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The last 25 years have been crime poverty. It's not an it's not a necessary life threatening operation. So it's up to the surgeons and psychologists have the particular health authorities or areas to hold the funds, if they can actually justify spending the money. Because it's all Budget and Budget and Budget these days, as you have round here. If you can't make a justification for it, you don't get it. And you have to wait and wait a long time.



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So you ended up having to pay for your own search and start with Yeah, okay. So, right off the bat, I've learned something that I was not aware of before. Okay, now, where did you and Donna meet and how long ago



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we met. And July 94. For folks that aren't too sure where it from Liverpool, and it's like, we have a big river that divides the area called Mercy side. And on the world side, they actually have a very large gay organization, and they run the disco every eight weeks on a Friday with about five or 600 people attend with cabaret sometimes. And that's where we met.



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So you met each other? Just before your surgery. dadgum No, no, bout 15 years after surgery. Okay. Yeah. Okay, so then Donna, you already knew that Vivian, was what had been a transsexual? Well, when did you find that out?



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I knew straightaway. Because the place where we go to meet there is a lot of may have male to female transsexuals. And so you knew which ones were which, and knew as soon as the same fifth that she was a transsexual.



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in basically just didn't didn't matter to you, it didn't matter now. Okay. That's sort of the story of my wife, partner and I, we met at a party. She knew, from the very beginning that I was the transsexual, and her entire attitude was yeah, so. And that was the that was the full extent of the conversation. So it just never was an issue. Okay, now, I want to make sure that the audience is following along with this then, so that they understand that Vivian is a post operative transsexual. And Donna is as we stay in this country, a genetic female, for lack of a better term. And Donna understood that right from the very start, and their relationship simply was, yes, when that's no big deal. Now, at what point did you start talking about the idea that you wanted to get married? How long ago was that?



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Forever, and I have been together since January 95. And it was, we got engaged June, last year of 95. And we were going to get married. We thought, well, since we were coming to the states, my first visit is this month into the states. And we said put it all into one, get married here and have a honeymoon.



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Okay, now, let's stop and back up a little bit. Really, in Britain, they will not change your driver's license. So as they still consider you to be male, is that right? No, the birth certificate, the birth, birth certificate, okay.



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the idiosyncrasies of the English government that will change every other documents, apart from the birth certificate, which is your gender of birth.



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So that okay, now that's not that far different from a lot of states in this country. I'm originally from Connecticut. And in Connecticut, their law is they will not change a birth certificate because that was a fact of birth, but they will give an amendment to it. So that it sort of cancels out the first one, and it's legally it's almost as good anyway, but in Britain, they will not do that. And right



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now, several people from Peter wattles organization and other people have gone to the European Court of Human justices on human rights to fight for change. And the European justices have upheld the British government every time and said we will not change the birth

certificate. They must stay at the gender of birth. They'll change every other documents that change your passport, your driver's license, your insurance numbers, everything else. But don't change your birth certificate.



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Now, maybe the audience will remember that we had Steven a little here that we talked about this exact issue. And Stephen whoodle made the point at the time that Britain is one of the few European countries that does not, it still will not change your birth certificate. And in fact, the Royal Court has actually ruled that the British version of birth certificate is different from other countries in Europe, I don't quite understand the logic. And so Britain has basically been able to continue with their strange system now, so now than in Britain, you're still considered a male. So why not? Couldn't couldn't you legally become married in Britain?



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Yeah. Yeah. The problem with das and we talked it through a lot was that I have to take the male role in the wedding ceremony, and all the male references must be carried through, they will not alter in any way, the wedding ceremony, because that is what is laid down. And that is how it must be. And that is, that was what made us restarts research here. And the information we were getting through friends was that it could happen here. It would happen here. And Galveston County, we had the information from said they would allow us I'm checking off this week, with both Galveston Harris County courthouses. David wouldn't do it.



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Right. Well, we're gonna we're going to get we're gonna get to that in a second. I want to see if I can sort of follow the ball along here. Now you are trying to get married what in the Church of England? What church was that that would not make the change in the liturgy or the marriage?



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It says the government sets down in the form of marriage service is, right. Yeah, we cannot do it civilly, which is going through, like a local preacher. At, say, the courthouse here, you could go to a preacher at the courthouse and get married at the courthouse and do that, or you can get married in church.



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Well, okay. I know. Wow, that's yeah. So the British government says, Well, okay, the the, the marriage ceremony has to go doesn't stop and it has to be male. Female. Yeah. Now, that's, that's really interesting. So obviously, there are no gay marriages in Britain either.



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No, unless it's true MCC



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Community Church, right.



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But then they're not recognized by the state.



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Ah, okay. I'm just getting all kinds of information here is great. Okay. So now, you were told that if you came to this country that basically you'd have to present the documentation and you'd be able to get married legally married here, right? Yeah. Was it? Was that the idea? Yes. Okay. So now you came here and you decided that you were going to try which Harris County first,



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we would, because it was closer to where we're staying because we're staying in Clear Lake. Right. Harris County Courthouse is only five minute drive from where we're staying. So that's where we want to start with.



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Okay, now audience. See, I want to make sure that we all stay on the same page here. So Vivian has a has a birth certificate that still says male. And since Donna is a genetic, female, they feel will okay, they should be able to come here. Simply present these documents and as far as the United States will be concerned, this is a male female marriage. And so there's no problem, right? Correct. Okay, now you go to Harris County, and what happens?



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This wonderful civil servants.



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No, no, folks, we're talking about Harris County bureaucrats, okay. You can say what we know. Sarcasm.



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Liverpool, people are renowned for understatement. So this woman was at the least, exceedingly unhelpful. She became quite offensive without being offensive. The Americans have got this really good way of being so cheesy. Nice. While at the same time, Yes, true. I'm



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sorry to say but true.



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This is what happened. We lost. You know, we lost our temper, unfortunately, and stormed out how we'd set it up that we had, you know, the right As amounts of witnesses and people took time off from their employment or took time out of employment, so that ran the day for more than a few of us.



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Now, what reasons they give for not wanting to do it?



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Because one documents of the British government set female, which was the passport.



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Okay, so, so now audience follow along here, Vivian has a birth certificate that says, male, but her driver's license and what your passport I suppose only says female are the passports is female with your driver's license. So this is why it doesn't say anything. It says Not that I need gender on your driving license in England. Alright, your driver's license is gender neutral.



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Yeah. All right. So



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what you have then is a birth certificate that says male, and a pat a passport, which says female, female. And so because the two of them don't agree in because you don't look male insight is they, they they decide, well, no, this is to women who want to get married. And so we're not going to do that. That's basically it. That's it. Okay, now, for those people in the

audience who are either gay or lesbian, and they have considered the idea of marriage. Listen up, because you just heard how gays lesbians and transgenders have an awful lot in common on this issue. This issue of marriage is very complicated. And we really do have a lot in common. Okay, now. So what did she say to you? Exactly. She just basically didn't she made a remark about the past. It wasn't your birth certificate.



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Yeah, she checked, or she made a phone call. And she said she checked with her boss, whoever that was, yeah. Where we see some of the overhead, but civil, I've just spoken to him or have whatever it was. And they said basically, the British versus if it was not worth the paper, it was written up. Because the passport said female.



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So the passport obviously means more than a birth certificate, right? Yeah. Okay. Oh, boy. Okay. Yeah, that sounds that sounds like bureaucrats. Anybody in the audience who has ever had to go down to renew their registration on the car, or has it cannot renew the retina, the license tag on their car? knows the frustration of dealing with the Harris County bureau. Okay, so then you tried what Galveston County next



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we ran, we had a contact name. Galveston County, okay. Because somebody who was a friend of mine, from previous visits, had done a lot of research and by the last phone calls and a lot of timeouts and gone to Galveston because time was running out is because of the 72 Our deadline for legal marriages, because how long I wanted to get married on Saturday anyway, we've only been married by the time this goes out. So we had to it had to be done by 4pm. Wednesday.



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Okay, now, what audience may not know or may not know, is this a 72 hour waiting period from the time of you get your license to the time you can actually be married in a quality cooling off period. Okay, just so the audience understands what you're talking about. Okay.



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Because of the time there was dragging down so much, all we could do was make phone calls to Galveston County, we actually found out that we could get dispensation on the 72 hours by going and seeing a friendly judge. Okay, first, as we haven't got anywhere, there's no point in sitting in front of the judge, because we have exactly the same answer from Galveston County that we got from Harris County. For those people that have done research for us prior to receiving leaving England said yes, there was no problem because the birth certificate says male



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so so they have that they have essentially decided to blow off your birth certificate. Yeah, they're going to go on bat the passport basis. In a sense, your passport says female obviously, this is two women getting married, which is illegal and taxes. And so that's the end of the discussion.



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Right? Yeah. And, and finished



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and left you with nowhere to go on this the US



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right. Okay. Okay, go ahead. The preacher informed me because we've been speaking to a lot of people and we had to obviously keep him informed as to what was going on and informed us that the wedding service now will be different, and that it will be an ecumenical church wedding. Whereby, apparently, possibly within the next 18 months to two years, same sex marriages could be recognized by the state of Texas.



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I wouldn't hold my breath in that



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probably come round when I'm in my box like both. Well, Sandy marriages gone down that avenue. He said to us would be retrospectively issued a full Texas marriage license.



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Yeah, that it's conceivable there's there's a thing going on where we're there were there was a big issue in Hawaii where for a while it looked as if Hawaii was going to first be the first state to make gay marriage is legal. And very last minute, the legislators essentially chickened out. In just sit you know, they they tabled it, they sent it off to a committee, which essentially means they said, get this bill out of my face. It's too politically hot to touch. Yeah. So right now, there are still no state in the country that will do it. In fact, there are actually so several states that are having what we call referendums to specifically outlaw gay marriages in case law ever passes somewhere else. Yeah. I mean, homophobia lives in this country, believe me. Okay, so

now you're going to be getting married. By the time this airs, you will have been married the eight hours, you will have been married about eight hours. And you're getting married in the Metropolitan Community Church, right? Yes, yeah. Okay. And they're going to allow you to do your vows the way that you want them to do? Yes,



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we've actually chosen some words. And we will be saying, the preacher before the wedding service, some little sauce, it's all out.



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So then, now when you go back to Britain, then can you be legally married in Britain? Now.



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We've got to try that one out. To see if it will work. With the marriage certificate that we will guess we're gonna try it on our IRS to see if they recognize it. Oh, very interesting. Because as the government says, I am male, but half of your documents are female. I'm still entitled then to tax allowances as being the husband,



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Steven would, had a very unusual situation in that he was a female to male transsexual. And then his wife became pregnant through artificial insemination. And the British government ruled that since he was still technically female, it couldn't be his child. And he took them to the World Court and won. Now that's being appealed to the European Court, I guess, there. And so now it's on its way to the World Court. And I correspond with Stephen on the Internet. In the last I heard from him, he expects to win. And the ironic part of this is that the British government is paying his wife money for the children since technically they have no father. And they are using the government's money to pay for their lawsuit, which is all I mean, it's almost mind boggling. Well, this is the stupidity



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of Britain that half of the documents will change half of them the roles, but they'll still give you all the allowances that he could have been entitled to. So I'm going to have a go.



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Okay. We are about out of time for this segment. I would like to we come back. I want to talk about a little bit about what it's like to be transsexual in Britain. And what it's like how you're being received in Britain by your friends in such so we'll be back in a little while with more this interview





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Hi, have you around Georgia just arrived at the White Room set on a bicycle chasing anybody? Tony, are you around? You're ignoring these if you'd come back? Can you give me a call as soon as you come in? Where are you? Where are you? Oh wait 558515 a way for for fuel



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George O'Dowd, better known as boy, Georgia. Yes. Your love is what I am. Well, I like to hear him do rock and roll. Yeah,



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I do too. I do. I like I like he's got a great voice. I like when he does bluesy stuff too.



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He's actually I in many ways, I think he's talent gets overlooked, but people tend to think of him and say, Well, this is a really bizarre person. And they forget they forget the bizarre stuff. This guy actually writes his own music produces his own stuff. He he ain't No chocolate lovers



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they say here. That's exactly right. Well, I've



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said we have a caller that would like to talk to us. Yeah. And as soon as we get our get ourselves set up technically here, we'll get him on the gear. Let's see if we've got this together. Okay, see here? Caller Can you hear me? Yes. Okay. Okay, good. I have not given out your name on the air. But that you said that you had a comment that you wanted to make. Oh, I thought it was somebody that worked in radio. Oh, I guess we've got the wrong line. Oh, hang on. Okay.



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Let's try the line. Okay. Caller Are you there? Well, I guess the caller gave up on it we're gonna try it again. Okay. Okay, we are this is live radio and we are having what are commonly what is sometimes called technical difficulties.



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Okay, now we're gonna try this one more time. And let's see if we've got it. Okay, okay. Are you there? Yeah. Do we have the right color? Yes, you do. Good. Okay. You want the yet to come in that you wanted to make?



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I like to say that, me and all our friends, we always stay up and like to listen to your shows. And we always go out and you know, have a couple of beers before we always stay up and listen, who won't tell us right now or get in trouble. But um, I just love yourself so much. We always like get together and like having Minaj a trois. A really big boners and stuff.



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I see. Well, thank you very much for calling. I love you guys. Thank you. Love you. Okay. Thank you caller. And with that I



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want to go to the second half of the interview.



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Oh, no other some other things. Think we'll probably chat and then we'll go back to second half. A little bit later. Okay. I brought plenty of material here and something I wanted to talk about. I want to talk about the Houston gay lesbian. Chamber of Commerce. Oh, okay.



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What are they? What are those folks doing?



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Well, first of all, I like the idea of a Gay Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. I think it makes good sense. Yes. I think it's something that's long overdue. I think it should have the word transgender in that somewhere. Yes, I



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do, too, actually.





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Now, the problem that I have with this, I want to see if I can see if I can present this in a way that makes sense. The way the Houston Gay Lesbian Chamber of Commerce came about in the first place is that it was more or less done in secret.



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Yeah. It's, as I gather, a group of folks got together and said, This is what we want to do. Now, this is how we want to do it. And after they, they got everything together, then they came out publicly with it. Right?



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That's yeah, that's right. And, and since I, since this organization has been in existence, I have spoken to several people in the organization, who have told me flatly that transgenders were intentionally, this is the key word here, intentionally excluded from the Chamber of Commerce. And I have actually been told by a couple of people, that that, in fact, the attitude was, if transgenders want their own Chamber of Commerce, they can go start their own brother. Now, what really makes me angry about this is that these people knew or at work, they know how to get a hold of me. So I'm taking it personally. As far as I'm concerned, that's a slap in the face, not only the community, but it's a personal slap. And I don't take that will. Now, I've been working very hard in trying to keep transsexual minutes from showing up and picketing them who and so far have succeeded. Now, Suzanne Anderson, to her everlasting credit, has stood up for us with the Chamber of Commerce. Oh, yes. And the chamber and has said to them, Look, this is wrong. This, maybe maybe it's too late to get transgenders into the name of the Chamber of Commerce, but can we get them into the bylaws? So I have been talking with Sandra Wilkins, who is apparently their their president. And they, she's she sent me a copy of their statement of purpose, and it's a very nice statement of purpose. Part of it the part of the sentence says, However, the grip that the their chamber of commerce promotes the economic development of a vitality of gay lesbian and supportive businesses. Now, how much harder would have been to add bisexual and transgender in there? I know. Okay, I just



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wish there was one word that covered everybody.



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They yeah our it this is the part that bothers me. Our goal is to promote a positive image of the diversity of gay lesbian citizens. How can you use the word diversity not include get bisexual and transgender in there? I know that's his most hypocritical bunch of bull I've ever heard. And the fact of the matter is, I'm just fed up



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with gays and lesbians are diverse because they we come from all economic backgrounds, and strata. So why can't Can't we see that we have friends in the bisexual and transgender community that I mean, we all live here. You know, I have so many things in common, we have so many problems in common.



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I have a theory about all of this, and I may be way off base, but this is Sarah's theory. So okay, you take this for whatever it's worth. It has been my experience now as I've been in contact with transgender rights activists from around the country. This the degree to which transgenders are included into gay lesbian bisexual organizations, is directly proportional to the amount of heat these organizations feel in their face. So for example, in Colorado, where they have more right wing fundamentalist organizations than any other state in the union, every single bisexual, gay, lesbian bisexual organization in the state of Colorado has the word transgender in it. The point being that they understand they need allies Sure, they feel the heat directly, they feel the threat directly. So everyone bands together, it's what you do. It makes me wonder, Is the problem in Houston that we just don't feel threatened at all? Is that it? I mean, that's what I'm wondering. Is it that we that right now, the gay gay and lesbian organizations are for our britches? Yeah, yeah. That's I'm gonna try not to use arrogant but I guess that's the word I'm, I'm dancing around. Are they so arrogant that right now the thing Oh, we can handle this. We don't need more allies. We don't need more friends. What? When I, I was a, a freedom rights activist in the 60s during the Civil Rights Movement. And I remember being in in Tupelo, Mississippi, good old Tupelo. And there was a minister there who was explaining why it was that blacks and whites were not ever meant to live together. And in the course of this, this diatribe, he said, Well, the fact of the matter is that people are that that we we have everything that we need. There's nothing blacks could give us. Now, I bring this up because Rodney Ellis in and Garnett Coleman, two black legislators, made us made a comment to de McKellar of the Transgender Law conference and said to her, I said to her when he got up and said, Why are transgenders not included in hate crimes bills? They said, Well, we're going to work on gay lesbian groups right now and other groups will have to wait. You know, if blacks were told that I remember that specifically, every other group can get it, but blacks will have to wait. So to hear this coming out of black legislators just galls the hell out of me. It just, it's, maybe I'm getting too old. You know, my region history is too long, maybe maybe that's it. But I remember this stuff being said, and now to hear the same people. Using these things against another minority group just blows my mind. It makes me wonder what's wrong with us? Why is it that somehow one group feels bigger than make another one feel smaller? I don't get it. I don't either.



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I never understood that. The older I get, the more I think it's got to be a human instinct that we that it's much easier for us to look down on someone than to improve ourselves.



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Yeah, and I feel like I'm in a very funny position about this because we do have so many gay and lesbian supporters. De McKellar was telling me that when she spoke at this at the at this get together that Rodney Ellis had, there were several members of PFLAG there. And there was

one member of PFLAG get up and said to D. Well, you realize, of course, PFLAG is set up for gays and lesbians only. But afterwards several other people from from the same organization came to and said not everybody feels that way. I don't know how to get over this the split. I don't know how to get over this dichotomy of the of of being told one thing publicly and another thing privately. There's an answer there. I don't know what it is. Maybe coming through that, that phone line in there. We're hearing some we're hearing some noise and it's sort of making us nuts. Yeah, There may it may be, we may be at a point in this country where we're just going to have to feel the threat more. Yeah, maybe we need the clan to threaten gays and lesbians or, or maybe maybe the community needs to feel more heat in its face. This, I just, I just think we're Yeah, maybe. So we live in a state where it's against the law to be gay and lesbian. But you know, people are driving their BMW so complacent. They're driving the BMW and they're going to the condos and say, What are you talking about my employments not threatened? You know, maybe that's it. I'm not advocating claim that we got to start threatening gays and lesbians or anything of the kind. It's just that it makes me wonder, why is it in states where the threat is immediate. You have complete inclusion of all groups. But we're the threat doesn't seem to be so close to your face. People feel like well, we can blow this group off, we can blow that group off. It does seem to me like this correlation that we do



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that to ourselves. And in those smaller towns in those areas. Where there are less bars, you'll see lesbians and gay men together in one gay bar getting along. And certainly, when you get a bigger group in a bigger town, he started having men only bars and women only bars.



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And even it's true in smaller cities where we just we just had recently started a chapter of its time Texas in El Paso in El Paso. I was surprised to learn that El Paso is the fourth largest city in the state. No, I didn't know that was that was surprised me. And but yet, it means nowhere near the size of Houston. No. And in El Paso they have got gays lesbians, bisexuals, transgenders in the National Organization for Women working together and political campaigns out there. Wow. And I thought, will I ever live long enough to see that Houston?



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Well, because we're so big or that's we get specialized.



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And they feel a direct threat from the Roman Catholic Church in El Paso right now. Sure. Their diocese in El Paso apparently is putting a lot of heat on the gay community there. And so allies are needed in it. And I again, I looked at that, and I think maybe that's the answer. It's going to take more heat, more threat, before they realize before the gay community realizes the transgenders had been here all along, waiting to be allies and friends. In in, you know, there comes a point where we get tired of being rebuffed.



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Yes, but are we only going to be friends when the heat is on?



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That's what makes me worried. Yeah. So it makes me worry.



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Do we only need allies when the heat is on? You know, Harvey Milk was not elected by the gay community?



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No, he's elected by pretty much is I understand that he was elected pretty much by the Chinese community.



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Pretty much the union's it was the coalition building that got him elected. It's right. He worked behind the scenes and delivered. Yeah, he was he was not even endorsed by the gay community. And when he got in, into power, he helped all those community, all of their communities.



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Well, and there are people in our community of gays and lesbian people in our community that are working for transgenders. I mean, I think of people like Suzanne Anderson right off the top. Yeah. And he's Parker and Ray Hill. And in the list, there's a list and many, many more. Yeah, that's right in there are organizations which are very, very proudly transgender, inclusive, the African American lesbian gay association is transgender, inclusive, and very proud to bake good. So it's not, I don't mean to paint a broad brush, it just makes me wonder what's going on. I hope we don't have to get to the point where we have a referendum with Leno and other Louis Welsh before before we all learn to work together. Because here today, we're at this holy union, where everyone is learning to get together or has got together, and it was great. And I can't help thinking if it can happen there. And it can happen in small groups. We ought to be able to do better than this. I hope we don't sink our own ship, fighting among ourselves. And I guess that's what I'm trying to say. So. Anyway, I just I'm trying to be positive about it. Because honestly, I think in the end, we will work it out. Maybe these are growing pains. I hope so. Yeah. I'd like to think of it that way. Maybe that's what it is. All these groups are growing,



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but it just the transgender community seems a lot more together than the bisexual community.



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Yeah, that's been a real frustration to me, and I don't know what the problem is.



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Why is it that a bisexual, the word bisexual gets included? Automatically well,



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and to be perfectly honest about if bisexual has been included because transgenders have fought for it. There are a lot of transgenders who are bisexual, but outside of transgender can be It's pretty rare to have bisexual, come out and fight for. And it puts us in a funny position. Now here's what here's my biggest fear. If the bisexuals don't come out and start to stand up for themselves, what will happen is down the line, so sooner or later legislators gonna say to us, we can get this bill passed, but we have to drop bisexuals out, and they'll do it. And we'll do it. Because there's no motivation to fight for a group that won't fight for itself. Right.



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And the bisexual group is just getting it's just, it's in the kid in kindergarten stage. It's just getting it getting the group together. They're not political yet at all in Houston anyway.



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Well, and that's true nationally, too, by the way that you are listening to KPFT 90.1 In Houston, and ke O 's 89.1 in College Station, okay, now we're legal. Yeah, it's true. It's true nationally, the bisexuals don't have it together. And it's a real frustration. I have been corresponding with so called bisexual leaders of organizations, and we've invited them to events in various places, and they never come. Which makes me sort of, which was really frustrating. The word bisexual is has gotten in for the most part. And because the transgender community has fought for it, because there are transgenders who are bisexual, but it's, I could see that coming down line where they were eventually where that situation could, could evolve. So if you are bisexual out there or a in you know how to get a political group started, I suggest you do it.



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Right. With Biden, that group that's already it already meets every Wednesday night at MCC er and former political weighing.



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Yeah. You know, I mean, there are things that you can do. You don't necessarily have to show up on Oprah. You know, but there are there are things that you can do. Something else that has come up. The this is something that I think that Jimmy would probably may already know. But the there was something called the hate crimes reporting Statistics Act. And the purpose of that act was to keep track of hate crimes. Yes, but



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who's doing the reporting? Well,



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the bill has expired. I say the bill expired at the end of 1995. And it needed needs to be reauthorized. Now, if you remember, when I went to Washington, DC, I came back saying that transgender groups around the country and the Human Rights Campaign had reached an agreement that the Human Rights Campaign would work to get transgenders included into the hate into the hate crimes reporting Statistics Act a couple of weeks ago, Karen, Karen was contact was contacted by the Human Rights Campaign wanted to know what she signed off on the idea of her getting the hate crimes reporting Statistics Act re up without transgenders. Oh, I bet not. In Karen, apparently, I don't know if she just didn't understand it a lot. But Karen said, Well, yeah. Oh, what? Yep, apparently. So, thankfully, Jessica Xavier was in Washington, DC, and said, Hell, no rest of the board's not gonna read that. And once I got word of it, I contact the Human Rights Campaign said, listen, folks, I'll fight you tooth and nail from here to the end to hell on this deal. I have it in writing what was said, and we're gonna stick to it. So they will. But the point that I wanted to make is that the human the hate crimes reporting Statistics Act is something that benefits everybody. Gays, lesbians, bisexuals, if you're if the you know, the election is only a few days away. It's something you might want to ask your candidates before you vote is will they support the reauthorization of the hate crimes reporting Statistics Act? Yeah, no. I happen to watch the debate of the Democratic Senatorial candidates. And only one of the candidates flatly said, yes, there was support and there were five candidates in that field and only one said, yes. So again, you know, I realized a lot of people find boring in politics is kind of boring. But that was a revelation to me, certainly helped me make up my mind who I was going to vote for. So pass that along. Okay, let's go to some music. We have got David Bowie. And this is a piece of music I haven't heard like in forever Oh, yeah. And this Ziggy Stardust Ah, yeah, I'm one of those. You talk about a person who want to be want to be considered transgendered. Oh kidding. He's at least gender neutral. So with that, we go to to David Bowie.