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SPEAKERS

[Music], Speaker 16, Scott Lewis, Jimmy Carper, Speaker 17, Diane Williams

 Scott Lewis 00:00

Ooh, what a hot song.

 Jimmy Carper 00:03

Apotheosis doing O'fortuna from Carmina Burana.

 Scott Lewis 00:07

I'm not even gonna touch that title. O'fortuna.

 Jimmy Carper 00:10

I know, we had we had to deal about that. Fortuna is one word. Okay.

 Scott Lewis 00:16

Okay, okay.

 Jimmy Carper 00:18

But for those of you who may kind of remember that medley, it was used in Damien, The Omen 3, that, those movies the Damien Omen movies.

 Scott Lewis 00:33

Okay.

J Jimmy Carper 00:33

Okay, Jim told me that because we played this on esoteric adventures.

S Scott Lewis 00:38

Okay.

J Jimmy Carper 00:39

Okay. But more importantly,

S Scott Lewis 00:41

More excitingly anyway.

J Jimmy Carper 00:43

We are gonna give it away, honey.

S Scott Lewis 00:45

Well, you already did you already do. So if you want some of that snatch baby.

J Jimmy Carper 00:51

Yeah, but we're gonna give away something you can really use.

S Scott Lewis 00:54

Well, something people will want, which is neither one of us.

J Jimmy Carper 00:57

And it is

 Scott Lewis 00:59

RuPaul. Well, we're not actually going to give RuPaul away.

 Jimmy Carper 01:02

Well, no.

 Scott Lewis 01:03

Because we're poor station. We can't afford her. But those folks over at Heaven.

 Jimmy Carper 01:09

They've got, they've got money coming out of their ass. I'll tell ya they can afford to give away RuPaul.

 Scott Lewis 01:16

Well, hang on, touch that one. But they have afforded us the luxury of giving away. What happened? My headphones went dead. They have afforded us the luxury of giving away a couple of pairs of tickets to RuPaul tonight. Okay, yeah, we're gonna give away a couple of tickets to RuPaul's concert, which is next Saturday night at Heaven.

 Jimmy Carper 01:24

Go on. At midnight.

 Scott Lewis 01:43

At midnight at Heaven.

 Jimmy Carper 01:44

And we've got to say it now. The reason, one of the reasons that we've got these tickets to give away in the first place is because

 Scott Lewis 01:51

No, I'm not doing anybody in management.

J Jimmy Carper 01:54

No, stop because you are

S Scott Lewis 01:55

Because I am in management.

J Jimmy Carper 02:00

Because Scott works for Heaven, Charles Armstrong Investments.

S Scott Lewis 02:03

Right. And well. It's just a good PR move.

J Jimmy Carper 02:08

Yeah. Well, not only that, but I mean, Charles Armstrong has been doing a lot of stuff in, in the community. I mean, we just had a fundraiser for the gay and lesbian

S Scott Lewis 02:18

Wasn't that incredible? Let's talk about that just for a second.

J Jimmy Carper 02:20

It was wonderful. It really was wonderful. And one. The only the only thing was it didn't have as many people as we would have hoped.

S Scott Lewis 02:29

Oh, sure.

J Jimmy Carper 02:29

But, but

S Scott Lewis 02:31

Jerry Halliday puppeteer extraordinaire, flown in from Las Vegas, he was hysterical.

J Jimmy Carper 02:36
How long was he on stage?

S Scott Lewis 02:37
Over an hour, over an hour.

J Jimmy Carper 02:39
It was great. And he was singing and wisecracking and

S Scott Lewis 02:43
And read me for filth.

J Jimmy Carper 02:44
And jokes we can't even tell you over the air.

S Scott Lewis 02:48
Jokes about Donna Day. Oh, he just ran everybody.

J Jimmy Carper 02:52
Chocolate.

S Scott Lewis 02:53
Oh, yeah, who was there.

J Jimmy Carper 02:55
Who happened to be there.

S Scott Lewis 02:56
Yea baby

Yes, Navy.

J Jimmy Carper 02:57

Hot Chocolate. It was fun.

S Scott Lewis 03:00

Who is also in the new Tina Turner movie.

J Jimmy Carper 03:02

Yeah, I haven't seen it yet.

S Scott Lewis 03:04

You've got to go see it.

J Jimmy Carper 03:05

I know it, I know it.

S Scott Lewis 03:05

So let's do this.

J Jimmy Carper 03:06

But anyway.

S Scott Lewis 03:07

Let's do this.

J Jimmy Carper 03:08

But we digress.

S Scott Lewis 03:12

We have a couple of pairs of tickets to the RuPaul show which is guaranteed to be the show of the year next Saturday night at Heaven. Platforms, bell bottoms, hairdos and RuPaul live in concert. It's a party with just a little extra icing on the cake, RuPaul. They're live in concert. So if you're interested in going next Saturday night, July 24, 526-KPFT, 526-5738. The lines are already lighting up so you better call quick. And here's a little RuPaul music to get you in the way.

J Jimmy Carper 03:47

That's gonna be called, caller number three and four.

S Scott Lewis 03:49

Caller three and four. All right.

D Diane Williams 04:01

And we're back. Are we back? I think I'm back. You back, Scott?

S Scott Lewis 04:06

I'm back. I don't know where I've been. But I'm back.

D Diane Williams 04:08

The idea here is to lean into the microphone and pretend like you've been doing this the whole time.

S Scott Lewis 04:12

Oh, absolutely. Yes.

D Diane Williams 04:14

We have so many people here tonight eat a such a party at KPFT After Hours.

S Scott Lewis 04:19

Give them the address. They can come down and join.

D Diane Williams 04:21

Oh my god. Can we fit anyone else in here? Really don't bring doughnuts. Normally we would tell you to bring doughnuts tonight. I'm sorry. We're on donut overload. We're all on a sugar high. Can you tell? 409 Is that correct?

J Jimmy Carper 04:34

419.

D Diane Williams 04:34

419, I was really close 419 Lovett and we're here every Saturday night from midnight to 3am We have some really fascinating people in the studio as if you didn't know. We get, we've just given away some cool and happen in tickets to see RuPaul, what a queen. And we're here with Pat Gandy of the Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby. Hi, Pat.

S Speaker 16 04:57

Hi.

D Diane Williams 04:58

Welcome.

S Speaker 16 04:59

Thank you, glad to be here.

D Diane Williams 05:01

Well, I wanted to ask you as soon as I get my chair fixed so that I can sit down. Yeah, I wanted to ask you a little bit about what the organization is, number one, what is that? What is LGRL?

S Speaker 16 05:13

LGRL is the Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby of Texas. And our function statewide is, as we're a board of people, gay men and lesbians who make policy decisions and hire a lobbyist for the state capitol. The lobbyist functions as the voice of all gay men and lesbians in, in Austin. And, and the lobbyist works during the legislative session, particularly to stop bad legislation, to introduce good legislation. And then the rest of the time works before boards and administrative agencies to do various, various things.

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Diane Williams 06:01

Well, I'm glad to hear, there's one thing that I was wondering about, I'm familiar with your organization. I was wondering how the board works. Are there delegates, representatives from the different cities or how, how's your board structured?

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Speaker 16 06:18

Well, we have, let's see, five or six members of the, of the board that are representatives from organizations, for example, the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus has one representative now, it used to, they had two. We've restructured the board lately. The, there are two gal--Dallas groups on the board, Austin group, San Antonio group,

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Diane Williams 06:46

What kind of groups?

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Speaker 16 06:47

The new San Antonio Gay and Lesbian Caucus. There's the, the two Dallas political groups, the Fort Worth political group. The rest of the board members are persons who have exhibited an interest in, in raising money primarily for LGRL and doing, going to Austin or wherever we have the meetings at least, least four times a year.

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Diane Williams 07:20

Wow.

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Speaker 16 07:20

So basically, basically what we've tried to do when we restructured the board is tried to make it gen-- have gender parity. And we do.

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Diane Williams 07:31

That's great.

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Speaker 16 07:32

There an equal number of women on the board. We have co-chair, I'm the co-chair of the board, along with Gerald Orvis of San Antonio, the first Hispanic person that we've had on a statewide board.

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Diane Williams 07:47

That's great.

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Speaker 16 07:48

Rhat to my knowledge, that's, that's not a primarily Hispanic organization. First co-chair. And, and also we have, we're working toward ethnic parity, we have a black woman from San Antonio, we have several Hispanic men and we're working now toward, toward getting, we still have the splot--slots open. And we're, and we're working to get more raw Hispanic women and, and black men and, and African American. Watch my political correctness on the board, and we're finding those people, it takes, you, you know, you have to look for them.

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Diane Williams 08:37

You do, you have to make a pro, you have to make a reach out for everybody.

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Speaker 16 08:40

That's right.

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Diane Williams 08:41

Well, I'm glad you're here. You're the co-chair?

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Speaker 16 08:43

Co-chair. Yeah.

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Diane Williams 08:44

Is there a particular, do you represent Houston? Or is there a place that you are representative of in the organization?

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Speaker 16 08:53

I first got on the board because I was, I was one of the two representatives from the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus here in Houston. The male and female representatives. And the, I got on the board that way. When we restructured though, I chose not to be the the representative of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, but to be the an at large representative and the board chooses its own. We're self perpetuating, in other words, but we

have a board development committee. And, and the idea behind that is to extend our outreach to all communities throughout the state and we want to be--become truly representative of all the community with, with people of, we do have people of very diverse backgrounds in our community and we want to try to acknowledge that on our board.

 Diane Williams 08:56

Is there some local people that you'd like to mention that are involved with LGRL? Is there any names that we might know in the local community? Just off the top of your head.

 Speaker 16 10:01

Well, yes, up until just recently, Phil Batdorf has been the Houston gay and lesbian representative to the board. He just resigned to to devote his full energies to HATCH, which is one of his entries, so.

 Diane Williams 10:17

That's Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals.

 Speaker 16 10:21

Yes. And he's, he's devoting his full energies toward that organization rather than having them spread out. He's resigned a couple of boards, but we hate to see him go. He's been a very active, active member since he's been a board. One of the new members of our board is Mitchell Katine, who is an attorney and has just been appointed by Governor Ann Richards to the real estate commission. Also, he is an openly gay man who does legal work with HIV, folks. And we're very proud that he's on the board. We're also very proud to acknowledge that LGRL is the organization that works with the governor's office to get appointments to these very important boards and commissions.

 Diane Williams 11:18

Right.

 Speaker 16 11:19

And the other, another member of the board from Houston is Stephanie Scott, who's, who's former president of Lesbians in Business. And she's, she's a new member of the board. And then we have in the Houston area, have Janet Cohen from, from Galveston. Yeah. So we're great. We're, we have pretty good representation in this area.



Diane Williams 11:47

I'd like to ask you, of course, the big question about 21.06. What can you tell us about it? And where do you think it is and where it stands? And I have a little thing here that Laurie Eiserloh writes, in the back of Dimensions, Dimensions is a women's free magazine that comes out monthly, I believe, and she has a column called A Feminist Perspective. Laurie Eiserloh is the lobbyist for the Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby of Texas. And she has a little summary of where we are, if you know that off the top of your head, or if you want to tell us about what's happening. And I know that we've, we invite callers to call in and ask questions and talk to us about their concerns. 21.06, in case you don't know, out there is the bill that pretty much makes homosexuality illegal in the state of Texas. Do you want to?



Speaker 16 12:40

Yes, that's, that's what it says. That's what it says, you know. I haven't read the particular article there. But I can kind of give you a rundown on where things are. Pardon me. The, we had a wonderful opportunity during this past session of the legislature to get rid of 21.06. And we work very hard, Laurie worked particularly hard, but all of us, you know, gave her a lot of support. She got a lot of support from organizations in the community, in every community, not just Houston, but from all over the state. The governor appointed some a year or so ago, a Punishment and Standards Commission. And this, this, this commission was to re--rewrite the criminal code for the state of Texas and get rid of some of the trash in it and like 21.06. And the silly stuff that had been stuck in for, you know, years and years. So the Punishment Standards Committee met. And they in fact, did take 21.06 out, I think by an overwhelming majority, maybe one person voted against it out of a committee of about 16.



Diane Williams 14:05

HAve any idea who that one person is? Let's call them up. Oh, some,



Speaker 16 14:08

Oh, some, some some very homophobic, white male from East Texas. I can tell you, I can't think of his name right now, and we certainly don't want to publicize other than let, let it, let it, and he probably won't, he'll never go anywhere. If he does, we'll let everybody know.



Diane Williams 14:23

Okay. We don't like him.



Speaker 16 14:26

But yeah, we don't like him much any. Then it went to the House and the Senate. And in the, in the Senate, Senator John Whitmire from Houston was carrying the bill.

D Diane Williams 14:41

Which means he spoke in favor of it? Of losing it?

S Speaker 16 14:43

Well, he's moved in favor of the whole bill and then he spoke particularly in favor of keeping 21.06 out. I have a tape at home if anybody's interested in a videotape of his, his actions and the actions of several other senators on the floor of the Texas Senate speaking for removing 21.06. He was, Senator Whitmire was very stalwart in his standing up for us on this as well, as well, Senator Carl Parker from Beaumont or other area.

D Diane Williams 15:16

That's great.

S Speaker 16 15:17

And I mean, they literally, Carl Parker literally really made fun of the people that were trying to put 21.06 back in, made them sound and look like fools.

D Diane Williams 15:28

We like that.

S Speaker 16 15:29

Yeah, it really, that they were that, you have no idea. You ought to see this tape, folks. You think, you think some of these people that go to Austin are intelligent people? See, that's why we have to have a lobby. What you have to be watching out for idiots. It's like

D Diane Williams 15:47

And they'll get in there.

S Speaker 16 15:48

Oh, yeah. And there are a lot of 'em in there and you got to watch. You have to have somebody looking out for these people because you, they will just run loose. They're like a loose cannon on a ship. And, and the people that carry these type of things that, that do these silly things are really very, very, very, you know, they're pretty dumb. But let me tell you, somebody said, you know, being dumb wasn't a sin. And it certainly, if the Texas Legislature did dumb things, it was certainly representative of the state. So you know, I don't know, I didn't say that. But anyway,

that the Texas Senate voted 16 to 11 to keep 21.06 out. We thought, hey, that's great. We didn't really expect that big a victory. But we got a lot of help on that one from Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock also, he worked the floor of the Senate in favor of removing 21--21.06.

 Diane Williams 16:46

I want you to say that again gor people out there. Who worked the floor?

 Speaker 16 16:50

Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock.

 Diane Williams 16:52

Worked the floor to get 21.06 removed.

 Speaker 16 16:54

That's right. in the in the Texas Senate and they did 16 to 1, he and John Whitmire.

 Diane Williams 16:58

You heard it hear first.

 Speaker 16 16:59

He and yes.

 Diane Williams 17:00

And John Whitmire, somebody that you never can tell whether they're going to be a good guy or a bad guy, came through for us.

 Speaker 16 17:06

Yeah. And and Bob Bullock's been a stalwart friend, I worked hard for his election. And four years ago, and he's coming up for reelection this next year, yeah. And I got a bumper sticker on my car. I mean, he wrote me a letter or about a month ago saying, would you join my, my steering committee for Harris County, and I put my name down quick. You know, that's, that's important. You help your friends, and you try to punish your enemies if you can. Then when we got to the, the Texas House of Representatives, the deal was, look, they're going to change

some things around. And so don't make a fight on it in the Texas House in, on the floor of the House, let it go to conference committee, and then the conference committee will iron out everything, and they'll go along with the Senate version, which was the version we liked. Well, that was the deal that we had with the Speaker of the House, supposedly,

 Diane Williams 18:15

Supposedly.

 Speaker 16 18:17

And he reneged on the deal.

 Diane Williams 18:19

The Speaker, one more time, the Speaker of the House who is

 Speaker 16 18:25

Who is from Hale Center, Texas. And, and I'm drawing a blank right now.

 Diane Williams 18:32

I could give you the old one's name. I can't remember the new one.

 Speaker 16 18:35

Yeah, Hale, from Hale Center, Texas. They grow lots of cotton up there.

 Diane Williams 18:39

And it's stuffed in this man's brain.

 Speaker 16 18:41

Yeah. It is, it's stuffed, it's stuffed. But, but, and I'm looking for ways right now to send him a message like, you know, they grew a lot of cotton up there. And guess who in this world wears a lot of cotton?

 Diane Williams 18:56

Lesbians. I know gay people wear a lot of cotton.

 S Speaker 16 18:58

Yeah, uh huh. Well, that's been investigated by me right now how we can, we can put a connection between those two things.

 D Diane Williams 19:07

I would like somebody sitting at home to get the phone number for me of the Speaker of the House of the Texas legislator. So we can call, get the name and phone number. Look in the blue pages of your phone book and call me at 526-KPFT. Give me that phone number. I'm gonna give it out over there. The Speaker of the House. Go ahead. Sorry.

 S Speaker 16 19:22

Okay. I'm sorry, I, I made notes here and wrote things down because, you know, my memory is so bad. And, and that's one thing I forgot to write down.

 D Diane Williams 19:33

Well, we're a bunch of active queers over here. So we will be, last time I was here we got on the phone and called somebody, I don't even know who we were calling but we called during the morning and let them have a piece of our minds so.

 S Speaker 16 19:46

But anyway, the Speaker, the Speaker did appoint people who did not live up to the deal and and we felt betrayed. Glen Maxey felt betrayed a lot. In fact, he was betrayed. I mean, he was the one that was talking with him about everything. And it was, it was a very, it was a, it was an ignoble act.

 D Diane Williams 20:15

It was terrible, and we hate him. And so we're gonna find his phone number, the Speaker of the House phone number, I'm telling you folks, get the number for me, we need it.

 S Speaker 16 20:23

Okay. But, and that's, that was the big, we missed a big chance at that, at that point.

D Diane Williams 20:31

So what happened to make that disappear? Was the Speaker of the House himself as the one that just

S Speaker 16 20:36

Well, he appointed the conference committee. And when you appoint the conference committee, the commerce committee votes whether to accept or reject certain ideas. And, and, and his appointees to the, to the conference committee, said, oh, no, we can't go along with this. We got to put 21.06 back in it, our people from our districts just read, they really want that, they're chomping at the bits to put it back in and you know, which is mostly bald faced lies. John Whitmire, came to the Eleanor Roosevelt Harvey Milk Democratic Club about a month ago, after the session ended and told us that this was a non-issue. He got five telephone calls.

D Diane Williams 21:21

Quick, I bet.

S Speaker 16 21:22

But yeah, but that was all, you know, where are these thousands of people who are clamoring for discrimination against gays and lesbians. They certainly aren't in John Whitmire's district and that's a very conservative district.

D Diane Williams 21:36

So you think that that's pretty much a myth? That, how do we let people know that, because I think it's pretty much a myth too. I think it's a myth that's perpetuated by scared people who trying to get everybody else to think that there's a bunch more scared people out there.

S Speaker 16 21:51

That's right.

D Diane Williams 21:52

When in fact, it's just them trying to validate themselves.

S Speaker 16 21:55

Exactly. It's the, it's the, the, the, the, and I hate calling them the right wing because I don't like

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Diane Williams 22:03

The wrong wing.

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Speaker 16 22:04

The wrong wing. The Dr. Nancy Lee Jose calls him the Cristo Fascist. I like that term.

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Diane Williams 22:12

I like the pseudo-Christians, that's what I call them.

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Speaker 16 22:14

Pseudo-Christians. They're the people who are perpetuating that myth. And I'll tell you, somebody else is perpetuating it. It's us when we don't come out or we don't write our members of the legislature and tell them that we don't like that sort of stuff. There was, there was a guy from represent-state representative from from Huntsville name Hightower who voted, who was on that. If any, if anybody is listening from Huntsville, they need to write that guy and tell him because he was one of those that was saying, oh, people in my district aren't in favor of, of kicking 21.06 out of the books. Well, we need, we need people to write him and tell him that's not, that's not true. There's probably lots of people in his district that are very much in favor of that and they need to tell him so.

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Diane Williams 23:00

I know gay people in Huntsville. I know gay people in Huntsville.

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Speaker 16 23:04

Okay, well, we need to get a hold on them. Let's find them. Let's find them. That's right.

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Diane Williams 23:10

I just want to take this brief minute to say that you've been listening and you will hopefully be continuing to listen, tinuling--let me try this again. You've been listening to and I hope you will continue to listen to, got that right, KPFT 90.1 FM, KPFT Houston World Radio for the people, After Hours, a continuing tradition. Anything else? That's it. Okay. After Hours, KPFT, continuing tradition, World Radio for the people, Houston, et cetera, et cetera. We love you. We're waiting to hear from you at 526-KPFT. If you have any questions for the the token Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby person that's going to get the beating tonight, that'll be Pat. And we're here to help you find out what's happening. We're talking about you. We're talking about everybody that's listening. Those of you that are listening that are heterosexual. Those of you that are

lesbian, gay and bi and transgenderal, and asexual and whatever. Your sexuality does not define your person, but your orientation does. And I think that it's important that we know that there are people working for us and with us in our own government. And we're talking with Pat Gandy, co-chair of the Texas Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby. Okay, Pat, oh, look, we have a phone number, Speaker of the House. We have a phone number here in front of us. Did we find out this person's name? No? Well caller please call back and tell us this person's name. Which Speaker of the House this is, the number I have says Speaker of the House 512-463-1000. I'd be willing to bet that that's a main line and what you can do is find out who this person is, tell them that you are a gay and lesbian or heterosexual friend of a gay and lesbian, whatever, and that you're interested in rights for gay and lesbian people and what you can do get 21.06 taken off the books. And is that about right? Great, thanks for calling in, please call back. We appreciate it. So what else do you have for us? What are we? We're at the point now that it's been the, the committee that has been sent to

 S Speaker 16 25:29

Okay, so they put it back in the Criminal Code. And it's back in.

 D Diane Williams 25:34

When is it going to be reviewed again, or when?

 S Speaker 16 25:36

To two years, we've got a chance to go before the, the House of Representatives and the Senate and and get it taken out. It's going to be hard. We thought, well, it may not be, it may not now after, after, you know, time does make things better for us. And the more we, the more we plug away, the more we chip away at that, you know, it's like those levees that are breaking up on the Mississippi, the power of the flood behind them, gradually chips away at them, and the more people we have working with us, sending us money so we can keep the lobbyists in Austin. And, and, and writing letters to and calling these people and telling them, the more people we have, sooner or later the, we'll break the levee and we'll get these these things taken off the books.

 D Diane Williams 26:15

Right.

 S Speaker 16 26:27

But we've, we've had some successes. And I'd like to talk a little bit about those.

 D Diane Williams 26:34

Let me ask you one quick thing. I had a caller call. Asked about when Mark White was elected. Didn't he do the same thing with the 21.06 law? Do you remember when Mark White?

 Speaker 16 26:43

No, he didn't do the same thing.

 Diane Williams 26:45

I didn't think so either. He didn't review it.

 Speaker 16 26:47

This was ille--this was illegal. A court case. That was a court case. Now the punishment standard, there was no punishment, the Standards Committee. No, he did not.

 Diane Williams 26:59

So what do you know about the 21.06 case that's, it's in nothing right now. It's being, it's being waited on, that Morales et al versus.

 Speaker 16 27:09

Yes, it's, it's before the Texas Supreme Court, and we're waiting on a decision.

 Diane Williams 27:14

Okay. So basically, Morales et al, that is two lesbians and a gay man that are charging that the 21.06 law is unconstitutional. And that was originally taken before the attorney general. And the attorney general passed it on to the Texas Supreme Court. And they have said, I don't know

 Speaker 16 27:39

That, it's before the Texas Supreme Court now, there's a lot of, I don't know a lot of the legal, you know, mumbo jumbo stuff. And I'm not an attorney. And, but it's, it's, it's now sitting in the Texas Supreme Court, and we're waiting on a decision. And we don't know when it's going to come about but it shouldn't be within the next two or three months.

 Diane Williams 28:01

Oh, that would be very close.

S Speaker 16 28:03

Yeah, if, if the, we have a good, we have a fair chance of them saying kick it out. But that's not a lead pipe cinch. Yeah. You know?

D Diane Williams 28:12

So if they do, they say that it's unconstitutional, and it needs to be taken out, then would that kind of fix all the work that we've been trying to do?

S Speaker 16 28:21

Yeah, that would you know, that would, that would do the job at least until the next legislature meets you see, but neft is ever absolute, you know, you, eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

D Diane Williams 28:33

I'm gonna write that down.

S Speaker 16 28:34

Yeah. Well, I wasn't the original person that said that. I think Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry or somebody like that did, but it's true. You have to always be watching for the, the people. I want to say something a little stronger than people that are in that are out there trying

D Diane Williams 28:53

Feel free. As long as it's like a body part. That's okay.

S Speaker 16 28:57

Oh, a body part's okay.

D Diane Williams 28:59

Body parts are okay. Certain words, you know, are a little off but body part

S Speaker 16 29:03

Right, well, that are out there trying to do a sit in and you know, when and somebody can come before if the Supreme Court declares hey this is illegal All right It'll be off the books we all

Before, if the Supreme Court decides, no, this is illegal. All right. If it's on the books, we can celebrate. And people say, a lot of people will say, oh, well, I don't have anything to worry about anymore. Oh, yes, you do. Because you got to be watching those idiots that'll, that'll go into the Texas legislature. And, and there'll be somebody up there that'll put a bill in, it'll say let's put this back in there. And we will have to be mobilizing. We'll have to get people to write, we'll have, our lobby will have to deal with it.

 Diane Williams 29:41

Have to be prepared.

 Speaker 16 29:41

Yeah. You got to be always prepared for things.

 Diane Williams 29:46

The caller that was asking about Mark, Mark White, he said, if Mark White had lied when he was running for speaker in saying he would repeal the 21.06 law. Do you remember that?

 Speaker 16 29:57

I don't, I don't remember Mark White saying he would repeal, he can't repeal it. He was, governors don't repeal.

 Diane Williams 30:04

Right.

 Speaker 16 30:06

They just they they can veto. He may have said that he would if, but you know, it's already on the books you don't, you know,

 Diane Williams 30:15

There's nothing, you can't. There would have to be case.

 Speaker 16 30:19

He, he was not unfriendly. I'll put it that way. He was not unfriendly. But it was a matter of the, what the, what, that was when he was an attorney general I think. And he, he was, he was friendly in that. I don't remember all the little details. Now he was not unfriendly to our

memory in that, I don't remember all the little details. Now he was not unfriendly to our

 Diane Williams 30:40

I remember Mark White being a friendly. Yeah. And I was a big supporter.

 Speaker 16 30:44

Yeah, it was, but he he's, he certainly net has never done as much for the gay and lesbian communities as And Richard has, I can tell you that. No governor of Texas has.

 Diane Williams 30:54

A lot of people right now are giving Governor Ann, who is, in my opinion, you know, Goddess Ann, a lot of people who have been giving Ann some flack about her, I don't know if you'd call it wobbling. I don't know what you'd call it. But a lot of people have given Ann Richards some flack. How do you feel about how the, the, the job the governor is doing right now? Well, especially as it relates to gay and lesbians.

 Speaker 16 31:16

As it relates to gays and lesbians, I can tell you for a fact I know. I know what she's doing behind the scenes. And we have no, there has never been a governor of this state, or any other state that's been a more stalwart friend of this community and people who say otherwise simply don't know what they're talking about. And you can quote me on that, too.

 Diane Williams 31:37

You heard it first here.

 Speaker 16 31:38

Yeah. There are some people who, who, who jumped on her because she signed the criminal code into law. Well, that was the code that put the whole criminal code into law, just because 21.06 was back in it, they were set. Oh, well, she should have vetoed it. Well, she's elected to serve all the people of Texas. And, and in that way, she's gonna serve me, too. I don't want criminals to be turned loose.

 Diane Williams 32:07

Right.

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Speaker 16 32:07

I don't want rapists to be turned loose on the streets because, because some idiot out on the streets thinks that, that she ought to veto that law. Yeah, you know, we can't do that. That's irresponsible. We need to fight them. You know, our enemy isn't Ann Richards. The main, the main one, they should have been fussing at, and I take I really take exception to this. I feel like there's an element of sexism in it. That when people are jumping on her about signing that bill, why weren't they jumping on the Speaker of the House?

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Diane Williams 32:41

I agree.

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Speaker 16 32:43

I mean, you know, but he's man, right? We're not gonna jump on him. He was responsible for the conference committee that dumped on us. Why aren't we jumping on him? Nobody said a word. See, I can't even remember his name.

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Diane Williams 32:56

You know, Speaker of the House. 512-463-1000. If you know his name call me up, I can't remember his name. 512-463-1000. He's a meanie. And he's a bad guy. We hate him.

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Speaker 16 33:09

No, that's, that's the, Tom Foley is the national. Well, that's, I'd like to talk a minute about some of the positive things that that we've had.

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Diane Williams 33:22

I would love for you to. I think that if we can I'd like to get some music in here real quick. Can we do that, Mr. Jim? And look right here. There's some music happening about here. And it's by request and so if you're listening out there and waiting for your request, I didn't see it. I'm sorry, if I've seen it, I want to play it sooner. It's one of my favorites. Melissa Etheridge, "Bring Me Some Water."

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[Music] 33:49

Open the gates up. Did you miss me? Jimmy? I see that you found a new friend. Warden come down here. Kiss me hello. Cause I'm back home in Huntsville again.

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Speaker 17 34:16



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[Music] 34:33

Tailor made shirts with them long pointy collars. And all it's gonna cost is 10 years of my life.