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The man's name is Jeff crasner. And we were just talking about it off the year. Why is this song not a number one hit somewhere?



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It's good. It's good.



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You know, mix you were just saying, you know, what would it take to get the song promoted to be a number one hit, if not everything you need? I



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think so too. So to how long do I have to be strong? Jeff crasner you're hearing it on after hours. Queer radio with attitude. KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station. I'm Jimmy Carper.



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And I'm Sara dipalma. Before we before we move on, we've got several other things we wanted to talk about. Before we move on. I wanted to discuss the interview with Vivian. Okay. And Donna a little bit. I think it takes a lot of courage, no matter what country you live in, to be public, even if you only do it in small ways. And what VIV what Vivian has been doing in Britain, just to be public, just to be known by the people around her. And to be known work is being a transsexual, in what is it very blue collar town. If I was going to compare Liverpool to a city in this country, I'd say I'd compare it to Pittsburgh being very much that, you know, bread, it's not a rough city, but it's not. It's not real sophisticated, either. Right? Takes a lot of courage. Yes, it takes a lot of courage. And today, I really had a chance to see what the world could be like if bisexuals and transgendered and gays and lesbian people, they would all just get over it. And just, you know,



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get along. Yes.



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I want to thank them for inviting us to the heart, their holy union, I think that's a very personal thing to do. And I really want to thank them for having the courage to come on and do the interview. Because originally they said no. And they were scared to death about it. Oh, really. And I had offered to let them do the interview using the different names. And they they thought it over and said, Now we'll go ahead and do it with our own. Good. So I give them credit for that. One of the things that they talked about to it was the differences between British law and American law. And now they're in an unusual situation, because now they have a they had a holy union here. But the holy union is not recognized in this country. Right. What they're going to try and do is take that certificate back to Britain, since Bretton would allow them to be legally married, and see if that's good enough to say, well, yes, you are legally married. And that's that, that would that would that end up with the best of both worlds, they will gotten a marriage, they will have had a wedding ceremony here with the words they wanted. And they will be legally married and Britain. Okay, so it'll be interesting to see how interesting. It's groundbreaking territory. They don't know whether it work. I don't know whether it will work. I do know that they had some bad information. When they got here, though. What happened was they went to they were told that in order to get a marriage license in this country, essentially all they would have to do is present the past present the birth certificate from Great Britain. And I think if that's all they had done, it would have been okay. What happened was that Vivian presented the birth certificate, and the birth certificate said male. And apparently they either asked for a second form of ID, or they volunteered it I'm not sure which but in any case, the second form of identification was a passport. Ropes and passports is female. Yes. And because the two did not agree, they wouldn't touch them. They wouldn't issue the marriage certificate. Now, Vivian doesn't look male at all. And I'm sure that whoever the clerk was in Harris County must look this is all these are a couple of lesbians trying to sneak when bias. Oh, and it's an interesting thing to me, because it's another example to me how transgenders and gays and lesbians issues criss cross. Sure. In this case, I'm sure that as far as Harris County was concerned, they hadn't attempted gay marriage, or attempted lesbian marriage. And it shows again, how how these issues criss crossing are just not as clear cut as they would seem. And it's very interesting, because Donna does consider herself a lesbian. So they, they, they feel like they have lesbian relationship. And they really do. I'm just pointing it out, because the next time somebody says to you, well, you know, gays and lesbians and transgenders don't have a lot in common. Tell them this story. Well, yeah. You know, and you can point out and say, Hey, wait a minute. That's not true, because I heard it on after hours. And you know, there was this British couple. It and that was why I wanted to come in and talk about it because it sort of fits into things we've been seeing on this show for several years. For what, almost two years now. Yes. Yes. So anyway, I thought that was interesting. I wanted to talk about the law conference coming up. Oh, yes. That's July 4, weekend, July 4 weekend. Yeah, it's going to be July 4 through July the seventh. And they are going to be having it in a different hotel this year, they're going to be having a hotel down near AstroWorld. I believe it's another Hilton. But what happens the is the law conference outgrew the facilities. And so they wanted they were going to have their new facility. But one of the things that they're doing at the at the law conference this year, that I like very much, they are trying to put together a couple of different seminars

and reach out to groups they have not reached out to in the past, that being specifically genetic women and people of color. Oh, okay. Now, it has been a concern at the at the at the law conference for last couple of years, there's been a lot of discussion that the law conference has been very white, or very Anglo. Okay. And we've been aware of it. But we haven't really known how to fix it. Yes. In the past, what's happened is that we've there have been special invitations sent out to African Americans. Transgender people said, Please come, you know, we'll even offer discounts please come. And they said, Well, I'd like to, but again, it's kind of put us in a funny spot, because then they will say, well, but you know, there aren't any people of color here. So we thought what the law conference is trying something different in that they're going to do, they're going to add specific workshops, this time limit for the legal interest of transgendered people of



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color. Well, that may be one of the reasons you haven't had people of color in the past, because there's nothing specific for



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them. That may be and that was one of the there, there's been a lot of work done asking for suggestions. You know, what are we doing wrong, right. And so we're, that's, that's going to be a new attempt. And we'll see how that goes. They're also going to do one on specifically for cross dressers, for the first time now in the past law conference is sort of aimed at transsexual road. But this time, they're going to try and branch out in and say, Well, no, no, we for sure, want to have the cross dressers included. And in fact, we're going to put together a special seminars that would be relevant to them. Good. So they're really making an effort.



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Good. Yeah. Just broaden the horizons have something for everyone. And if you'd like



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to participate law conference, by the way, if you get your check in before March, the 11th, which is what, Monday, Tuesday ish? Yes. Yeah, pretty quick. If you can get your cotton check in before March the 11th. For the full Conference, which is for meals in the awards dinner, the only 120 bucks. That's so cheap, it is cheap. And if you get it in before June, the 24th, you still get a 25% discount. Wow. So if you would like to get a hold of law conference, I invite you to do so. I am looking for their number here. And because they have a new number, there it is. It's a 7770909. That's their new phone number. And I invite you to get involved with it. The price is very reasonable. And they're making a real and I'm making a very special effort to reach out. So I hope that folks will do that. This year, the law conference, I will be giving a presentation on and for its time, Texas, and it's time Louisiana. And I think Jessica Xavier and I are going to do a separate one. It's time America. So if you're interested and you'd like to know how to be an

activist, what's involved with being an activist, what do you need to do? And, you know, come coming in law conference, and we'll we'll be able to tell you about it. There was so you had some you had some announcements that you wanted to do I think too



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well yeah, you know, there's some things going on around town and this month that I want to push the Royal Sovereign and Imperial cart of the single star and the grant and Grand Duke Wong and Grand Duchess fancy proudly present. The umpteenth annual St. Patrick's Day show the umpteenth fancy salute to Chicago. Now, you may not know this, but fancy Grand Duchess fancy is none other than our friend Bill O'Rourke. And they're doing okay. Yes, yes.



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Yay, Bill. How Bob. Hey, I'm glad to hear that.



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And this is from Mrs. O'Leary's cow to O'Hare airport of benefit for cue patrol going on. Sunday, March 17. St. Patrick's Day, eight o'clock at chances. Right over there next to Charlie. Oh, that's



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that lesbian bar next to Charlie's



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special guest star Lynette Louise stand up comedian and the usual band of crazies.



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Okay. I have a story here that was sent to me by Got Terry Fredrickson and this this story is about a a transgendered teen in San Antonio, who was assaulted by a police officer. Oh. The police has the police department there has confirmed that a sexual assault report has been filed against the member of the police department. Sources say the patrol officer worked the overnight shift at the central substation. And he allegedly stopped a group of teens and took the teenage boy and alleged transvestite away in his patrol car and sexually assaulted him. Right. The teen reportedly told his father about the incident. And if any police report was filed, and if formal charges were against the police officer made, he will be placed on a temporary suspension pending the outcome of the case. Wow. So I have talked to Terry about this. She confirms Yes, this incident did happen. And she is working on it for more information. And we'll we'll tell you more about the story as it transpires. But it's very interesting to me that the officer went after this one person that was a transvestite. Yeah. You wouldn't I wouldn't normally expect that in a city like San Antonio, because generally they're fairly friendly to

everyone. Absolutely. But you know, you get one bad police officer. Strange things can happen. Gosh. I also had something here from the city of New Orleans. Some some good news after story like that. The city of New Orleans has passed a new bill of rights for the city. And the new bill of rights are in fact transgender inclusive. No kidding. The law says that no law shall deprive any person of any rights, privileges or immunities secured by the Constitution, blah, blah, blah. And then it goes on to list to give the laundry list. And since no one will be discriminated against because of the birth, disability age, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identification, culture, language, etc. Wow. And even New Orleans, Louisiana, folks, amazing Louisiana. Now, I think that is that there's a activist that I met here at the law conference being Nancy sharp, who's primarily responsible for that. And a person that folks in Houston may know by the name of Larry binaries. Oh, yes. And Larry binaries, apparently was also very instrumental. I'll bet he was in getting this done. And he can be pushy. Yeah, I remember Larry as being in when he wanted something. He could get it. Oh, yeah. But I wanted to pass that along. Because after telling that story about the police, I thought we needed a little more upbeat. So we'll see got there.



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Oh, gosh, the Gay Men's Chorus is doing something really great. At the end of this month, Saturday, March 30. They're presenting singing on 42nd Street at last. With special guests, the Bayou City corral. This is going to take place at the First Unitarian Universalist Church at 5200 Fannin Street. Now it's a free concert. But they want you to bring \$10 worth of items or cash for stone soup.



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That's a good idea. Isn't



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that a good idea for that? Sure. Sure. It what they're what items that they need are non perishable food items, children's diapers, toiletries, and personal hygiene items for men and women. So bring a bag of goodies, or a \$10 donation for a free concert. Gay Men's Chorus of Houston. Good work, guys. It's March the 30th. Saturday, March the 30th 8pm at the First Unitarian Church 5200 fan and



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this is we've been talking about hate crimes. I thought I'd pass along the story. I don't know how many of you folks out there are wrestling fans. I know I'm certainly not. But apparently like the the wrestling on TV. Yeah. You know, like this case we're talking about the World Wrestling Federation, apparently is the biggest one. Well, it's good theater. Okay, well, apparently they have a new character in the World Wrestling Federation or Yeah, and this person's name is gold dust. Yes. And gold dust, it seems, is becoming the object of homosexual hatred and anti gay violence. Apparently gold dust. I'm trying to follow the story along here. Apparently the story is that gold dust professed his love for one of the wrestlers. Yeah, and it since then has been

regularly getting stomped and his being villainous ly portrayed both inside and outside the ring as an object to be beaten up. So queer nation if you're listening Yeah, the World Wrestling Federation comes to Houston pretty often. Yes, they do. And if you would like to pick The World Wrestling Federation the next time they're here, I'd be more than happy to join you. The last thing we need is to have a person who's being portrayed as gay or lesbian being beaten up on national television for that. For that reason, that reason yeah. So I It struck me is a bizarre story until I really started thinking about it. And I thought, what message is being sent by



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that that's exactly right. Now that it's okay to beat up gays and lesbians. So



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qn if you're listening, you have a volunteer here the next time you'd like to pick up these phones.



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Good idea. Oh, and if you're not doing anything on Wednesday nights, lambda roller skating club meets every Wednesday now, roller skating every Wednesday at the starlight skating rink that's located at 75 Cooke road 830 to 10:30pm.



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I have no idea.



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It doesn't sound like it's in the Montrose. No,



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no, it isn't. But it used to be that it was like every other Wednesday or the first and third and it was so hard to keep up with. But attendance is up so much that they're they're doing gay skate, skate roller skating every Wednesday night at the starlight skating rink. And a lot of these are fundraisers for different clubs to they take part of the admission and donate it to aid organizations or whatever, whatever. 501 c three group, you know, needs the money.



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What do we have to do get its time Texas involved with?



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Just get in touch with lambda roller skating club. That's a great idea for more information. 9335818. Those are that's a good group. Good group. And of course, don't forget about Q patrol. They need people and money. Five to three safe S A F E. So what do you got going over there?



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I'm looking for some music that that I've heard on the show before that we're gonna play in a second. Oh, I wanted to talk about the Texas tea party. Oh, okay. Yes. The for those who don't know, the Texas tea party, for years and years has been the largest gathering of cross dressers anywhere in the United States. In fact, they just recently had a they're at the tea party in Dallas. Now you understand they do more than 450 people. Wow. That's amazing from from all around the country.



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And they had special activities for the wives.



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Yeah, they they do something which I like, called the escape hatch. Now this I this is, to me is a good set party sensitivity. For you're not familiar with the Tea Party. What often happens is that for many crossdressers it's their first time ever dressing in public. And it's for the first time for the wives ever being with their cross dressing husbands in public. A very scary can deal. Yeah, very much so. And so in order to help the women through that they had something called the escape hatch, where the cross dressers were not allowed. It was a place the wives could go and talk to one another in, as Cynthia explained, get back in touch with reality. Yes. Well, the Tea Party is on hiatus until further notice. There's one in Dallas is going to be the last one for for a while. And I wanted to talk about some of the reasons for that. For one thing, Linda and Cynthia have had to do a lot of it on the road. And it's gotten to where it's simply too big for two people to handle it.



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So maybe a committee needs to be farmed or



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Well, there's Yeah, that's that's part of it. But also, there have been some things that have happened from they think coming from within the community. They've had some threatening phone call overload and that there's been there's been there's been enough bad negative things happen to him that they've decided they're going to take some time away from it. Wow. And I think that's really a shame because it's a tradition. It is it's been going on in Texas for I don't know how long in London Cynthia Phillips are terrific people they really are. So I'm sorry to see it go there are some talk that tats rather GCTC and I can think of the Trent cross or the Triassic group may get together and pick it up and hold it in Houston next year. Be



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nice to see a cross section of of the organizations send representatives as And do that as a group effort. So every one is included,



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that has been done in the past and in for some reason they quit doing it, I, whatever the history is behind it, I really don't know. But for some reason they have it stopped happening. And so for those of you who are cross dressers, if if you have not been to a tea party ame looks like you've missed your opportunity for a while. But I would like to suggest that you might want to contact Linda and Cynthia and their numbers pretty widely available in the crossdressing magazines and stuff and say, Thank you. Yeah, no



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kidding.



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You know, just just call and say, you know, we know that you've worked your little, you know, what's off for years and years for us. And I never took the time to say thanks. And I'd like to do it. Now. I'd also like to say by the way, if you if, if you're in a bookstore, and you happen to have a chance to see the current issue of tapestry magazine, you'll find an article in nearby
Yours truly,



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no kidding. Yeah,



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I'm writing a regular series of articles for tapestry. Great in this first one happened to have been about a cross dressers do you have to get divorced? Because the person's cross dressing?

You know, of course, the answer is no, you don't have to Oh. And so I just passing that along for what it's worth. If you happen to be in in books, you know, one of the bookstores, and you see tapestry, take a look. And you'll find one of the lead articles in there by yours truly great, cool, just for whatever. Okay.



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Well, if I had known that I would have pushed it.



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Well, I'm actually I'm kind of glad to be doing this the series of articles that came about through a having met some of these folks when we went to Washington, DC. And when I sent the first article, they wrote back and said, well, so So Well, let's try less political one. And they like to essay. And so I don't know what my second article is going to be about. But I'm gonna be writing a series of for them about various kinds of issues. I'm kind of looking forward to that. It's not it's not bad to have that happen. It's



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this it's a different form of coalition building, isn't it?



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writing for an audience as diverse as the one that tapestry reaches is pretty tough. Because their audience is, it goes from the complete fetishist who's never going to leave the bedroom. To Kate Bornstein. Yes. So I mean, it's a very



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loose never gonna leave you alone.



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Actually, Kate has been very good to me. I called her recently, when I was contacted by NBC and said, Listen, you get the experience working with the network, what do I need to say and not set? And she gave me a whole host of ideas that never would have thought it how's she doing? She's having a tough time. I can I can now say publicly that what it is that she has leukemia. Oh, okay. And she's having a tough time. She's a she's a fighter. I mean, she's not in any danger of dying, but she certainly is ill. Sure. And I again, Kate Bornstein is one of those people. The word quit doesn't exist. Oh, I heard down. Yeah, it would take a lot more than that. But she she's doing okay. And she did. She gave me lots of great advice that never would have thought about. We think you're gonna get some music here or what do you what do you got? Well, since we've been talking about cross dressers, I thought the first one would do would be

romanovski and Phillips, my mother's dress. Oh, I love that I absolutely love. And then there's a piece of music I heard you play in quite a while ago. And I thought I want to play this again. It's the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles doing a song called diversity. Yes. Which I really liked. So we're going to go to some musical back.



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That's, that's pretty. That's pretty music



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diversity by the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles. Now, Greg



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Zhu, who was the editor of outsmart magazine, always requests chorus music.



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Well, it's got good taste. Yeah. I would like to talk about something that somebody said to me a couple of weeks ago, and they said that they listened to the show, and they get the impression sometimes that that I'm declaring war on segments of the community. And I want to address that for a minute. Okay. I am no more capable of declaring war on anybody than I am of killing anyone.



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Well, you get pissed off at me.



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I do. I'm going to funny position and I've tried to explain this before, I'll give this another shot. I'm in a funny position, because I come from the background of having been a gay rights activist. Many, many of my friends are gay rights activist. I work for gay attorneys. So the idea that I have any an axe to grind on or go against gay or lesbian people just isn't so and I try very hard to always point out look, we have lots and lots of gay lesbian friends in it. But what needs to be understood is that I'm also a transgender rights activist. Sure. And sometimes those two, those two things don't work well together. Yes, I know. If there's anything that I want to I want to get across on this show, and I hope that I've done that. That is that we all need to get over this and work together. That really is the bottom line. I think all you have to do is listen to pat buchanan to see that. I mean, you don't have to be a genius. No. You know that if you watch any of the shows on the network's on Sunday, last week, Ralph Reed, who of the family Christian coalition, or some such thing, was talking about how gay and lesbian people are leading the moral decay of America?



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That really offends me. I think of myself as a pretty moral person.



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Well, not only do I most gay, lesbian people that I know, are extremely moral. But they're not judgmental IKEA's? Certainly, yeah.



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And the fact that, that my family, what I consider my family doesn't count in this country.



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That's right. And the point that I wanted to make is that I was offended at that. And the only way to combat the round freezes world is for us to use all of the strings that we have. That's what that song diversity was. What made me think about this is that today, Laurie and I were driving back from college state from from Galveston. And we saw a billboard, which showed three different babies of color. And excited it said, celebrate diversity. Wow. And I thought, What a great add,



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no kidding,



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what a great add in. That's what we really tried to do on the show, I think, because we try to celebrate diversity. So if from time to time you hear me say things on the show, and it sort of gets under your skin? I'm not necessarily going to apologize for that. That might be good. I may sometimes that's good. If I make you think or I piss you off, I'll probably keep doing that.



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And you're not the only one on this show that will do that. Yeah. You know, I'd like to think that we piss people off every week.



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Well, I you know, it's not, it's not. No, it's to make you think it's to me, it's to make you think.

But I hope as you hear me say these things that at some point, it will say that you will ask yourself, well, why aren't some people included? I was really serious. What I when I said earlier tonight, that when I hear people say, Well, we're going to include this group exclude that group, that in my mind, exclusion is another word for segregation. And I think we had enough of that in this country. I do too. So for whatever that's worth, I hope that answers that criticism. If you still think that I B or Ragan people will. Okay? I can't help it. But I've tried to explain just



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about any co host on the show is gonna rag on something. I think it's probably true. Yeah. We're a radical show. We've always been after ours has always been known as the radical gay and lesbian show. And we're gonna rag on on things. And there's



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one thing we'll never do. We'll never endorse John Lindsay.



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Unlike some other faggots in the staff,



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yeah, unlike an unnamed person. Well, folks with that we are coming to the end of after hours. Before we left, I wanted to say that there is going to be a unity banquet of the transgender organizations within the city of Houston. Oh, good. It will be taking place on March 23. That Saturday night. Tickets are \$11 at the door are \$11 in advance or 14 bucks at the door. Okay, if you'd like to get one of these tickets, the phone number is 8275913. That's the voicemail Potat and they'll be glad Season Two great. Well, this was a quick three hours.



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It always is. It always is coming up at 301 will be monitored news and after that will be the return of the sons of musical chairs with Billy Gilbert, Randy and Elmo.



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Elmo, Elmo. Okay, I like that. I like that name. Well, folks, remember the motto from It's Time Texas, one decorum becomes repression. The only dignity free people have is to speak out. It's what we do here at KPFT. Good night, y'all.