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Oh yes, that's right.

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Hello, Houston. Welcome to After hours, queer radio with attitude in right at the moment, I would say probably without a doubt the most the least disorganized radio program in the history of humanity. I'm Sarah dipalma. And with me tonight is

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my name is Beth Richard. And I guess the queer radio with attitude. Our attitude this after this evening is disorganization.

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I'm telling you. We couldn't find things in so folks, just bear with us. Did we do the disclaimer about language?

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No, we did not.

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Okay. Well, let me do that. Now. You are labeled here something of a frank or sensitive nature. Parental discretion is advised. Oh, Frank. Okay. That's as close as we can remember it. If you don't, let's put it let's let's put it in plain language if you don't want to hear about queer stuff, queer attitude, queer radio, transgendered stuff, whatever. This ain't your show. Okay, if you're if you're offended by that,



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okay, don't get raw some orange. Jimmy could tell it to us.



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Yeah. Well, we'll call it's called Jimmy's way. Call him in his hotel room. There you go. Hey, Jimmy, have we got a surprise for you? Oh, well, okay. Well, we're finding our way around here. Let's talk a little bit about what we have going on the show tonight. Original I if you if you listen to the show, last month, I had promised an interview with Urvashi wierd, who is one of the original directors, the National Gay Lesbian Taskforce. And I said at the time that we were going to do a show and we were going to feature her. Well, she chickened out. Apparently, she talked to some folks at the Human Rights Campaign fund, who told them who I was and the kind of questions I was liable to ask like, how is it in 700 pages? You only use the word transgender three times. So she decided not to do this show. metal block? Can we say chicken? No, unfortunately, Urvashi is not going to be here tonight. And my secondary backup interview with Jessica Xavier fell through for a very good reason. Just because a sick with the flu as a person can humanly be. I talked to her on the phone the other day. And she sounded like, well, trust me, she was in no condition to talk to anybody. So I thought we would do something that we have not done in quite a while. I went back and started listening to some of the tapes of previous shows. And I got kind of curious and went back and started listening. And so tonight, we're going to do some playback of various cuts, not entire interviews, but various cuts of things that we have done on the air. And I thought it would be interesting to get a point of view since you have to do transsexual sitting here this evening. To talk about it. Jimmy has had one his his perspective. I mean, he's not transsexual. He may work rest groups, but he's not transsexual. He's he's cute as



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well. Yeah. What do you mean, when you do get to listen to this? We're on your side. We're really not



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picking you too much gaming. We're just upset. You didn't take us to Hawaii with you.



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I suppose we could have found a big enough suitcase for us.



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Well, you know, I say that every time and I thought okay, I'm not going to repeat ever



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since he left. The weather has been absolutely beautiful every single day.



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Well, we may not have Jimmy but at least we have Jim.



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That's right. That's right. Let's let's rub it into Jimmy some more. What else can we say to make him sorry that he's in Hawaii instead of here with us? I don't think there's much. All right, so we can't say so we can't say a lot about it fine. I've also got brought in some stuff from the internet tonight. There has been another murder of a transsexual in Chicago, and very much like the incident in Washington DC where the paramedics decided not to help. In this case, this young woman was shot in the back twice and the paramedics essentially said, if you can get yourself shot in the back, you can get in the ambulance. Oh, that's wonderful. So we'll be talking about that tonight. Yeah, needless to say, um, let me see what else is there going on that we should should know about right off the bat. Oh, I guess we probably got to queue up some music so we want to go with that. Yeah, that seems like a good idea.



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Well, why don't we do this one number seven. Okay.



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Number seven is good. Oh, yeah, it's always good



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at this point number seven out.



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Just give Jimmy's



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pinching minute.



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She's tweaking minute give Jim a big tweak on the nose for his silliness. As much as Monty Python would say, All right, stop. It's entirely too silly.



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Yes, jocularity? Something like that. Okay, now then I only have one, CB one.



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There you go. All right.



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We're gonna go to some music get ourselves organized. We'll be back in a little bit. Beth, what is it? This is Q dub.



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This is called shaking the trees. It's with Peter Gabriel. And I'm gonna have to look up together guys name. Yes. Who endure from this from Senegal. And this is kind of in commemoration. The fact that today or at least Saturday was the International Woman's Day. Oh, get out. No kidding. Well,



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I feel honored. Cool. Here you go. Okay, here we go.



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That is from the New Chris Williamson trip thiourea CD, called between the covers in that particular cut that has cut number six called Say good night. And this CD, I mean, I don't like to be the salesperson for somebody else's music here. But this CD is just loaded with good music.



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And well, if it's Chris Williamson and Trent fair, or you can just like start with that premise. I mean, I haven't found anything yet from them. I didn't like

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yeah, I would say that if you wanted to go out to Inkling or if you wanted to go out to all several Muse gay and lesbian music stores in the area, you should be able to find that because that is now out.

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It is okay. Last time we were here back in the marathon days that was pre release. Yeah, it's called

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the CD is called between the covers, Chris Williamson and Trent fury. And I really strongly recommend it. That's good stuff. All right. Now we have finally had an opportunity to settle down, get into the station, find out where everything is and where we're back to business here.

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Yeah, well, you know, like I said earlier, disorganization was the attitude for tonight.

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This was the wildest entrance and exit in and out of the studio. I think I've had an all the time that I've been on this show. This was just really something

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come on guys, like two minutes. And we got into a ship. Come on, guys, like one minute, and we got to do

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well, since since you were here tonight. I wanted to start out with this. And I'll explain some background. Diane zicatela has been a guest on our show before. Diane, for those who do not know is a premiere activist in the state of Colorado, transgender, gay, lesbian, and I think it would be fair to say that she is a human rights activist,



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no doubt. Well,



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she testified in front of a committee at the state legislature in Colorado, dealing with same sex marriages. Like many states, Colorado, surprise, surprise, is preparing a bill to outlaw same sex marriages. Well, Diane secretaria was one of the people who spoke about this. And she talked about her marriage of 20 something years and explained that hers was the same sex marriage and yet for all what was their law going to do about that? Yeah, well, apparently one of the legislators Her name is Marilyn Musgrave. And Marilyn Musgrave was unfriendly to say the least. And Diane Sikka tellows daughter, wrote this letter, and it's very short. So I'm going to go ahead and read this, because I thought it was apparent you'd appreciate this. Yeah. This is in the words of her daughter whose name is Laurie zicatela. And your February 14 news story on banning same sex marriages. State Representative Marilyn Musgrave is quoted as saying, kids are better off in a traditional family. Well, Marilyn, you are wrong. As the proud Republican daughter of a transgender parent, I can tell you firsthand, I am better off, especially after listening to years of friends telling of mental and sexual abuse, alcoholism and adultery. We never had that in my family. Yeah, my dad wants to be a woman. No, we are not a traditional family. And yes, I am better off. I grew up learning not to judge other people. I see people for what is inside them. Is that bad to you? I have high morals. I live in her I live in respectable life, and I'm very spiritual. Yet according to you, I am somehow worse off because of my now on traditional family, my parents are still married in a legal same sex marriage, I might add it as a first marriage for both of them. That has now lasted 28 years. How many traditional families can say that? I see marriage in a totally sacred light, not as something to be taken lightly. I think allowing people in the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities to legalize their families is important. No, it won't lessen any meetings of traditional marriage that haven't already been lessened by increasing divorces. As for you, Marilyn, I pray for you to see that God loves all of His children, not just the fundamental born again once no doubt. And Diane tells this Ellie has little postscript here. Her daughter took off from work to come and hear Diane testify. And she walked up to this legislator Marilyn Musgrave and introduced herself. Marilyn shook her hand and apparently feeling that Laurie was her only supporter in the room. Maryland just kept shaking your hand. It was holding on for dear life. Laurie was a little put off for this. But finally after a little more small tack. Laurie asked Marilyn, if she had seen her letter, the legislator Maryland, got that look on her face, jerked her hand out of lorries and stormed away. And Diane says it's always good to see firsthand how the expressions of Christian love really work.



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Oh, no doubt.



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Anyway, I thought that is it trains is a parent, huge.



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Well, I'm, I'm a parent, I'm in a legal same sex marriage. We're coming up now. And in a few more months, we're about to celebrate our 10th anniversary. Last month, we filed with the IRS married filing jointly. And we've yet to see how that comes back in previous years, there's been no problem at all. But of course in previous years, DOMA wasn't



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around. That's right. You need to deal with the defensive defensive Marriage Act right,



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which is the SEC pose a Defense of Marriage Act is is kind of a misnomer in itself. Because what it really says is that the federal government in the states don't have to recognize the marriage is created in other states. You know, I'm not clear if it's put a period there or if it has to be for same sex, I



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still think it's going to be struck down as Supreme Court? Well, of



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course it is because it goes directly against article four section one of the Constitution, which says that all matters of record of which marriage is a matter of record of any state has to be recognized by all the other states, just like business incorporation or something like that. Just because it's incorporated in the state of Delaware doesn't mean Texas doesn't recognize it. Same with a marriage. If a marriage is done in Hawaii, all the other 49 are supposed to recognize it. That's according to the Constitution itself. Not any amendment to it, but the body of the Constitution.



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I always thought that marriage needed to be defended from heterosexuals. I mean, just watch Beverly Hills 5551. I know too, and it makes my case. Yeah. I mean, watch any soap opera during the daytime. And it makes my case, who is marriage needs to be defended from exactly. It sure as heck isn't transsexuals and it sure as heck isn't gay, lesbian people.



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I think that marriage needs to be defended against people who don't take it seriously. Thank you, regardless of their sexual orientation care whether they're gay, straight, same sex. Yeah, you know, I don't care even if you know, if polygamy is is okay with me if it's okay, with

everybody involved. It's it's something that, you know, this is a consenting sort of thing. If a couple of people or two people whatever, want to get together and support themselves and take that burden off the state. Why is it state complaining?



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You know, I don't know, it's hard to understand. I mean, my life partner and I are probably more married than most married couples.



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True. You know, I mentioned both, and I can't agree more. And



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I don't know, I just don't understand this defensive marriage stuff. Especially the the hysterical reaction to it that you're that we're getting in states around the country. I don't know what's going to happen in Texas. I will be very surprised if they don't pass something like this. Because all the other



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states are doing it. Yeah. Well, they'll all fall because they have to.



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I want to make it clear right now that if anybody hears it's such an act is coming up, you let me know, because I'd be happy to testify in front of the state legislature. Anytime I learned the stupidity of what they're doing.



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You know, I It's kind of interesting, because I've had a couple of occasions recently to come out to people in the end it it's always interesting because, you know, they'll they'll say, okay, Beth Richard, Terry Richard, what's the lationship where you like sisters or something? And it's like no we have a legal same sex marriage. Not I don't come out beginning with I'm transgendered I come out with we have a legal same sex marriage. Now that really puts them on there. And part of the reason I do that is because the big argument against legal same sex marriage that all these people are making is that something bad will happen if we let same sex people get married? And that you know, they never really specify and here we are, we've got a legal same sex marriage. We're living it we're we're we're out in the burbs, folks, we're not you know, down on the Montrose we're where things are. We're the leases a little bit longer as Chris Williamson says it were good description. We're out in the burbs big time and we're just another family. I mean it we have no problems in our neighborhood. We're well accepted and

nothing bad is happening. Our kids are taken care of they go to school, they're doing fine. Teachers all know me that the teachers all know Terry. In fact, she works at the school. So they definitely know. We're, we're definitely not out of the ordinary. There's nothing bad going on here. And we're an example of the fact that no, same sex marriage is not going to cause something bad, whatever that might be.

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No, it's funny. We do an annual trek to the Renaissance Festival. Yeah, we do. And not once has anyone ever stared at us because we're just so doggone typical. We just blend in like everybody else.

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Well, we do get the occasional looks, you know, when they figure out that we're closer to each other, then, you know, maybe next door neighbor has taken the kids out. But you know, it doesn't last very long. It's it's more of an unusual thing than a bad thing. You know what I mean?

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Laurie, and I get this all the time people ask us if we're sisters. Yeah. Oh, yeah. All the time. Yeah. And we just kind of smile and said, No, why would you think that? In the end? Yeah. Occasionally we will tell people if we need to. It's a it's really funny. We'll go to Galveston every so often just to get away from things and we'll walk on the beach and hold hands. And we don't give a hoot who's looking? There you go, you know, their opinion and 50 senses or something at McDonald's. Yeah, you know, and that's it. That's not a lot either. Actually is becoming less and less. Yeah,

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that's why 50 cents works. Well. I mean, our I'm sorry. I just thought we were gonna keep going for a little while. At the same time. We were talking about defense of marriage here. You know, did you do that? Did I ever tell you about what happened with Terry sister? When when my news first broke out in her family? No, no, go oh, this is fab. I'm Terry sister took it upon herself to effectively kidnap the kids and Teresa. Excuse me? Yes. Well, you know, actually, it began with her mommy, I came home. I got a call on a Thursday afternoon and and she said, Well, you know, my mom's coming down. And she's gonna pick us up and we're gonna go and spend the weekend there. And they had five or six different things, Quilt Show nephews, confirmation, some other bunch of stuff like that. Okay, that's fine. Well, they're going to come and pick me up. Now. That's unusual. But but that's cool if they're going to do that, because we at the time, we only had one car, which meant I had to get the car from work and do all kinds of goofy things. But this was very convenient. To convenient, it turns out, because what happened was, as soon as she got to her parents house, which was 200 miles away, I mean, this wasn't just like, over on the other side of city, the word was, okay, now that you're out of that environment, we want you to think about it so you don't have to go back again.



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What environment? Me? That's what yeah, that's why I'm asking like, like, what,



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okay, and and, you know, these are people who are like, you know, hyper Christian Catholic types and, and they're trying to break up a marriage that was made in the oldest Catholic basilica in the company in the country. Okay, they didn't see any irony in that. They didn't you know, okay, wait, we're going to defend this marriage yet. We're going to tear it apart at the seams, but we're defending marriage. Okay, you tell me how this works, because I shouldn't get a big ROI on here. He got here. No, he's gonna come down a little later. Do you know how to get this? Get this all going?



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I don't Sure. I don't put him does.



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Jimmy's Jim's fabulous in here. Hi, Roy. You there. Now it's right there. Hello. Are you there? Roy? I heard a little click.



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We hear it. We heard a click. I'm here. What do you got for us?



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Well, we have a good company of arrows tonight, aren't we?



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Oh, you bet. Things are finally settled down but it took a while.



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Heard that. Anyway, I wanted to throw my two cents worth in on tonight's topic here regarding same sex marriages. Well, that's what it's been so far. Anyway, I was talking to Deacon from the from MCC er here in Houston. And he informed me that the main body of the universal fellowship of the Metropolitan Community churches, has a case working its way into the

Supreme Court. Forcing recognition of same sex marriages that are that are preferred. One with in their church. If the state will recognize a marriage that is performed in a Muslim mosque or a Jewish synagogue or Catholic church, or a Protestant church, then they have to recognize one performed in United fellowship of the Metropolitan Community churches,



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right. A lot of people may not know what at what MCC is. So let me just take a second and explain to folks that Metropolitan Community Church was founded by the Reverend Troy Perry. And it is a predominantly gay and lesbian congregation on national basis. Although I have to say I have been to their church, many of their churches around the country and they do have many straight people who go there. In the there are an awful lot of kids who attend Sunday school there, but it is predominantly gay and lesbian. So you understand we're always talking about, okay,



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straight friendly church.



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There you go. Okay, church that is straight friendlies. Hey, we need more of those. But y'all



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see where I'm coming from? Oh, yeah, dude. And they have to, the only reason why there could be any opposition is to same sex marriages, is based purely on church doctrine. And just as the state cannot into, interfere with the affairs of the church, the church cannot interfere with the affairs of state and the performing of a marriage and recognition of marriages is an affair of state, not an affair of church.



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Well, Roy, I still think that what will eventually happen is it's going to be a transgender couple who's going to force this issue in court.



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Yeah, we got one of those transgendered couples down in the station there right now.



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It's very possible because like I said, we put in with the IRS again, this year married filing

jointly. And like I said, in previous years, we have no problem with it pre DOMA. Now that DOMA is in place, if they give us a problem about it, if they refuse to, to accept that, based on DOMA, then we're going to have to fight it.



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Washington State won't have to mandate a divorce,



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which they can't do. No. I mean, there's no there's laws about their silly laws. But there are laws about who can get married, but there's no laws about who can stay married.



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Well, you know, the crazy thing is that, and I agree with Sarah dipalma is definitely going to be overthrown.



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It's unconstitutional.



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Crazy, but you know, just recently is the mid 70s. It was against the law in many southern states, for one race, to get married to another race. Blacks and Whites could not get married.



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And you know, Roy illegal, you know, right. That's what this whole hysteria reminds me of I was I first went south. A first time I went south was about 1967. And I remember sitting in a an all white Baptist church now just outside of Tupelo, Mississippi. And this This so called minister, this so called Man of God was explaining why it was okay to discriminate against people of color, and particularly against African Americans. Because the time that the story of the Tower of Babel mandated this quote from the Bible. Well, you know, I mean, this, my guess the point I'm trying to make here is that, you know, the so called fundamentalist, they can justify anything through Bible they want, that doesn't make it constitutional. Oh, no, no, not at all doesn't make it legal. And I, I do think that over the long run, it's going to be it's going to be ruled unconstitutional. And I still think it's going to be a transgender couple that's doing it. There is a case in the state of Washington right now. Very similar to what Beth was just talking about. Just today, I was reading on one of the websites on the internet, about a case that looks like it's going to be coming up to the to the Massachusetts Supreme Court from Cambridge,

Mass from Cambridge, Mass. I'll the transgendered a couple, one of whom is a professor at Harvard. And so I still think it's going to be a transgender couple who's going to overthrow this. It will be ruled illegal, I'm convinced, you



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know, and it's really amusing because, well, I wanted to comment something on you said, Roy, but the Metropolitan Community Church, yeah, they're probably going to do a lot in this direction. But they're not the only ones. Like, for instance, my mom and her partner were united in Baptist church back about 8683 or 84. They're a lesbian couple. And, you know, so it's not just the MTCR, that's going to be going to be out there. Right. You know, and it's not an issue then, about the church. It's going to be whether the state accepts it.



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Well, the state has to it. Well, they don't do it now. If it will recognize a marriage performed in what they consider as a mainstream church.



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Well, you see, that's the thing is that you know, Before you can go get married in a mainstream church, you have to stop in with the state and pick up a marriage license.



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And it's the license. And that's where they nail them. That's right.



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It's the license. That's the issue here. And that's, you know, like my mom and her partner are, you know, as far as they're concerned, they're a married couple, as far as the church that married them is concerned, they're a married couple, as far as the state they live in is concerned. They're roommates, the Unitarian



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Church is performed holy unions and same sex marriages for years, I guess, a couple of decades. So but it's not recognized.



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In this case, the churches are leading the state.



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Certain denominations are Yeah, you know,



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one of the big arguments at this thing is that marriage is for procreation. You know,



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tell that to the billions of



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Republicans that are getting married now,



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you ever been to India, Roy?



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I mean, hey, how about Newt Gingrich? I mean, here's a real shining example of family values, you know, and he just got remarried again, and there's more Republicans that are just getting remarried. And they're, you know, they're beyond, you know, their ages or beyond the childbearing and? Well, okay.



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There's that argument is the one that they bring up. But it's also been struck down in the courts several times already. And the most recent, and really, one of the more better ways of putting it was the in the argument made it Hawaii, when the the judge told the state that they didn't have compelling evidence. And mostly the state's compelling evidence, or at least what they said was compelling evidence. Was this bit about bearing children in the state? And they and the court said, sorry, not good enough?



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Well, you know, I felt something regarding the rearing children bringing up children, I saw something very interesting recently on a&e, in which some lesbian couples and some gay couples who were among the first to have adoption, hey, you know, like, 10 years or so ago.



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I mean, illegal, same sex marriage, we're raising kids, and there's no,



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there's funny thing is that those kids have are growing up now. And they're in their teens. They were adopted when they were like, little children, and they're in their teens or 20s. And they're very well adjusted. And academically, they're performing superior to the lot of other kids in the more traditional families. Well, I



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think that's where we started. wife beating and you brought us You brought us full circle, Roy, I think that's where we started was we're gonna get on with Shell but let's I'm glad that you call and I thought you made some good points. Yeah, I'm



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gonna try to make my way on down there later on. help ease the burden on my big brother Jimmy there.



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Okay, well, good. We'll see in a little bit then. So



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you folks who want to concave PFT, you get to talk to big Roy.



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Ups. Oops. Okay, well, now then. Okay, I brought some music. And actually, let me start off by explaining this. It was, it was my intention to start the show this music, but since we guys started discombobulated, I'm going to do it now. Um, I started out by saying that we're going to be playing some stuff from some previous shows. And sure enough, we are going to do that a little bit. But the first section that we'll be talking about will be about transgendered stereotypes, which led me to ask about, I



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mean there's transgendered stereotypes out there Well

mean, there's transgendered stereotypes out there. Even,



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I'm going to play some of the three most trends, most stereotypical transgendered songs I could find.



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Okay, let me take a guess. Lola. Right. I got Lola. Okay. Take a walk on the wild side.



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Nope. Oh, Palmer. You'll see you'll see. Okay, all right audience so you guess along and see what the see what it is? See what I want to hear your guesses now the three most stereotypical songs about transgenders and we'll be back talking about it. Away we go.