, who is probably one of the most right wing. He's not religious right wing, but you know, probably, he's very conservative. But he's not. Yeah, and yet, he gave us I mean, he gave us 30 minutes of his time for us to sit down and explain our positions on these on these things that we were concerned about. And so you know, if he will listen to us, trust me, there are other Republicans who will listen to us as well,

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well, since we're not going to have Deborah there. And we're not going to have Glen Maxie there. And we're not going to have several other friends there, this is going to be a very difficult session for us, which means we're going to have to be sharper than we've been. We have to be more patient than within. And we're going to have to do a better job of educating than we've ever done. So already, I went on the net, I went on the hand that list today. And I have invited every gay and lesbian group in the city, and it's in from the surrounding area, and said to them, we're gonna go to Austin in February, you want to come you're more than welcome. And we're

going to invite gays and lesbians to deal with this. Now, we talked about doing that last time, but it never happened. And I'm not gonna go into why it didn't. Because that's, that's old news. The important thing is this time the invitation is out there. I'm hoping the gay and lesbian community is going to accept, I've already had very positive feedback from gay lesbian Political Caucus about it. So I think that that's change. The point is, yeah, we lost the election. What, whether it's a disaster or not depends on our reaction to it. Well,



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the other thing also is the last time we were up there, we had a package of information which we left with the representative, Mr. End, and it was absolutely fantastic. Because it was a total educational experience for some of those people. They had no, they were totally ignorant of what transgenders were, and perhaps more importantly, what they were not. And we were able to put a face on our problems and our concerns. And we got a lot of positive feedback. Well, we didn't do it, but it's an educational process. It's a one on one educational process one person at a time. Well,



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already I've heard I started hearing, getting email from people who said, Well, you realize that if you go you're just going to raise your visibility and make yourself up there. Your target. Great. Can I Can I mention the name Christy Littleton to these people? Yeah, I think we've already been a target. Yeah, um,



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you know, nail gardener and Yeah, a couple of other I think we've



Sarah DePalma 40:13

been targets.



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Silence is not the answer. And so the point that I tried to make to these transgendered state kids, transgender teenagers was that, yeah, we lose an election. If we fold up our tent and go home, we layer make ourself willing victims, and then it is a disaster. If we, on the other hand, say, All right, we took a licking. But we're gonna dust ourself up, and we're gonna go back to work, it could actually end up being a plus for us. It's all in the the approach that we take. Now I say that because maybe the audience there remembers the audience, you don't know what hand knit is. It's the Houston activist network. And it's a group of individuals that that meet on the internet and discuss political issues of all kinds, among other things, well, besides the personality tax, you get that.

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But and there has been a good deal of discussion on hand net, and basically a lot of weeping and gnashing of teeth. Oh, my God, the Republicans won the election. You know what? I actually agree with Steve Lipinski on this. Steve Lubinski is where they is definitely the head of the Log Cabin Republicans. His argument has been for years that if you put all of your political eggs in one basket, somebody's gonna drop the basket. And he's right. He's totally absolutely right. We put all our eggs in the desert in the Democratic basket, and they made scrambled eggs for us. I've said all along the T game would always be renewed partial organization for just this reason. And nobody could ever come back and say, You know what, we're favoring one party the other? Because we assume both parties are ignorant. Equal Opportunity offenders. Yeah, there



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are there are Democrats that are not our friends.

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Oh, we've met though. Yeah, we've met. So I actually think Steve Lubinski has had a has a point. Now. And actually, I admire some of the work that the Log Cabin Republicans have done. It takes a lot of guts to walk into a place where you know, you're not wanted to stand stand up and make a case for yourself knowing you're going to be shouted down or voted down or treated like her dirt. And I know there are a lot of people out there who know me you can say did I hear her just say something positive about Republicans? Yes, I did. Because I have to give credit words do that. It doesn't mean that I agree with all the LCR policies, because obviously I don't, but I respect courage when I see it. And this case, there was definite courage. Now the question that I've got about Deborah Dan Berg's election now, somebody can explain this to me, maybe I heard a lot of ads for Martha Wong. I saw a lot of ads for Martha Wong. I saw very few for Deborah anywhere except in Montrose was Deborah just outspent by that much could be? I mean, I'd be interested in knowing if she spent more would it have made a difference? I don't guess we'll ever know that. I



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don't know. Because the predominant voter tilt in in that district now is Republican HATCH, like, you know, two thirds Republican versus 1/3. Democrat. And I don't know that the spending would have really, you know, additional spending would have done that much. The only thing that might have helped is if we could have turned out the entire 1/3 which we have the Democratic vote, which is, you know, pie in the sky hit ain't gonna happen. Well,



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I have no, I have a different theory about this pet this election. Frankly, I didn't like either Governor candidate and voted in ended up voting for the Green Party, which was my way of saying, screw the both of you. If this is the best the two parties can put up. I'm not going to

vote for either one. A pox on both your half wagon, both your houses. And my argument was all through the election is if you're going to want get my vote. You have to show me what you believe. And I think that's the message of this election that the Democrats should take home with them. Well, I know what the Republicans stand for. We may not like it, but we know what they stand for. What are the Democrats stand for? Well,



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that was part of the problem was the Democrats who never got their message across. I was surprised that the turnout was as big as it was because they supposedly the turnout was about 40%. Early, early voting made a big gain, which is absolutely incredible. For an off year election.



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I really learned early voting has makes the big makes the big difference. Because if you pin somebody down to one day to go vote, then many times you just can't do it. We



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voted two weeks early. Yeah, well, this you know this I did too, but this this last week I've been reading the editorials and Houston comical. And there have been several of them that have been excellent analyses of the election insofar as why the Democrats did it poorly. And basically it boils down to the Democrats never got their message across. And as you said, they didn't know what the Democrats should point



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out now that people are voting early, more and more and more, you've got to get that word out earlier. You can't wait till about the last week.



Sarah DePalma 45:33

I saw a lot of ads last week after a lot of my friends that already voted. Yes,



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I received a pasal of ads after I'd already voted and very few before I believe so



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full of telephone calls telling me on Monday and Tuesday telling me to go out and vote.



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Well, so what does this week mean for the state legislature and then we'll talk about Congress. Well, first state legislature, it means for the first time we have a Republican governor, a Republican lieutenant governor, and a Republican Comptroller, if you are gay or lesbian, and important, Attorney General. Well, what, you know, I had, I had my differences with Diane Hardy Garcia, but I'll say this for her. When, when Republicans tried to bring anti gay bills to the floor, she was able to go Glen Maxie and Deborah Dannenberg and she got those bills killed. There's nobody in the legislature, there's nobody in the legislature this time around, that's going to stop those bills from coming to the floor. That's the real disaster. If you're a right wing nut, and why we know we met plenty of them there in the state legislature, and you introduce a bill, no one's going to stop that bill from coming to the floor. No one's going to be there to take a look at legislation and make sure that things are not what they call add on legislation little writers added on, you know, as to get it passed, just to get it just to get it passed. That's the real danger. And that's the problem we're also going to have in the Congress. First of all, I'll tell you right now, I'm telling you the gate to the transgender community, this gay community can do what it wants. But I've already said the internet, Kiss Me Goodbye. And it's gone. I'm not wasting one more minute on end, I'm not going to beat up the HRC and do one more time. There is no point to it. As long as I happen to end is Dead is dead gets. So all for those those people out there two years in, you know, and I got email right away from? Well, now what does this mean to end it, it means you can bend over and kiss it goodbye is what it means and this through. It wasn't it was on life support before the election. You know, it had been filibuster twice, so and so is that it never hit the floor. It was not ever going to pass. Now you can forget it. We're at this point. What the HRC is saying very roundabout way is we're going into defense mode, folks. Because and that's right. And again, I have to say the the HRC actually did endorse some Republicans. The real problem that they've got is the Republicans don't come to screen for our endorsements, like the Democrats do. You're afraid? Well, yeah, that's the problem is and that is the Republicans have got party discipline in the Democrats. What is it that was one set about the Democrats? I don't vote for any damage to any organized party, I vote democratic?



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Well, the the thing that scares me more than the agenda and so forth. wipin is the control of the Senate that they now have. Yes. And I just hope to God in the house to go with it. Well, yeah. But I'm you know, I'm what I'm concerned with is that the Senate is the one that approves judicial nomination. Oh, that's real. Yeah. And I just hope to God that they that the remaining Democrats in the Senate, have guts enough to come together and filibuster some of these of these radical right wing nominees, Owens and some of the others that are, I mean, there was a thing in the in the paper the other day that Patricia, and this is going to be re resubmitted as a nominee for a federal judgeship. George



Sarah DePalma 49:21

Bush may get to appoint as many as three United States Supreme Court justices, right this session. Well, they are they are going to be here long after Bush is gone. 20 years later, those appointees will still be here.



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Exactly. Yeah. Say because there are several of the Supreme Court nominees that were the Supreme Court justices that currently that were wanting to retire or whatever, that there would be a Yeah, hoping that there would be a Republican president and a Republican majority.



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It's not just Supreme Court justices, either. It's going to be anywhere along the federal bench. Yeah, the problem is going to be like this this like, for example, sodomy case that's coming up now. The Supreme Court may find analisi FIST axotomy case taxes if Thika. If this comes if the Supreme Court changes before the case gets heard, you can all love it's all over all over his right. I don't think it will. Unless you know what's one of the Give me some of these justices are pretty elderly if one of them has a stroke or something. The point the point being, that the gay and lesbian issues in any kind of an agenda that we may have had, I think is pretty much gone. The hate crimes bill was hate crimes legislation that was in Congress, I think you can pretty much forget it.



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Well, the challenge of 2106, then Gardner and whatever the other guy's name is that supposedly the Supreme Court is going to hear



Sarah DePalma 50:44

you're not gonna hear the gardener case. The gardener case is not appealable to the United States Supreme Court.



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The 20 1060 2106 That's what I'm talking about. Yeah, yeah. They the two men out in Pasadena or wherever the heck it was. Yeah, that one has been appealed to the Supreme Court. And it may be your standing that you know that they they've issued a writ of certiorari. And they are going to hear it. What the what their dissent. You know what their decision will be. You know,



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the timing is the key here. Yeah, what their decision will



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be problematical



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Supreme is after Florida. Oh,



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I have absolutely no vote no, no faith. And well, that's



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something that really scares me, Jimmy's, because the Bush administration is now saying they may not have had a mandate before, but they have one now. So here's my question. It just like the Reagan administration, where they increased budgets, at the same time that they cut taxes. The Bush administration plans do the same thing. We're going to go under what Yeah, and they're gonna be they're going to continue to increase the military. And at the same time, the Bush administration is saying, but we're going to make the tax cuts permanent. Well, not Wait, how do you increase expenses while decreasing revenues, and not have a huge deficit? The answer is we already do. In less than two years, the Bush administration completely wiped out the Clinton surplus in less than two years. Yeah. You know, and I mean, those kinds of issues. It's too late to do anything about it now. And I would tell you that I thought the Democrats did a lousy job of making any of those issues clear to anybody. I think they ran scared of George Bush. I realized that 911 had something to do with it. But the Democrats ran scared. They ran lousy campaigns. In a lot of cases they just absolutely didn't make it clear what they stood for. In I had to awful to say they deserve to lose the Republicans ran better ran a better campaign.



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Excuse me, I need to jump in here and and remind folks that they are listening to after hours Queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke o s college staysure station. Oh my god. I'm Jimmy Carper. I'm your producer for the evening and my assistant producer is the raging redhead next to me, Sarah DePalma. That's nice. I like that. I read it and Stevens here. Jackie Thorne is here.



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I'm the quiet redhead. Oh, yeah. Right.



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Since when? Not before today? Yeah. I



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mean, you know,



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well, the other thing too, the other point that has raised the



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wind was assessee. The



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other thing that has been raised in the in the newspapers and on the radio and television regarding the campaign that was run is the leadership of the Democratic Party was ineffective, Dashiell and so forth like that. They ever had, caved in caved in on a lot of the lot of the bush proposals. And so the public and the public basically said, Well, you know, what, they



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they ran away from Bush instead of confronting him in in, you know, maybe the economy's in the dumps. It has been for longest time, but you didn't hear anything about the election in the economy in this campaign. You're right. You heard about Iraq. We heard about about Homeland Security. We heard about all these other issues, but we didn't hear about things like the economy. We didn't talk about the fact that the poverty level is now at the highest level that he's been in, in 50 years and is continuing to escalate. We didn't hear about the continuing unemployment. We didn't hear a single word about where the governor's race, there was some discussion of Enron, but somehow Bush escaped any culpability with it. Can you believe me? The bottom line here is that there were plenty of issues to run on. And the Democrats didn't do it. Nope. For whatever reason, they didn't do it. I think now what again, going back to my basic theme here, they've got two years to look themselves in the eye and say, Okay, we really blew it. When we come back in two years, we're going to have united front we're going to have delineated issues, and we're going to let people know where we stand. And and if they do that they may actually have a shot if they continue to do nothing. Like Sanchez did except throw mud at one another. People like me are gonna say I'm not gluten free the one of you people. Well,



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the other thing too, also that, you know, you your original premise of talking to the to the young people and you're trying to answer their question of why should they go out and vote is because for this to occur, it's going to have to occur at the grassroots level there may have to

get involved at the precinct level, they're gonna have to get involved at the state senatorial level. And there's not a reason in the world why they cannot do so. But it's gonna require time and effort, and it's going to dedication.



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I'm hoping I'm hoping they'll come to lobby day with us. There are no more wonderful than contacting in Texas. And I'm hoping they will come to the lobby day, because I want them to get the feel. I guess I should tell the public how lobby works, and why and why lobby day,



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you cannot explain until you have been there how empowering it is to walk down the marble corridors of the state capitol and have your heels clicking on marble. Absolutely incredible.



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A lot. Let me what happens is a lot of the people who attend what a lobby day event is, is when a group of people and it could be any group really gets together and they decide to go to Austin, and talk to the legislators. Now I've already talked to a number of transgender teenagers who don't believe that's possible. Well, surprise, it is it is. And as I've told them, the legislators are our employees, I grant you that in Texas, we pay them next to nothing in it doesn't pay their rent, but hey, they are still our employees. Therefore, we have the right to go and speak to them. And and that's one of the reasons I would like them to come. And they have the



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time delays districts why I have no representation whatsoever.



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And they have the obligation to listen to us also. They may not agree with us, they may not you know act on what we said Joe Nixon being the the prime example, come but he at least listen to us, right?



Sarah DePalma 57:11

You set up your appointments ahead of time. And you go and you get to talk to legislators. Now typically, what we have done is we've had our information pamphlet ready, in and when we go we try to coach people ahead of time and explain to them what the issues are. But realistically what we want people to do is to go and tell their story. The transgendered story is compelling. It's fascinating. It times it's heartbreaking. But trying but law lawmakers were almost without fail, regardless of party are amazed at how well spoken we are, and how well prepared we are

and how open we are about our circumstances, and about how their votes affect us in ways that they that the legislators could not have seen or imagined. And without fail, every time that we go. There are people who are there for the very first time and come out and say to me, it's for the start of this thing. I don't know I'm scared to death. So we always match up people that are new, I call them our newbies. We match them up with people that have gone and lobbied before. And then within cutting two or three hours, they're back and they're their eyes are bright and their cheeks are flushed. We really got to talk these people and they listen to us. Yeah, yeah, that's what's called representative pollen representation, folks. And I know, hopefully that can happen, but it does.



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And the other thing is also we we focus on our issues, he'll specifically we tried to minimize the number of issues that that you know, that we're bringing to them the most important ones so that we don't overwhelm them. And we also so that we ourselves do not get confused by all of the different



Sarah DePalma 59:01

we're going to focus on the Littleton case this time. Also, I until the election, I thought we had an excellent chance of getting a name slash gender marker, Bill chan fast with the big change in the legislature now. I don't know. Well, could happen with 911 It's gonna be a hard sell. Yeah,



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it could it could happen because of the fact that there will not be the questioning, there will not be the the fear on the part of some of the Republican legislatures that if they vote for this, they will be you know, it will not be the cutthroat issue that it that it could have been or was in the past.



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Well, this is also our first lobbying effort since 911. And already, you can see in some of the legislation that was being proposed. How am I Much more security has become an issue. And already I have Starr, I've heard I've heard that one of the problems that we're gonna run into with the name and gender marker bill is that it flies in the face of what they're doing with 911. It asked for looser security, not tighter. And so that's going to be an issue. The point that I want to make to the people that are listening now is yes, you really can make a difference. Now, the people who contacted me and said, hey, you know, well, why should it bother to vote? Well, first of all, one vote matters. But it's beyond that. It's yours is your duty as a citizen. And beyond that, it's it's there's a huge difference in philosophy between these two parties. I mean, there really is, there's a big difference in the philosophy between the Republicans and the Democrats. The Republicans made their philosophy clear, and the Democrats didn't. But I mean, that's the truth of it. But the fact is, there is a big difference. And if you want a certain outcome, the best way to affect that outcome is to vote. The



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canard that there's not a dimes worth of difference between the two is absolutely a total lie. It's a totally large difference. Yeah. Because the thing about it is and and this is the thing that a lot of people don't realize, is just because you're a Democrat does not mean you are liberal on every issue, just because you're a Republican does not mean you are conservative on every issue. You can be conservative in certain areas, and you can be liberal and others, which is the reasoning behind I think the LCR that and you know, that there there are certain areas financial and and defense and so forth like that in which they are conservative and agree with the Republican position. By the same token, they there are areas in particularly in the social aspect of the thing as social services and and so forth like that, that they are basically liberal, and they disagree with the Republicans, and therefore they are trying to get the Republicans to understand their concerns.



Sarah DePalma 1:02:09

Well, there are big differences in defense. There are big differences in abortion. There are big dishes and big differences in women's rights. There is big difference on on the role of religion in society.



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Well, these are also hot topics, everybody I mean, no, yeah, me



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there are there are huge differences in the philosophies between the two, that the Republicans would like to make as a more religious state, not a less, not less. Well, that's



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part of the problem is is that the this, this small minority of the Republican Party has usurped the power and CO opted the you know,



Sarah DePalma 1:02:46

why party because the majority stays home. Yeah, exactly. Then. And I've heard people say same thing. Well, you know, you know, the Democrats are entirely liberal. You know, why? Because the people who oppose them stay home. If you want change, get off your duff and go do something about him. One person does make,



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to give you an example. I mean, you know, the Republican Party, at one time had a liberal

to give you an example. I mean, you know, the Republican Party, at one time had a liberal wing, Nelson Rockefeller knows is the prime example of that.

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Sarah DePalma 1:03:13

I voted for Tom Weicker from Lowell Weicker from Connecticut, you know, the three times or a liberal Republican senator. Yeah.



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But the the liberal Republican, if that's not a contradiction in terms, and I don't think it is now. Yeah, it is now. Exactly. So that's the point I was trying to make is the fact that the liberal Republican, there is no place for them in spite of the in spite of their protests to the to the contrary, that the Republican Party is the big tent, you know, available to everyone. Hey, it ain't not unless you get in there. And you know, and try to move, particularly with regard to the social issues, move this monolith to the left, and it can be done or while really not to the left, but moving to the center, to where, you know, to where the vast majority, that's the problem. Majority of the people are moderates.



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The thing about this Jackie is this comes at a time when transgenders are really making gains nationally. There was just an ordinance that was passed in the city of Boston, that there was an ordinance that passed just within the last couple of weeks in Chicago. So here you've got major cities now, in addition to Seattle, now, you've got major cities like Washington, and not Washington, DC, but rather on New York, and Boston, Seattle, Louisville, Kentucky, and places like this. Whoa. So there's nothing there. It's clear that transgenders are making progress at the local level, which was always my philosophy from the get go is if whatever change we make is going to have to be done at the local level. The question is now that there is a perception that this is a more are conservative society are we going to be in find ourselves in a position where we start to see those ordinances being repealed? And in already that has been attempted it lost



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three out of four or something like that law and



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so I think there is an area where we're going to have to look for and that is, are we gonna we start losing those gains that we made in we're gonna have to watch out for those because that's going to be a problem.



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Yeah, we're gonna have to we're gonna have to protect those and we're the Dave Wilson's and the idiot that from Dominos Domino's Pizza that ran the ran the campaign up. Monaghan ran in Ypsilanti, Michigan. We're gonna close them.

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Sarah DePalma 1:05:48

Don't ever spend another nickel on on the Domino's Pizza. Well, no,

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he's out of Domino's Pizza. Now he sold he sold it. And that's where he got the money to run the campaigns and stuff that that still

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this guy is incredibly anti gay. Oh, yeah. He was one of the original founders of Jerry Falwell's movement.

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I mean, you know, he's, he's in he's to me, he is in the same league as Fred Phelps.

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Sarah DePalma 1:06:15

Well, I don't know Phelps is in a world. And what about people like Chris Bell know, Chris Bell is a newly elected freshman Congressman, a Democrat. So here, so the question is, how

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effective is it going to be? Well, no

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freshman Congressman has ever effective. I mean, they just aren't. They know, they got the smallest offices. They have the smallest staff. They know it's not because he's Democrat. It's because he's a first term. Yeah, they get no crappy committee, the office buildings furthest away from Congress. You know, I mean, those are the kinds of perks you earn it with longevity. So, I mean, there's, we should probably not be expecting a lot from Chris Bell. Not at least not his first term. There's a lot to get acclimated to, there are a lot of changes. What about Sheila Jackson Lee? Well, Sheila Jackson Lee is an interesting case, you may remember the last time and it came to the floor, she voted not present. So this is a person who says that she's friendly to gays, who mouthed the words, but when a push comes to shove, she's nowhere to be found.

I think that I think one of the things that the that the we in the GLBT community, we've got to learn how to do, we've got to learn how to hold our representatives feet to the fire. And the next time is something like India comes to the floor. If Sheila Jackson Lee votes not present again, we got to organize to defeat her. You know, I'm sorry.



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Of course, the unfit Well, it would have to be done at the primary level, because she's gonna started in November in the November election. I mean, she gets a shoo in.



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Well, but I mean, it's time we, it's time that we agree. I agree. We endorsed these candidates. And we and and, and gay, lesbian Canada and Political Caucus and caucuses around the state, they endorse these people they in and yet when it when it comes down to the vote, and those people don't support the gay K causes. We don't say it's Buddhism. Yeah, we need we need to let the right wing that say this way, what you want about the right wing, but they know how to hold the free the candidates feet to the fire. And it's about time we learned how to do it, too.



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Yeah, of course, what happens is particularly in the Republican Party with the with the large contingent of radical religious, right wing people, essentially what they do is, if some, if one of the Republican incumbents does not vote according to the way they think that he ought to, they put somebody up against him in the primary, they try to knock him out in the primary.



Sarah DePalma 1:08:52

Well, I'm not sure that I necessarily agree with that. But you're right. I mean, that is what they're doing. I just think that it's time that we start holding our political allies responsible for the votes that they make. One of the descriptions and I've I've always heard is that is that a liberal is a person who leaves the room when the fight starts. And we've seen too much of that. I mean, we really have I would hope that over the next two years, that the gay community would take a look at the way that they do endorsements. Now, I'm not picking up the HGO PC, because they're not the only organization state that does this. I'm talking across the board here. One of the things that we've got to do is we've got to start getting smarter in our endorsement procedures. And that is we got to start extracting some promises to them. And if they don't live up to those the next time they come around, we got to hold them to it and say where did what happened to you where did you go why why did we need we need to get responsibility and and right now I don't think we've got that not in the same way that the the right wing that the that the Republicans are able to enforce party discipline. The Democrats don't seem capable of it? Well, of



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course, one of the one of problems has been in over the last several years. The Political Caucus here in Houston has been in substantial disarray.

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Sarah DePalma 1:10:11

Well, yeah. I'm not picking it down,

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either. But I think that the the people who are trying to remedy the situation now. I've got to believe their heart is in the right place. The thing that bothers me is the point that you made earlier that the the perception is the Political Caucus is basically an adjunct of the Democratic Party.

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Well, it has been, yeah, of course. Although to be fair, that's not entirely their fault. They send out and they send out messages. And they asked people to come and screen the democratic

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Sarah DePalma 1:10:56

political caucus cake won't drag them in kicking and screaming

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Sarah DePalma 1:11:07

O T fella. Well, Jimmy, I guess it's time for us to start wrapping it up here.

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Well, what I'd like to do is go to a piece of music. I've got new music by Jimmy Anderson, new music for this show anyway. And then, when we come back, we'll have enough time to talk about what's happening in Boston.

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Sarah DePalma 1:11:26

Yeah, we just talked about that about was in Boston, and also and also in Chicago. Okay.



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But we'll we'll wrap it up because at 230. Dean Becker will be calling in with cultural baggage the latest on medical marijuana. Jackie,



Sarah DePalma 1:11:41

before we go, do you have to have the information with you about the about the Day of Remembrance, you're not going? Oh, yes.



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November 28, which is, I believe, a Wednesday it's going to be at City Hall again, as far as I as far as I know, probably around about seven o'clock, and there'll be a candlelight vigil. And of course, there have been a number of transgenders who have been killed, some of which have gotten into the media and some of which have not.



Sarah DePalma 1:12:14

I've got an interesting, interesting story about media in California hate crime when we come back. Okay. And we'll repeat that for folks. We want to do more of that. You bet. You bet. Jamie



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Anderson, from her latest CD, it's called listen, and you're listening to it on after hours Queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke o s College Station



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Jamie Anderson, listen. And that former CD of the same name and that was provided by JD Doyle




Sarah DePalma 1:13:00


FIST a lot of good young talent out there. You know that actually, she's good old talent really well. She's new to me. He's




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got about a dozen albums under her belt. And she's more known in the in folk circles and she plays a lot of folk concerts.


 Sarah DePalma 1:13:14
I'm sorry, that's now refuted referred to as Americana music. Ever. I'm not kidding. I said someone got folk music the other day that was corrected. It was Americana music. Well, she


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talks she's she talks about being folk. It's the on the line already. Really? Wow. Okay. Chris, Chris.


 Sarah DePalma 1:13:40
Hello, Chris. Okay, Chris.


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Well, nevermind, if you will. Sarah live radio where you see the button that says air

 Sarah DePalma 1:13:49
and the button that says yes. This one, yes. Okay. Play this, push that and push that.

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And Dean Becker should be on the line. Hello. Hey, Dean Becker.

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Good evening, Jimmy. How are you? I'm great. I'm great. The weather's a whole lot better than last week. And it's just, I don't know, we had some knocks we took this week. Several of the initiatives didn't pass. I'm sure you all have heard Oh, yes. Arizona, Nevada and Ohio. Yeah, all failed at a basic rate of about 40 to 60%. Oh, but that's still that's some good numbers when you consider that they were a bit far reaching. In some cases in Arizona, actually, the you know, the police were to provide marijuana to medical users.

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right? And it's like, in Alaska, they they did a similar thing that was free all marijuana prisoners and you know, retributions, and so forth. And again, they lost up there about 40 to 60. This two years ago, have been in those instances where people ask for simple improvements. So I can 19 townships in Connecticut. You know, it was voted anywhere from 60 to 80% in favor of, you know, reforms for marijuana. San Francisco is looking at growing their own medical marijuana on city property making it available to their citizens out there that law was that referendum passed. Whoa. And well, you expect that well, but of course, but those people are Americans out there they are patriots citizens, you asked me and they're they're going to save our butts all across America. And I salute him. Kind of a side note, there's been a call in Colombia to legalize drugs, you know, the the harms that we inflict on the people of that country, you know, so that we, somehow if we can cut off the supply, then the demand won't be met as kind of a crazy, impossible situation. I recommend people buy G, WF pharmaceuticals, out of Great Britain, they've just come out with four tests of marijuana as a spray, they take the full plant, boil the essence down, put it in a little spray, you shoot on your tongue. It's had great success with helping MS patients and cancer patients under undergoing, you know, chemotherapy and so forth. And it should be on the market in Great Britain, early part of 2003 throughout the rest of Europe, and you know, the rest of the world by 2004. In America when I guess hell freezes over. I don't know what we got going here with these legislators. But I think we will actually see it here in the US. Marinol, as we all know about the synthetic pill.



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It's expensive and just doesn't work as well, exactly.



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But the whole point being that the DEA has investigated it and says THC, THC is a good legitimate medicine, if some corporation makes it and as you say, sells it for about eight to \$10 a pill. Whereas the you know, marijuana smoker faces, you know, up to 10 years for growing his own medicine. It's a, you know, high degree of hypocrisy. I also noticed, I tell people, that the war on terror is the war on drugs. On Tour in spades, sure. And I just I haven't even had a chance to read it. I just saw a little line in the Chronicle that President Bush has declared, quote, zero tolerance for Iraq.



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This man is going to get us in the war. If it's not with Iraq, it'll be with someone else. He needs a war to boost the economy, to boost the economy and to somehow polish it up for president



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and assure his reelection in 2000. Yeah, exactly. Right.



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You know, carry around a badge or a new metal on his chest, you know,



Sarah DePalma 1:18:15

not bad for somebody who refuse to go himself. Right. Yeah, hit



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out a wall for a year and a half. Yeah, of course, that that his coke, cocaine bust outside Sugar Land back about 79 That was covered up? You know, we know



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and the abortion of one of his girlfriends. I



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know. Well, dragging it all out replace.



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It is daughter's being arrested multiple times for underage drinking. Yeah, I



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mean, you know, and here, you know, he talks about family values, you know, and and, you know, and male and female and opposite sex couple families that will provide such wonderful, such a wonderful training for their children. And here, you know, George Bush has got problems with his twin daughters, and Jeb Bush in Florida has his his daughter and Noel, Noel is, you know, is is



Sarah DePalma 1:19:14

a drug rehab drugs on her while she was in the rehab while she was in rehab.



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For God's sake. And, you know, she was giving given a brand new study by the judicial system down here that decided that it was inappropriate for the treatment center to provide information about the drugs she had while in rehab, at least, that had never happened before in the history of this country, but it did for her. I hope it sets a precedent precedent that that makes similar situations appropriate for all of us. You know, I know after



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forgive us, we've been sitting around here for an hour talking about politics, so everybody hears all fired up.



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That's great. That's great. We You know, I, as I always say, we need to stand up. Yes, this this drug war is one we can put behind us that because the media is actually, you know, the corporate media is actually seeing the truth, starting to publish it here and there. Well, Time Magazine last week was the pot issue. And it was pretty well favorable. And and if the people would stand up for five minutes and just demand that we end this war, it can be done. I mean, I'm not so too. I'm not saying it's gonna happen this year, but it could happen next year or the year after. It's when people get tired of the insanity of this drug war where we spent so far we've spent \$5 trillion on drugs. Well, it seemed



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like you know, over the last few months, you were making such headway. And then this this election happened and it just kind of knocked, knocked it out from under us. Well,



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you know, prohibition prohibition did not work back in the in the early part of the 20th century. And and you know, you Hello, you would think that they would have learned something from that and but the other point is, you know, your comment that preferential treatment being given to no Bush gun in Florida, reminds me of George Orwell's Animal Farm you know, all animals are equal, but some are more equal than others. Yeah, that



Sarah DePalma 1:21:28

chick is just a hanging chat, man.