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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.

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Hello, Houston and college station and welcome to after hours, queer radio with attitude. Right here on KPFT usin ke O 's College Station. This is the May 13 edition and on Jimmy Carper. And he Chauncey elke Chauncey here is with me and my co host for the evening Yeah,

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Monica Roberts.

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The gang is all here

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and she's pissed



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Yeah, we have a lot to be pissed about. Yes,



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we do. Now he is here because elke is here a lot lately because we're right in the middle of our



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fun drive folks. And let me tell you about queer radio with attitude that's after hours. We have a \$200 goal to make we're not halfway there yet. The show just started but we are off to a very damn good, very good start. Thank you very much to a very generous supporter. Let me give out the telephone numbers here and it is 71352657387135 to 6k P F key the drive in Tuesday. Now it's the time to do your part and keeping KPFT commercial free. We have been here for 30 years. Ladies 30 years ladies and gentlemen



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over 12 years and this show in particular for over 12 years. That's right when it start 8887 87 Wow. So now it's time to keep it going because we are most definitely looking forward to another 12 years 7135265738713526 KPFT and jump in at the \$90 level there's some nice thank you gifts included. Yeah oh yes the at the \$90 level you get a CD case. It's blow with back black blind. What's wrong with it so far? I haven't even had my coffee yet. Okay, it is blue with black binding and black KPFT. Imprint it holds 12 CDs and you can also get pickup on the KPFT baseball cap jumped in at the \$75 level pick up on a t shirt and it is 100% cotton. And or you can jump in at the basic membership level of \$35 Pick up the phone the fun drive in Tuesday. Now it is your turn to support after hours and KPFT radio 30 year old KPFT radio man mind you said were the cause for a very good cause at 7135 to six 573-871-3526 KPFT we have seven open phone lines above seven open phone lines. Let's fill them up and back to you and the control room. Okay,



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now before we go any further, I want to tell you about the music that you heard right before the intro. The last one was by a both of these are new artists to after hours and to KPFT and women artists. Wow. I mean, yeah, I've been looking through my stuff. And I'm like, wow, where's all

the women, I've got all these guys stuff. And I am and everyone knows, just this week, I walked into the the studio here and there were three CDs in my mailbox, two of them from women. This is Magdalene, it's su li Asian woman and the song was monkey girl, it's off of her CD evolution. And you can check out her website@www.net music.com/magdalene Zoo Zhu Li, that's ma G da LENHSULI. And that's, that's a good good CD and and before that. We had AMI since since then, from her seedy circumstances strange, the the song was called memory. And you can write her Oh, send her an email it as in 60 eight@aol.com. Easy as in 60 eight@aol.com. Amy Simpson with memory. That's nice. And there's there's several others on both CDs that I'll be playing in the next few weeks. And anyway, the other thing I wanted to say is that not only is is Monica, our co host on this show, but she is a member of KPFT because she just made a very generous pledge also. So you see folks can take it from me.



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Yeah, it's worth it. Because before I started transitioning, I was listening to Jimmy and Sarah De Palma, who's one of the other co host of the show. And you know, in some cases, this show has saved a lot of lives with with transgendered and other queer youth who have no one to really talk to and or get your they don't feel comfortable enough to talk to parents or even in some cases, friends to get the information that they need. And this has been this has been a us a big clearinghouse of information in some cases.



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And I realize you realize that not all transgendered people have the bucks because I know it takes a lot of bucks to go through the transition. And it's really it's it's incredibly expensive. Even more so for the F two m



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so yeah, very much. Yeah.



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So I really appreciate this pledge for you. Yeah, thank you. You're very welcome.



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But I just felt that this was you know, a very worthy cause to donate to and why not get this place drive off to a best good start and wanted to do the same? Yeah, we want to do the same thing. We want to match our we got a little competition going. We want to make sure that after hours, beat out some of the other shows around here too. So it's little pride. Upon



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we've got we've got five different transgender groups. Yeah, in this town, cats being the newest.



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Yeah. And tats, which I'm on the board of directors on just helping crossdressers anonymous or that will the old name group. Try this and GCTC Gulf Coast kind of transgender community. Yeah.



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So I know there are folks out there listening who are members of at least one of those organizations, sometimes more than one. Yeah.



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Because I also have dabbled in tea gain. And I'm also part of the Oregon national organizing group that's putting together our brand new transgender lobbying organization called the National transgender advocacy. Let's try that again. Okay. Intact national transgender Advocacy Coalition, I'll probably get beat up on email for missing.



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I'd like to hear more about that because I know that there is lobbying day from the outside looking in. I hear of Nashville Lobby Day. And here, Ricky and Wilkins, and I hear a couple of other people in in that vein, but this coalition thing sounds really good.



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What happened? We're not going to bash him. But oh, no evidence came up last summer that some of our friends and HRC have been rather resistant to our inclusion in ENDA. Well, That's putting it mildly. Yeah, well, I'm not saying being polite right now. But long story short, they've gone as far as actually walking up to Capitol Hill, two weeks before we do our lobby days and walking up to different senators and legislature leaders and telling them when to transgender people come here and tell them that there's no chance that endo will pass with them in it. Wow. Hello, if they haven't been paying attention in the last couple of years, and just in the last couple of years alone, you've got several jurors major cities, and in some cases, states like Iowa, that have been passing laws with transgender inclusion and it's right and



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cities like Louisville, Louisville.



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Matter of fact, Louisville, Lexington ended in Lexington, it passed unanimously. Wow. And one of the people that was involved greatly in that was another transgender color and named Don Wilson, who's a good friend of mine. That along with a lot of other work, and that was a coalition effort. It wasn't just transgender people alone, it was also GLB people and on what they call the fairness Alliance. So it was a team effort in Louisville, State of Kentucky as it should probably has to be. Yeah, it has to be if anyone out there thinks that, you know, the the t part of the GLB equation, isn't there. I think you really need to reread your history.



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Big time is right. And I don't mean just Stonewall, I mean, way further



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back way further back than that. Matter of fact, on that recent trip, I was telling you about that I took the New York I had a chance to meet Sylvia Rivera.



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No kidding. Yeah. Wow. Yeah. It



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was a very big honor. She happened to be she's happened to be house mother of one of my intact colleagues up there in New York, of a house that they that they have, in which they have some transgender youth living there also. So



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and for those, for those people who don't know, Sylvia Rivera was at Stonewall. Yeah. And she has, she's had a checkered life. I mean, it's been very rocky for her because for many for a long, a lot of time of her life. She's been the street person.



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Yeah, I'm Chelsea Goodman, who's one of my colleagues on intact and along with her, her significant other rust, Dr. Rusty Moore, they basically bought a house couple years ago in the Brooklyn area. And Sylvia is one of the people that lives there. And I had a fascinating conversation with our wish I'd had a tape recorder going that day. And I thought about it after I was on the train back. This was great opportunity. Yeah, it didn't never fail. So I didn't think about it till I was in Manhattan by that time. But it's interesting



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to hear her talk because she our lives are much different now than they were in 1969 value systems are different society is different. And so Sylvia can talk about Stonewall in the context.



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Yeah, that's not gonna happen. Whereas I came along probably 10 years later, you know, 10 years later. Yeah. And I have a different view on say, my viewpoint is shaped from the forces that I grew up with from,



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from one very little thing. I mean, we talk about that Judy Garland was buried the day of Stonewall. And it's it's very difficult for anyone under 40 to comprehend just how powerful the emotions were running that day for gay people. Because Judy Garland was like, almost the original gala has been an icon.



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Yeah, I remember reading that reading that part of it and coupled when you've got that kind of emotion and then finally, something just you know, sometimes it just takes one little incident to sin y'all this say world in this case, you know, the police raid at Stonewall and then again the anniversary is coming up again very soon. Yeah,



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sure is at COVID we have the parade Yeah,



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and coupled and saying coupled with The couple with the tensions of the day and bingo there yeah



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and Sylvia's day the word transgendered I don't even think was, was around, if at all.



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You had very few like your Christine Jorgensen Yeah, you're April Ashley's and and Britain and then maybe Dr. Renee Richards was probably another probably four to five years yeah being a

national, true being a nationally known, you know, person



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because they're there in those days and times there was really no difference between a drag queen and a transgendered person in the eyes of society and of gay society to



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win in some cases still isn't. That's true. In some cases, even what's going on with us in the space five months into the 21st century, you still have some of those attitudes? Yeah, and I think a lot of it is DISA is why our friends at HRC kind of have this little attitude that they do have, fortunately, yeah, not to slag them all day. But there are some great people in HRC that realize, you know, that, you know, some of their leadership is making some grave errors, and they're doing their best to correct it. So this is not directed at those people.



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No, and then I have to give them props, because they're working with from within the system. And that's a tough road to hoe very



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much. But, you know, let's, let's I call it as I see it, you know, bottom line is, it's kind of a low blow when you've got one group that's trying to exit to exercise their constitutional rights to visit with their legislators. And here's another one doing everything possible to start to stop it. Yeah, that's and, you know, and and there's no excuse, there's no excuse for it, especially when you call yourself a civil rights organization. Okay. And my eyes, you are either for civil rights or against Derek Jensen. And there is no absolute there is no middle ground. There is no compromising on that you say, when you start messing with somebody else's civil rights, yours are in danger in the landlord's Exactly, right. I



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mean, there's so many people who have the idea of mine first and then yours, but that doesn't work that way.



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Doesn't work there does not work that way. Say,



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because if there have that mind, they're not going to be around to help you. Yeah. And it's your turn.



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I've had this argument with African Americans who sit up there and will say, Why are these quote unquote gay people trying to tag on our civil rights movement? And I will point out, the Dr. King said otherwise. So, you know, your grant, granted that most of the civil rights movement was basically geared toward after getting African Americans civil rights, but a lot of the things out a lot of the, the byproducts from that have helped several groups that including the GLBT community,



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right, it sure has. Sure had it's it's opened people's eyes to civil rights, where they were just not even thinking about it before



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and how critical they are. Yeah, yeah. Because if you're not, so you're on the internet. So well, there's an old saying that the eternal the price of liberty is eternal vigilance. Vigilance. Yeah. And when you start falling asleep on that, you have groups like the religious right, that will insidiously and work over Yeah, take over. And folks



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who want you to live your life the way they see fit, they say fit. And I just don't understand that. Then again, I could never live in in a neighborhood with all the same types of people. I really, you know, I like living where I do and there's just the diversity



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as a boring, it'd be a boring way. We all thought the same way acted the same way and dressed the same way. Yeah, just like there's diversity in nature. There's diversity in human beings too. And that's to be celebrated and not ridicule.



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You're wearing a t shirt that has a it's yellow and pink, and the background is pink. And then I'm looking at a circle and a triangle. Oh, yeah, there's a square and a triangle and then inside the triangle, which is on top, there is a circle with whether there's the male and female symbol plus off going off to the right hand, upper right hand side, male and female symbol.



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Yeah, that's a transgender come Jada Houston transgender community logo.



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That's cool. Yeah, I've never seen one of those before.



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Yeah, got this t shirt at the Unity banquet. That was a lot. had a fun that was my first unity banquet because the one that Sarah De Palma cleaned up on the awards on. Congratulations, Sara, by the way, you're listening. Yeah,



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I know I was. Had to be in San Diego that weekend. I was really chat that I couldn't go.



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Oh, yeah, you'd be even more chap to find out the Phyllis and Christine. Little bit more here too. Yeah.



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Yeah. You know, though, well, I'll save that for later.



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But getting back to Sarah, congratulations. She got a Lifetime Achievement Award, which was very well deserved. She was the winner of the apogee award. That Matter of fact, your two co hosts, were also nominated for that. Wow. Myself. And Vanessa, it was foster were also nominated for it. But this was a tough year. Yeah, there was just so much going on in the transgender community this year, where, you know, any other year, you know, any other year probably, you know, Vanessa, I anybody could have won it, but it was just so much competition this year. Good and which is great.



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That means that people are getting out there and they're working.



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And they're doing Yeah, and they're doing what needs to be done to move the community forward. You know, when the day when you've got, you know, a situation in which you've got, say, maybe six or seven candidates for an award, and you know, they've all done some remarkable stuff. Yeah. You know,



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yeah, it's pretty amazing. It's, it's very, is progress.



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And I was kind of stunned when I was told by the outgoing director in gITF, Carrie Labelle that she considers the center of transgendered activism right here in Houston, Texas. Wow. Um, yeah. So, you know, she, she told my, myself and Vanessa, this and I was really honored.



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There's a lot happening. And there's, you know, there's a lot going on, there's a lot more people who are aware, there's a lot more, many, many more groups and then other cities matter



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of fact, including in terms of the unity banquet this year, we had an all time record in terms of the amount of people that showed up this year, and we want to shoot for 300. And we headed to West Chase Hilton. So it was a nice, it was a nice affair. I had a great time there. I had a great time there. I had a great time meeting a few more people that I normally don't see in the community. There was also members of the G. Houston gay lesbian, lesbian Political Caucus, PFLAG a lot of organized, the Honorable a nice, Parker was there. So



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I'm really happy to see PFLAG there because in past years, they have not been open to transgenders.



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They have gone 180 degrees on that right now. I'm really



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happy to see that because that also lends more credence because P flags are straight people who are embracing not only their gay, lesbian, bisexual children, but also their transgender

children. Yeah. And because they are straight people, they have more credence and open society.

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And the interesting thing about it, Hatch just opened up their mission statement to transgendered kids. Yeah. And questioning kids also. So I don't know. It's a kudos to the Hey, haven't that

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well, yeah, they have opened their doors in the past because I've known them a couple of transgender kids that were there, but now they're they've got it in their mission statement. And I think that that's very, very good.

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And it's sorely needed. Because Easter Sunday, we had unfortunately, another transgender youth join the Remembering Our Dead website and it was transgender you. Matter of fact, there person. Yeah,

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there are a lot of names on that website. And then on me 201

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na guys who 100 and first victim on Easter Sunday,

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it goes back to like 90, it goes back as far back as the 60s.

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Yeah. But this, this recent one was Easter Sunday. And father threw her out of the house. And she was forced to live on the streets and she was forced to live on the streets and unfortunately, unfortunately, ran into the wrong person at the wrong time.

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What city was this?



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It was it was recently as I because I had the email on this one. But I noticed it on Gwen sent me an email. I didn't bring it unfortunately. But I noticed the fact that it happened on Easter Sunday that caught my attention and that was a 200 and first and and that kind of sad me on that. But But there's still a lot of work we've got to do on that. When I say I would like to come in here for once and not have to report on another transgender youth or even say, oh GLBT you've been killed.



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Bobby had something



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to add. I was just thinking that this evening I had I was having a rather heated discussion with somebody who Yes, we were talking about the how the just because a community is larger, like the straight white, conservative, you know, hardcore, you know, rockers, then, you know, they just because they're the big group doesn't doesn't make them right. No, not at all. And in this, we see the results. Yeah, when kids when kids are dying, it happens because the rest of community doesn't think they should exist. It



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happens in entire GLBT community it is with teenagers. That here here we have a case of parents throwing their children or way out onto the streets. And then society as a whole saying, Well, what about those transgenders? They're all street hookers? Well, Doug, when you're like, 1415 years old, and you're thrown out on the street, how in the hell are you supposed to support yourself?



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Exactly. Does right on that one? And then on top of that, they won't even hire him at a Burger King? No,



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no, can



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I make it? That's right.



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That's right. There's no I don't understand this. Because I you know, I grew up with my parents always taking away the car keys because they say, Where's responsible for you until you know you leave your country?



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Or Yeah.



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So are these these parents responsible for their children that they're throwing away?  
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all of a sudden, because they don't fit a



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their the way their parents want them to be there no, suddenly no longer their responsibility?



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Oh, that's, yeah, that is bull.



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Or one of my parents let me correct. That is exactly the same way. My



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both my parents are there.



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Well, I am blessed in that regard that mine have come around for the most part, but it took a lot of work on both for Ryan so but Well, you were older. Yeah, I'm the oldest kid.



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You were not a teenager at the time?



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No. When I started transitioning was matter of fact was little of essay I've had past five years April the eighth. So I started kind of like in 30s, you know, 30. So hear that. Oh, yeah, just turn. Turn 38 May four. So I'm at the point now where every birthday I'm above ground is a good one.



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But I turned 32. So



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that's all the baby.



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Well, I and I'm not intending to be on the Jerry Springer show. But I have a secret to reveal. Okay, and November I'm gonna turn the Big Four zero. And, you know, I tell ever people that asked me that, how do you I tell him I'm 30 to 20 at that particular time.



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It is a woman's prerogative. And



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never be asked about anything else.



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far as like you were talking about parents and like one of my parents doesn't even know is

basically a religious right person. However, it took my mother it took my mother 15 years. Okay,

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let's be nice. Can surplus be nice social conservatives?

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Well, you know, it's it's to your credit, that both you and your parents hung in there that long to work it out.

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Exactly. Because like today, like she was just saying most family most parents don't. Right. I mean, I think that is very tacky to throw their kid out at 14 years.

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We see it all the time. And in some cases, that's not limited. Is it? Well, we see it more so with GLBT kids, but oh, yeah, it's not limited. It's just not limited to that. That's really that's when it's really getting sickening.

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Is that exactly that is the most cold blooded thing I could think of is to throw your own child out at 14 years old. Just because they don't oppress,

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okay, now let me get this right. We as GLBT people are not allowed to adopt any children no matter how long we are in a loving relationship as we but it's okay for for some, some trash straight people to throw their kids away.

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Yeah. Go figure that logic out or let's see in terms of marriage relationships, okay, I'm gonna go through three, four or five people. You listening Newt Gingrich but you got people who love each other and have been together in some cases 1520 year relationships. I talked to a girlfriend recently that just ended a relationship that is a lesbian, she and her girlfriend broke up after 10 years. People like can't stay together 10 days much less than



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10 years. Gosh, they've been together that long.



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Yeah, one is a as I try to work it out. But



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maybe they've spent nine years trying to work it out and



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just design it just as time. But, yeah, we have to give some props to the state of Vermont for this day, for resisting the pressure of the social conservatives going ahead and being Vermonters that the stubborn Vermonters that they are in passing the bill and thumbing it in their noses.



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Yeah, it always drove me crazy that society says, okay, all of you. Gay people are slots, but then will not allow us to have a relationship should



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have biggest slots on Capitol Hill. All right. Let's see. Let me count on a few of them. But anyway, um, you've had yet that's it. But conversely, you had unfortunately, the the night the night initiative that passed in California. Yes, unfortunately, on that very unfortunately. Yeah.



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And I was surprised that that to me.



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I really, I really wasn't when I started looking at the poll numbers starting to shift, probably about Jan, about late January. I knew that thing was in trouble, because they were trying. For one, they didn't go Nick. But it was enough of negative campaigning where, you know, they basically wrote it, they wrote it the same way they did prop 209. They basically couch it in this the usual trick of the right wing all the social conservatives, they'll sit up there and write this innocuous little language. But it took but did not get this little language you have to you know,

the old saying about read between the lines. It's basically designed to do what they want it to do and get it to pass. And then by the time you sit down and you pass it and it's past, it's too late. And then it's as Marvin is in to paraphrase Marvin Zandalar, it's hell to get that stuff, right.



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Yes, it is. Yes, it is. Once you have to think about the logic, our of you know, I'm not going to put down any religion because spirituality and religion is very important to all people, including, yeah, but I have to wonder about the non tax status of a religious organization that sends a lot of money to them to two feet.



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Yeah, crops like this. Oh, yeah. Matter of fact, the Mormon church was heavily involved in the Catholic house on a Catholic church was involved in it along with our friend and so they got tension coalition



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money that they're there. They're able to pour into things like this



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matter of fact, I was reading somewhere, I think, currently is I think it was somewhere about \$9 million that the Mormon church poured into this initiative, along with their little network of conservative groups, like



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maybe that tax status needs to be checked out.



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As a matter of fact, Jay Sekulow and his friends in the American Center for Legal Johnson ACLJ just filed a lawsuit trying to get the Christian coalition's tax status back. He was saying, quote, unquote, debt. His organization is being unfairly prosecuted and quote unquote, Christians are being unfairly persecuted in this country, right? Well, they have a different definition. In a Christian as opposed to most of us in the rest of the world, long story short, or religious organizations have no business passing out political, saying,



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you know, this, this radio station is nonprofit. And we cannot we have to really total watch while

the line and watch what we say when it comes to political things.



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But yet you've got an organization that not only passes out the week, but the day before the Sunday before a major election, voter guides but slanted toward one political party. Yeah. Okay. So you got a problem with that? Yeah, I got a serious problem with that. When they slanted to our one rule, and then they'll turn around and try to justify by saying, well, African American churches have people walking up in there and making speeches. Yeah, but those churches aren't passing out voter guides, either during services, or having prayer breakfast at \$25,000 a pop. Or having, let's see, oh, look, the other stunt that they've been pulling lately or having Meet the Candidates forms that only have that party that uses the elephant as a mascot. So



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little one sided?



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Yeah, very much so or even say TV shows, like, TV show that sit up there. And only point well, part one side of an issue. So yeah, there's a little problem when you have it, you either, you know, there is a little thing in the Constitution about separation of church and state is there for a very good reason.



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Very good, because I believe that the founders did not want to have a religious organization dictating politics, not they had hundreds of years of the Catholic church doing it and not just the Catholic Church, but many other organizations. And the Muslims



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from Oliver Cromwell was another one that matter of fact, when the memory of Oliver Cromwell was dictatorship in the in, in England was very was fresh upon the minds of a lot of people. At the time, the at the time, the Declaration of Independence was right. That's right. That's right. So that's so that issue with separation of church and state is was of vital importance to them at the time and then you see the wisdom of dat when you look at today's Afghanistan with the Taliban, with the Taliban, fundamentalist Muslims. And other said this, you know, the violence between you know, that broke out between Catholics and Protestants in northern Ohio. I know for DEC hundreds,



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hundreds of years since since before I think we know Elizabeth, the first matter of fact, a lot of that the