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 Michelle 00:01

What does happen is their kids are more accepting and more tolerant of people of all people who are different from the not just sexual orientations, but race, religion, you know, gender and things like that. So, you know, it's like, it's not going to make their kids gay, but it will make them more accepting and caring and loving people, you know, and I just

 Gigi 00:22

pay Texas wake up, you should be paying \$10 million to have these people at the

 Michelle 00:26

state yet, which they not only don't want to have gay people, gay couples adopt, they don't want heterosexual non married couples. That's

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right with dostonex. So

 Michelle 00:37

that's an I forget, I just glanced through the paper and saw this. And so I mean, you know, it's that yeah, like you said, it's the inevitable next step. And it's just absolutely ludicrous.

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Well and what what they're doing you know the extreme right And the taskforce Policy

Well, and what what they're doing, you know, the Exodus Rights and the Exodus Policy Institute, which is our communities think tank, it's, it's the think tank for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender community. It's directed by Urvashi. Vas, many of you have heard of, you know, she's written all kinds of books, you know, or she's just wonderful. And the policy institute issued a paper last fall actually at Creating Change, about the ex gay movement, it's called calculated compassion, how, how the ex gay movement serves the rights attack on democracy, because what it shows is that this is all very calculated. And all this stuff is very calculated, they don't care about helping anybody not be gay, they, they're using us as their whipping people, to whip up people. And I've seen the letters, they write these horrible letters they write, to whip up people and to whip up bigotry and prejudice in people. So they'll give money, it's all about money. That's what they're doing here in Texas, they're using it as a fundraising tool, we're gonna keep those gays from molesting children. And, you know, if they realize that we're actually less likely. It's something like 1%, I

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was gonna say, 99% of all child molesters are straight.

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That's right. So we actually have a are less likely to do that. And, you know, just probably some of that I'll have to tell you, and this is I'm not a psychotherapist. But I think some of that has to be some of that has to do with being so comfortable and in touch with your own sexual identity.

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Gigi 02:26

Well, Carol, Queens was on our show last year, and she was talking about the bride and how a lot of times they repress their own sexuality and their own feelings. And somewhere it's got to give somewhere, it's got to take some form and statement. And, you know, she said, her feeling is that there's a lot of strides that are watching the gay community to see how mainstream America accepts it. Because and I've said it on the show, many times everybody's got some kind of King, I don't care how Republican or how religious or what, that but he's got something that somebody else is going to consider King in bed. You know, that's one, I think a lot of people are just kind of watching what we do and how we act to make their move down the road and say, hey, I want some freedom to, and I think she was talking about how, you know, I think a lot of the strike community is actually very jealous, because they see us living our life fully, then they're in and can't even tell they're on live or what they want.

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And not afraid to say not afraid to say when somebody asks you about, you know, your and we think about a political situation going on in Washington, you know, not afraid to say when somebody asked you about, you know who you've slept with? Or what you do, you know, I'm not afraid to say excuse me. That's none of your business.



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GIGI 04:06

And that's an inappropriate question. Well, it's



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just not your business. We can go out to coffee, maybe later in the day, but we're not talking about it here. And, you know, I was talking to Dwayne Johnson, who's the senior pastor over at the Metropolitan Community Church of the resurrection. And you know, Dwayne has talked about again and again, our society is obsessed with sex. I've never seen anything. I got this great email. I don't know if you think you got it. I think I sent it on, but it was this great email talking about how great it is what's happening to President Clinton, and they're finally getting him because, you know, we had President Bush, you know, with how many Cabinet members indicted and went to jail and Reagan with how many Cabinet members indicted and went to jail. And, you know, all this and Nixon and Eisenhower are fooling around on his wife, and you know all this, but boy, isn't it important? What are we talking about? We're talking about somebody's private sex life. I think some people have some obsessions. I know Jimmy has some obsession. And I'd like to hear about them sometimes. Maybe not now. Oh, not now. Oh, it's not that kind of show I'm sorry.



Gigi 05:27

I do have to mention our little committee that's making plans and see if anyone's, once you talk a little bit about that maybe we can get some more people on that committee shaking action.



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The more and that across the country, the task force has folks that are so excited about our commitment to progressive causes and, and to being a part of a broader social justice movement that they want to be apart locally in advancing the mission of the work of the task force and partnering with other groups. And what we're seeing is we have these committees that have developed in cities all across the country. And in Houston, we have the Houston the NG LTF, Houston creating change committee. And we're meeting on Tuesdays at the West grey Cafe, which is over on West grey, just west of Taft. And we're meeting there on Tuesday evenings at seven. And right now our focus is equality begins at home. But I know that that you saw too. I mean, we had Gigi, of course, was there representing buyers that weren't inclusive. But it was so exciting to see the diversity in that room. Oh, yeah, I see people of color and to see women and to see transgendered folks and bisexual people all getting together and talking about equality. And I tell people all the time, you know, who get upset about this little group being included, or this one being included? And I tell them, Look, I've got a long list of stuff for you to be upset about, and people that you shouldn't like, those people are on it. Let's talk about, you know,



Jimmy Carper 07:07

let's talk about the people who are hurting us.



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The people who want to join arms with us, and marched down the street together now.



J Jimmy Carper 07:15

That's crazy. Doesn't make any sense to me at all. You know,



G Gigi 07:20

that's the thing I love about this whole initiative is it does bring a lot of diversity together. Yes. And it brings a lot of numbers of people together, where we will be able to show our strength. I mean, this is a history making event coming up. I mean, this is the first time we've ever been able to get this diverse crowd together at all the state capitals. Hello.



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Fantastic. every state and territory and the District of Columbia for the first time in the history of our movement in the same week, in every capital, we're going to have people marching for equality. I mean, isn't that great?



J Jimmy Carper 07:58

Yes, it is. No, it's just, it's, it's fantastic. Rainbow likes.



G Gigi 08:03

I mean, it's sending chills up my spine and



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it's gonna be fun. You know, we're gonna have a good time, but we're gonna do good work. You know, in an Austin, we're going to make sure everybody gets up that Monday morning and goes to see some member of the legislature, you know, that fun time they've had the night before? Especially you, Jimmy YEAH, they know that you will have an exceptionally fun week.



J Jimmy Carper 08:25

I will be bleary eyed at that ungodly hour. Yes. But



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I know, they told me 7:30am I know, oh, my brain doesn't even start functioning until nine. I get up and do that same. But it's really exciting to see these folks coming together and all talking about the good work that needs to be done and we're gonna

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Gigi 08:54

have to do a plug for by NEC because it's not just by Houston that's involved in this. That's right. By net USA is sponsoring this CO sponsoring. We've got by nets all over the country getting involved in marching with gay lesbian and transgendered. I mean, it's all coming together and we're we're becoming a whole big family. Isn't it

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wonderful? And I you know, I'm part of quill which is queers united in something rather lather for light and love or something. I don't know what it is. It's a it's a national lists or that that focuses on gay lesbian, bisexual and transgendered organizations. And I'm the the Texas administrator, and you get stuff I'm sure if you don't, we'll put you on the list. We need to get you registered in there.

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Gigi 09:49

Okay, you got another pie. I'm getting more as a virgin that list serves about a month ago. Already got three

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I want you to know I think I think Gigi is virginity. Thank you. So credit is

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Jimmy Carper 10:08

really TMI. And on that note, we're gonna take a little break. We need to talk about money and you need to know where you're living.

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Gigi 10:22

I think Miss Carper wants another donation.

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Jimmy Carper 10:26

I actually well this is our winter membership drive.

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Gigi 10:35

Anybody nearby can just drop by and Jimmy I'll accept your donation. Yes.

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Totally accepted rainbow Do you do you?

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Jimmy Carper 10:50

Rainbow is an EF team member. Oh, okay. Funds Transfer, right. They just take it out of her check. Right. Oh,

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snap in that bank account. Yeah,

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Jimmy Carper 11:03

just Oh easy. I do by the year. They suck on you every month. And you get a free T shirt say is that fine. All you have to do is give us a call at 7135265738526 KPFT. I'm Jimmy Carper. We've got G G and J from by net. And we're talking to Clarence Bagby from Ebba

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from a quality begins at home. We'll be back

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Jimmy Carper 11:31

in just a few minutes and that will give you time to pick up the phone and press those little buttons 7135265738526 k P. F T.

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Jimmy Carper 12:03

Biff and Tony's wedding new music from Dave Hall off of his brand new album places. You will remember Dave Hall's other album play in demand and that title song that we've played a whole lot. And he does this and a great version of Shenandoah, which I played last week, as we

were going out, it's just a beautiful, beautiful rendition. After hours has been on the air, Gosh, 11 and a half years. And in that time, a lot of people have come through the door. And every once in a while they come back to visit and we happen to have someone here right now. Kate Harper. Hi there. If you've been listening to after hours for edit for a very long time, like Cindy has. You will remember her as the dancing tongue.



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Oh god I'd forgotten about. Oh lordy.



Jimmy Carper 13:01

Jeff Mackey gave you that name. The dancing tongue. Yes. Oh, my. That was way back there in 1992. I believe it was something like that. T 92. Yes, it may. Oh, it was earlier than that. Because wasn't it?



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Yeah, it was like, yeah, it



Jimmy Carper 13:21

was buddy during buddies era. So it was like 9099 90



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Yeah. 9091 I found from Houston for over five years. Yeah.



Jimmy Carper 13:30

And you ran off to Boston and you working for the equivalent of Whole Foods up there. Right. Well, it



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is still Whole Foods. Oh, okay. They call them Britain circus up their bread and circus Stretton circus.



Jimmy Carper 13:44

Okay. Yeah, like the comic book? Yeah.



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Um, well, yeah, like the comic book.



J Jimmy Carper 13:49

And now I hear that you're, you're finally getting out of the snow and Well, not exactly out of the snow, are you? Well, it's



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like twice a year, I think in Atlanta, Atlanta.



J Jimmy Carper 14:00

What a beautiful town. Oh, I



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I adore Atlanta. So



J Jimmy Carper 14:03

So what has what has Cade done in the past five years?



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Been a very bad girl and not done anything fun and volunteer risk?



J Jimmy Carper 14:12

What? No. Wow, very weird. Yeah. Well, you settled down for for a while. Yeah.



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I mean, you know, it's it's cold in Boston. Yeah. And you don't want to walk in the snow. It's nasty stuff. Well, I don't drive in it. I take public transport, which is really cool. But yeah, I haven't done much volunteering. I do little bits and pieces with more work related stuff than anything queer. But you can't say the word queer up there. Why not? Because they look at you like you're some sort of alien and don't want to have anything to do with you. Whoa, oh, God, it

was so awful. When I moved up there. I'm like, you know, we're driving up there in the big truck and all I see are you have rainbow stickers and queer stickers on the back ends of every third car. And I'm like, great. I'm gonna have so much fun in the city. I was working at a store and worked there for two and a half years. And I certainly never bothered to tone myself down because like never do. No. And as I was leaving that store, about six people came out to me. Whoa, but not a word before but not a word before. Yeah, apparently since since parking is such an abysmal thing. You park your car where you can park it, and you never drive it. So nobody knows whose car belongs to the stickers.

 J Jimmy Carper 15:43

Well, that's pretty amazing. I guess it just shows you what we've been talking about here with Clarence Bagby, and Fuji and J is a new group called equality begins at home.

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Yeah, I was hearing about that on my my driving down from Northside. It

 J Jimmy Carper 15:59

sounds like Boston needs a little don't sound very cohesive. No, they're

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not very cohesive.

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And actually, Jimmy, Jimmy, it's a it's a program. It's equality begins at home their actions in every state. So that's what I mean, because we're using the existing organizations. So the statewide organization organization in Massachusetts is doing an event in their capital several,

 J Jimmy Carper 16:28

everyone thinks of at the South is rather backwards. But you know, here we are Texas that we've got. We're pretty cohesive here. And I know Atlanta is because I mean, they're, they're the hub. So I think the south may have it over some other folks.

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Well, some some pockets, I'll have to tell you when, when the task force when our some of our organizers went to Mississippi to help them protest against Trent Lott statement, you know, comparing homosexuality to kleptomania, liars. And all that. And we went and organized a

protest, it was because their statewide group doesn't have the capacity to do it. So the a lot of the South is in dire straits when it comes to organizing, and we're really working with their statewide group, which is all volunteer no staff. You know, they have like nine board members, and they need a lot of help. That's the kind of thing that we think equality begins at home, giving them a little money to help beef up their membership and to draw people to Jackson for you know, the equality begins at home actions. That's the kind of thing that we're hoping is going to come out of it. So there are, you know, Alabama and Mississippi, you know, Georgia is doing okay, I understand, yeah, Florida is doing pretty good. The Carolinas, and Mississippi and Alabama are frightening.

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Gigi 17:48

And I did want to mention, I do want to jump in here and say that there is a web link from the Gay and Lesbian Task Force page to the equality begins at homepage, which has events going on everywhere,

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and also shows all those of national partners like mine at USA and yeah, and you know, and all the other groups that are national partners from and it's so fun to look at that. And you see on the same list, you see by net USA, you see Log Cabin Republicans. You know, it's but it's but that's good to draw those folks in together under that, quote, Big Tent.

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Gigi 18:31

Yeah. But people that want to get involved in here in Texas, what do they need to do? Well, you know, that there's gonna be a meeting at the I mean, for the march down in Austin, where did they go to meet?

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Well, what what they need to do, here in Houston, were the, the nglt, if used in creating change committees meeting every Tuesday at seven at the West grey cafe, over at 415, West Grey 7pm. Now, this is every Tuesday, every Tuesday at 7pm. Well, between now and equality begins at home, because we're focusing on that between now and the end of March, Tuesday at the West grey cafe at 7pm. And we meet on the second floor. And it's it's not a meeting, really, it's more of a social gathering

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Gigi 19:22

Kind of a think tank on a slide. We've really adopted

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the feminist style of meetings where there's not the all this structure and this procedure. Well, you know, these are the four things we're going to do and who's going to do it. Okay, Jimmy, you're going to do this. And Jay, you're going to do this. It's very much

 Jimmy Carper 19:40

You said we couldn't learn anything from lesbian. That's right.

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Thank you very much. And because what it's more of What are y'all want to do? Well, how do you want to do it? Well, who wants to do it? And I think people it was a lot of fun. Oh, yeah. Because all I do is facilitate and they tell us what they want to do and how they want to do it and when is it when it's gonna happen? don't need.

 Michelle 20:00

That's the way to get things done that way, you know that people are interested well, and you know

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that if we're doing it the way they want to do it. That's right. If we're doing it the way they want to do it, then they're going to be involved. And so what people can come to those meetings, you know, they're open open to the public, and you can sure come to that or you can, and if you want to be on a list notifying you of that by email, or fax, you can email me at CB bagby@msn.com at CB Bagley

 Jimmy Carper 20:32

No, Bagby be your CB like the street, right? Okay. At

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MSN money, Sam no.com. Gotcha.

 Gigi 20:47

Not it's many. Yes. A mouthful.

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Right now we just sent out a big notice we have, of course, a lot of merchandise available, which is fun. We used all we put out over 2500 equality begins at home T shirts at creating chain. Wow. Because every participant that came got one, and we did this march in Pittsburgh as part of creating change, because we did a vigil for Matthew Shepard. And so we marched from the host hotel down to this area where we had the candlelight vigil. And the wonderful thing about those equality begins at home T shirts. And Gigi has one yes, she says, you know, the lettering is so big. That I have to tell you I'm a public relations person, you know, by trade. And it's plays great on TV. Because I saw it on TV that night, and you could read it equality begins at home. And I just had this vision of these families across Pittsburgh, sitting watching the evening news reading that equality begins at home. Oh, those are the queers wanting a quality. Great. And of course we have those T shirts available. And then we have like polo shirts that are embroidered and low profile ball caps and you know, all kinds of fun stuff. But we really want folks to buy that stuff really, because it's not a fundraising thing per se, because we're selling stuff very inexpensively. We want them to buy it and wear it to wear it. Yeah. And show people and arch and also wear at the March,

 Gigi 22:16

the marches. What are they? Well,

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they're they're actually where there are three events as part of equality begins at home, Texas, there's a youth rally at one on Saturday the 20th. So that's Saturday, March 20, at 1pm meeting on the south steps of the Capitol, but that's a youth rally. And then the next day on Sunday afternoon at 1230. That's the march for our families on the Capitol. And that will start at the Palmer auditorium, which is right there in your town lake. And then it swings out on the Congress Avenue and heads up to the Capitol. It's a fun walk and

 Gigi 22:58

not too terribly long distance.

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We just want big crowd but not too long.

 Gigi 23:03

I've done that walk.

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A lot of fun. And then the next day is the lobby day. Yeah. And anybody that wants any

information.

G Gigi 23:13

They're meeting in the cafeteria

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right in the cafeteria of the Capitol at ungodly hour. 30 am Can you imagine? No, I can't 7:30am Spend the night. The only way but if you want to

G Gigi 23:28

return to the state

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capitol, right, right. And if you want to be involved in that, just so we can coordinate it, we really need to hear from you in advance. Because we're we're trying to set up meetings with legislators. And most of that needs to be done in advance. You don't just show up generally, unless your name is Jimmy Carper. You know, they meet with you, you know, but the rest of us have to call in advance and schedule appointments.

G Gigi 23:54

But I have been reading on this and it is important for more than one reason there are some lawmakers that are undecided on some issues. And we've got to coordinate activities in such a way that we can hopefully have an impact. That's why some

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let them know what's going on. Yeah, which way to vote, I guess.

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Well, and what we have we have you know you have a small group of extremists over on the right who aren't going to support anything we do. Then you have a small group over on the left who support everything we do people like Harriet Earhart, and also in Dallas and Elliot Neistat and Glen Maxey and Austin and Debra Danburg and Garnet Coleman and Jessica Farrar and many people in the Harris County delegation. Those Those people are with us, but the vast majority of those 150 members of the House are in the middle. And the same thing is true in the Senate. And those are the people that we need to hit. Yeah. And you know, obviously then Deborah, Deborah dam Berg on Wednesday filed legislation that Because

of the rules will have to be considered simultaneously with this horrible anti gay adoption stuff, she actually filed legislation that would force a non discrimination policy to be implemented into law when it comes to adoption issues. So you know, people like that, you know, they're our friends, we need to talk to them and remind them that we're with them. But yeah, preaching to the choir, people we need to be talking to are the senator Buster Brown. And, you know, State Representative Robert Halton and those extremist, are the folks that need to hear from us, because they need to realize that we're everywhere. Yeah,

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Michelle 25:37

and sometimes one person can make a difference, because so many people are apathetic, you know, politically, politically, that one letter or one visit can from somebody and the politician, senators and Congress, people assume that that's, you know, one letter or one person is representative, but you know, 20 people or something. So you say, Oh, well, I'm just one person, what can I do, but to the, to the senators, they're saying, Oh, look, one person comes up, that's probably a whole bunch of people who think the same way?

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Well think about it, what if they get what if they get 14 letters on an issue? And you and I get friends to write letters and, and you and I, j and i are responsible for getting eight letters? What does that say to that? Senator? When eight of the 14 letters are, you know, what do you think they're gonna do, they're probably gonna go with that. The critical thing is we have because a lot of these people are friends, but they're afraid. And we have to make sure that they know that they have our support, and that the progressive community is going to support their action for equality, you know, they're pulling the lever on a vote in a committee, or on the floor of the Senate or the House. And it's

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Michelle 26:57

a lot of people, you know, agree with, and it's time,

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right, and we do we have the, the frustrating thing for us is to realize that, that we're winning the the fight of public opinion. Last summer, the policy institute that we keep talking about, you know, they issue all these great papers, by the way, all of these publications are available for free at that www.nglft.org. That website, you can download any of these

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Gigi 27:28

there got a lot of interesting information. It's really

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amazing, whether it's the ex gay, you know, paper, or the one that I was talking about, which is called from wrongs to rights, trends and attitudes toward gay and lesbian Americans. And what this does is tracking attitudes over the last 30 years. And the frustrating thing is to realize that we're winning the public opinion battle. But we're not getting a representative sampling of the population to go vote. So although we may have, you know, 75 80% of the people in the country support, for instance, an employment non discrimination act, that bans discrimination, they support, you know, 75 to 80% of the public supports that the numbers aren't the same for the people that are going in voting. Because the extremists are doing a better job of getting their folks. And we do a pretty

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Michelle 28:25

good grassroots organization and really staying in there for the long haul, which is why they're winning all sorts of all sorts of things. They go to school boards, and get on the school boards, because who in the world votes for school boards, you know, nobody goes to these things. Well, Trump or something like that. And so but but they do, and so they get out there, and they're the ones who are telling teachers, what textbooks they can teach in schools, because the rest of the country who says, oh, yeah, sure, you know, it's employment, non discrimination, and they don't get out there and vote,

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and surreal. But that's our challenge is to get the folks in the middle motivated to be a part of things. And, you know, the, the really fascinating thing, another paper that was put out was called out and voting, which actually track the actual voters and congressional House elections. And what it showed was, and these are actually people that went to the polls and voted and in 19 92% of those people were gay, lesbian, or bisexual. By 1996, that number had risen to 5%. And you know what that means? That means in the 1996, congressional House elections in America, there were more gay, lesbian or bisexual voters than Jewish voters. There were more gay, lesbian or bisexual voters than Latino voters. And there were more than Asian voters. I mean, we're out there. That's pretty amazing. Isn't it? Amazing. And this was a wonderful tool. You know, when, when the last time I met with Congressman Benson Ken Benson to talk about some of these legislative issues. You know, I pulled out that report and it's a wonderful tool that the policy institute provides adds to show and of course, because everybody laughs But it's true. What are politicians interested in? They're interested in campaign contributions. And they're interested in votes. Sure. Well, I was there talking to him about votes. And he was interested in 5%. Yes, he was really interested.

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Jimmy Carper 30:19

And I that's why that sign that the transgendered folks carry is so effective, transgendered and we vote.

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That's right. That's what people need to hear. Yes. And so I really encourage folks to spend that

\$25 and join the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and specify we have forms for that. Or you can just specify on your check, Texas, or you know, whatever. And we're doing this all across the country in all 50 states, you specify us a statewide group, but are really encouraged because basically what the task force is doing is we're giving away that membership, because we're going to pass that money on to the statewide group. And we'll also give you a free membership and the task force for that year and you can write to you can send that check care of yes, the NG LTF Houston creating change committee at Peel box 941 P O Box 941. Houston 77001. I'm proud to say that post office boxes in the Barbara Jordan station wide appropriately not cool. I held we held out for months on a waiting list. Because we wanted to know we wanted the post office box in the barber Jordan station. Mike cool, that's good.

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Gigi 31:38

And I have to do one more quick plug for binance do and Larry called in earlier and wanted to know what the by net website is. And such a dizzy blonde I forgot to bring our website address. But if you contact me at buy house dot flash, I mean, buy house at flash dot and then I can give you that website.

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Or you can go to www.bisexual.org. And there's information out there links right back to our website, like a city by city thing. So either way, but it'd be great to email GG and then, you know, buying at Houston gas, you know, have that contact. You know, that's that's fantastic. I want to tell y'all something wonderful about Michelle Meyers, please do that the impact that Michelle is having nationally. Beth Zemsky is the director of the gay lesbian, bisexual and transgendered Programs Office at the University of Minnesota. And she's on the task force board. And Beth is working with human resource directors really from all over the country, on ensuring that their policies are sensitive to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. There's been a real weakness in policies for the transgender community for obvious reasons. There's just not a lot of information available. And so Beth sent out this plea to the task force board, you know, our board, we have a closed private board lists are saying, you know, we need your help. You know, I need Dells help y'all know of anybody who has information. Well, Michelle has given presentation after presentation. She gave me something like 15 pages on a diskette of data and, and speaking and policy type issues that I was able to forward on to Beth, which is helping them develop their policy which will be used all over the country at corporate human resource offices, and I just really have to give kudos to Michelle. That sounds like Michelle.

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Gigi 33:39

I don't know what. I don't know what Michelle isn't involved.

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Oh, she's got her fingers and everything. Well,

J Jimmy Carper 33:47
yes. So Clarence, thank you.

G Gigi 33:49
Yeah. Thanks for joining us.

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It's always fun to be here with y'all. Thanks. So

J Jimmy Carper 33:54
what's gonna happen? Thanks. Thanks,

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Gigi, and J. And thanks, Jimmy, for all the great work you're doing with this program and keeping it going and making it so inclusive.

J Jimmy Carper 34:05
I was really happy when you were president of the caucus. And I'm really glad to see that now that you're not President. You're not retiring. You're still in there doing stuff?

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Well, I'm proud to be on the task force board. It's been a real humbling experience sitting next to Greta Scott, Kings executive assistant and you know all these people, but it's it's wonderful helping to bring Houston and Texas, his voice to that organization. And I want to hear from y'all. I want y'all to email and call me. And let me know what y'all are concerned about. Good.

G Gigi 34:38
Make change here in Texas, right?

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Creating Change in Texas.

J Jimmy Carper 34:44

Okay, thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Jay. Thank you, Gigi. We'll see you next month. And now it's time for after hours News. Okay, it is time for after hours news and views with big Roy and Michelle except Michelle isn't here tonight. And so in her place we have Chris.

R Roy McCarthy 35:51

Hello. Good evening. like to welcome everyone to this week's edition to after hours news.

J Jimmy Carper 35:56

That's the question you just made this gigantic pledge is why thank you

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try and be a circle member. Well, I tried to get in any circle I can I don't get many offers. KPFT is offer comes along, I say. Just Just wait. If we get a better job, we'll be triangle. Ooh. That was called dead air. And it was our tribute to Marcel Marcel.

R Roy McCarthy 36:23

Okay. All right. Starting off this week's news. We have a lot of heavy stuff to lay on y'all tonight and want to start off with two murders in Texas City, which you may have already heard a bit about. two gay men in Texas City were brutally murdered and burned back on January 17. In Texas cities first double homicide and something like 25 years. The victims were Leora or Larry Morris who was 28 years old and Kevin trials who was 30 and the police discovered Morris's Ford Mustang engulfed in flames with Mors body inside and Travis laying only a few feet away. Both men had been shot several times. Police said that robbery is unlikely because jewelry from the victim was found with the bodies. And

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and usually when you're talking about when they're saying with the with a hate crime, robberies usually not going to be a motive in that because these people are doing it to vent anger to vent their opinion on someone. So they're going to actually most instance, I think they avoid actual physical contact person to person, you see a lot more of weapons or long distance weaponry, like a gun, rather than something that's more of intimate of hitting with fists, that would take that would actually cause physical.

R Roy McCarthy 37:49

K Well, Morrison trials were last seen at a club on a 6100 block of FM 1765 around 2:30am on

January 16th. And please believe the pair may have then traveled to Galveston in the Mustang that Morris had bought earlier in the day. The two men were discovered about four hours later, as police responded to a report of heavy smoke near Bayou Campo road. Now, the reason why we're kind of slow calling this possibly a hate crime. We're just not sure just what it is yet is the fact that we don't want to

 Chris 38:28

cry wolf. Yeah, because also something like this, you also have to look at it the way that it can be a hate crime and not just the fact that they were openly gay. The fact that both of the victims were African American, that could have played part into it. And without, without someone being able to say what will happen there. Unless there was a note on the side that said, some was some type of anti gay or racial epitaph. Without a witness or without having the suspects in custody, we really can't declare it anything of a hate crime. But it looks very suspicious. And it's something that unfortunately took a long time to get out and about to the general public. And that's something that needs to be worked on in both not just the gay press but the mainstream press that there for a while it seemed everything was getting on real quick. But this taking almost a month to make the front page here and kind of a sad comment

 Roy McCarthy 39:23

well, and if anybody has any information relating to this, you can always call crimestoppers at 222 t 713222. Tip s or you can call the Texas City Police Department. They'll be more than happy to take your any information that you may have. Now, what's happening up there in in Austin? Well,

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as they were talking about before, there's a lot of support now. And unfortunately here in the state of Texas, it usually takes a death to get support for crimes for anti crime bills. And the rallies are going on for hate crime, and it's based off of the James Byrd Jr. tragedy that occurred on Jasper, Texas. And now with the trial going on, there's a lot of talk about that. And under the new bills and recently, state senator Rodney Ellis and State Representative Senfronia, Thompson, both from Houston sponsored a bill that would start specializing what is in the Texas Hate Crimes Act. Unfortunately, we've had one on the books for a while, but it was so broad based and unfortunately, don't say it didn't have a laundry list attached to it that so many people like it wasn't very enforceable. But this new bill that they're proposing is going to provide aid to the smaller counties, and create special prosecutors in the Attorney General's Office for hate crimes. And it's going to also require more training for law enforcement officers to investigate and documenting hate crimes. It's also going to have a good disclaimer or the good part in there, that's also going to allow to sue the the victim or the victim's family to go into civil court and sue for hate crimes to tack the longer than just your average lawsuit of what do they usually call that?

 Roy McCarthy 41:21

As a tort action for

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it's going to be what they call it. They had a big thing about that, in California, wrongful death wrongful death lawsuit. Yeah, depriving the person of life and liberty and the fruit is pursuit of happiness. And that's going to be a special part of this new legislation, it's going to help, it's gonna make it a little bit easier, that it's not just you can assume not just after a death, but after a serious injury or attack. And hopefully, hopefully, with all that is going to have some teeth into that's going to be able to scare some of these people away who are looking at creating these incidents. To do that.

 R Roy McCarthy 41:54

Well, I'd like to, this is a good time to point out. This is not a particularly gay, bisexual, lesbian, transgendered issue here. But this is pretty much a general issue, which is that any victim of any crime has the right to bring civil charges and civil lawsuit against the perpetrator of that crime. And in a criminal court, in a jury and a criminal court, the defendant must be found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. Now, as we all know, in a civil court, it's just when you're found guilty by what they call a preponderance of the evidence, it can be a split jury, but as long as the majority of the jury agrees that the person and the route should pay, then the person

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pays Yeah, the rallies and all that that are going on. The support is broad based. It's coming from not just the the gay community, the Jewish community of African Americans organized labor, even religious organizations are getting it on their parts, and the elderly. And if you want to let your voice not be known, you can send letters to the governor of state representatives and state senators saying your support, you can send it to PO Box to 1910, Austin, Texas 78711. And those will be forwarded on to them. phonebook and contact whoever is in your area.

 R Roy McCarthy 43:26

And I do want to say that what Chris was saying, believe me that is so important about writing letters. If I'd like to let you know that the government they give more weight to handwritten letters than they do to form letters or petitions that had been signed.