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SPEAKERS

Bobby, Chris Harrison

- C** Chris Harrison 00:00
The door that's a good way of explaining
- B** Bobby 00:07
that also got the message across
- C** Chris Harrison 00:09
that also is about the extent of my Spanish language. Yes. And we all know, I my failed Spanish Spanish in high school. So don't look at me for any advice. I
- B** Bobby 00:20
wish I could have put a sentence together.
- C** Chris Harrison 00:24
So, you know, this is the end of the year. This is our last episode, last show for the end of 2003. And, you know, it's been a weird ride this past year in the GLBT community. I mean, we've we've gone from queers folk to queer I, Boy Meets Boy in the middle there, which will be playing an A marathon of all the episodes of that lovely little fraud on Monday, little animosity towards that. Oh, that's right. You weren't hanging around here at that time when I got on my soapbox about them. At the time,
- B** Bobby 01:07

I think the whole point was that, you know, the fact that they didn't tell him till like the last

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Chris Harrison 01:14

year until they were down to three years. Like, I mean, one of these guys is a straight person of pulling that stunt there that just kind of I was upset for him. I was, I would have killed them all. Yeah, I mean, it's one of those things that you know, I don't I don't like to think I get on a soapbox too often. I think that was my second soapbox. I've had on three of them.



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Oh, yeah, I remember that. Actually. It was around here then. I just wasn't getting on the air as much if looks could

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Bobby 01:41

kill that guy when when it was announced because I was watching it too. If looks could kill that the person the woman sitting across from him would have been a dead person at that point.

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Chris Harrison 01:53

He was trying to put on a brave face for TV his his see fag hag is offensive. The fruit fly the fruit fly. She is she was out for blood. So yes, yes. That's less offensive.

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Bobby 02:11

She was Oh yeah, she was even worse than he was because she didn't hold it back. Yeah.

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Chris Harrison 02:17

But I mean, we've got the theory. We've had Lawrence v. Texas. That came down here. Yay. Basically, the good news of the year making us legal and it was it was interesting to see that on MSNBC is countdown with Keith Keith Olbermann, which is kind of a very entertaining show. They get someone's doing a Roy impersonation in their that part of the news of the major news stories of the year included was about all of the the queer rights bits that have been in the news, including Lawrence v. Texas, and got to see a shot again of the community of the community center logo in the background there on national TV. So we've had Lawrence v. Texas. We've had

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Bobby 03:14

I saw Jimmy on TV that day. Yeah. Which local are now on and actually on a national show. They were showing a thing of what was going on in Houston And there was limmv and

they were showing a thing of what was going on in Houston. And there was Jimmy and company and everybody else in the you know the community. Oh, yeah, that was there that day. I was

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Chris Harrison 03:35

down there. At the rally. Trying to record it. Unfortunately, the I was using equipment I was not familiar with and ended up not getting a recording of it. Of the whole thing, but just the the power of all that. And the one protester that was there for that event was sad. In a way, I mean, it's like, you know, we've come so long, we can only get one protester out for a rally like that.

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Bobby 04:05

They made it they made up for it at the Pride Parade. Oh, yeah. Apparently, though. I still didn't see him there. But I heard about him.

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Chris Harrison 04:13

Yeah. But see, one thing is this. I mean, they've got they always come out with these beautiful signs. They're now going to someone who's stylizing their signs for them. Somebody who can spell Yeah, I'm impressed. And some of the guys that head on in the pride for ADA protesting were. They were closeted there will bring them over to the dark side.

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Bobby 04:33

Oh, I remember somebody trying to trade my walking staff for a Bible that day. And I'm like, Honey, I'm using it to stand on.

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Chris Harrison 04:41

But you don't need the staff. When you've got Jesus in your life. He will walk and care for you.

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Bobby 04:47

Whatever. The Yeah, but I didn't. It's funny. People said there were more protesters this year at the parade than usual. And I still didn't notice them.

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Chris Harrison 04:59

They don't Should they come out before the parade, and they leave before it really gets going. That they come out, they do their thing they try and get on TV, they get their pictures taken. And then they decide they're not going to hang around. And I

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Bobby 05:14

assume that there were more this year, because directly related to the fact that we had Lawrence,

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Chris Harrison 05:19

Lawrence v. Texas was just days before was I mean, that was mean, that was Tuesday prior to the bribery, which was on Saturday, right? So I mean, we have all of the talk this past year, gay marriage has just kind of exploded. And it's like, I when you can start looking at some of straight marriage. How doomed to fail. It is seems, one in five and then here we are working at trying to get gay marriage. When it's so easy to I think it's I think it's even lazier. For some people in a gay relationship.

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Bobby 06:01

To go through all the consequences, I guess,

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Chris Harrison 06:03

well, yeah, they don't. But also, it's easier to kind of get fooled in the rat, something's something more. And that, you know, I don't want to stop there. I'm touching too close to home base there. So I'm going to stop. So we've had that we've got, of course, the big news of all while the Iraq stuff that's been going on. So there's been a little talk about gays in the military. That's been happening there.

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Bobby 06:33

There's been a lot of talk this year about gay people, gay Muslims this year, too, as a result of the whole Iraq thing. The the whole concept of, of what gay Muslims go through, has also come up a lot this year. I mean, I've seen several reports and stuff.

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Chris Harrison 06:55


Yeah. And it also means a big talk moving during wartime you usually don't get rid of me there's there's a decrease in numbers of discharges of gays in the military. But what they did get rid of was all these civilians who were in there to do translations for them.

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Bobby 07:18

And which makes you know, the whole thing makes no sense. I mean, you know, keep keep talking. Eventually, they make they make no sense at all because it seems to me that the whole argument about the gays in the one of the major arguments is that you know about

things like blackmail and all of this nonsense, and I'm like, Okay, if everybody knows you're gay, you can't blackmail somebody who's out to everybody. You know, that none of that can happen. It's, it's just and so and I know And an interesting thing is I've met in our community, several people who are gay and Muslims. And who, although they love the, you know, the homes they came from, that they don't ever see a time when they'll be going back. Because because they know their lives are in danger. Yeah, from their own families in some cases. Yeah.

 Chris Harrison 08:18


I mean, when you consider some of the the bits of in in the Muslim faith of how strict they are on that execution of mutilation and all that for the sin of homosexuality in that one. I think we've got a voice from the pastor who wants to chime in and at least say hello, I hope he's wanting to go on air because I'm going to push the buttons gonna put them there so if he doesn't he can hang up now. I guess he does then All right, let's Jose Are you there? Yes, I'm

 Bobby 08:52


here what's up guys? Hey, you Hello. From Texas City. Oh, yeah, my job didn't work out I'm back here. Oh, we're beginning to wonder what happened were you disappeared too? Well, you know I can't stay away too long. I missed everybody. Well get your tickets back to us. Okay, I

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need someone to get me like a hole in the ground and I'll live there and I'll be back in Houston I'm sorry

 Chris Harrison 09:19


a spider holes here Houston are going for way too much way too much.

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Dark dingy hole would go for a little bit more

 Bobby 09:32

who knew it was such cushy living Saddam lasted there for what months? I don't

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mind a tight space so once in a while but anyhow



Chris Harrison 09:43

I think Bobby just figured out where you were going with your life. Even someone like body can read your mind right? Yeah.



Bobby 09:53

I'm not psychic. I'm just an empath. It's a different psychotic but anyway, that too.



Chris Harrison 09:58

Well look when the book is written in large Print



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W still can't read it and large friend



Bobby 10:08

can somebody buy him a clue please?



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Hey I think I still want on eBay for a fraction geared up



Bobby 10:22

doing his best impression of Santa Claus and that spider hole



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yeah hohoho yeah oh wait that's Avondale right Chris



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Yeah



Chris Harrison 10:36

we started going yeah we were starting to go legit you miss you miss the fun last week we had at Club oh

at Club ON

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Bobby 10:47

yes yeah I saw that I was kind of ticked again listening tonight on the internet or just the same show or not

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Chris Harrison 10:57

it's the same Yeah.

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Bobby 10:59

If you hear it us it better hearing Yeah.

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Chris Harrison 11:03

Yeah, yeah, I mean you can download last week's episode also online at KPFT archive dot o RG



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you can hear what I've been missing out on YouTube and costing about

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Chris Harrison 11:13

oh no we forgot about you immediately

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Bobby 11:17

worried about you don't you feel loved Yeah, I hear like a bunch of noses hitting the microphone there. It's been anyway. Well, you know, we miss you.



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Yes, I know. I missed you guys too. And I will try and make it back to Houston even have to live under the bridge or something. Or go work at McDonald's or some kind of MC job job. Make dumpsters

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Chris Harrison 11:43

Don't worry, I think we can. Yeah, but you got to be careful. I mean, all the overpasses I mean,

they're gonna they're doing all this construction in here so the overpasses are really filled with debris. Even the underbrush even the overpasses

 Bobby 11:56

until David proven that that the Church of Houston is Our Lady of Perpetual deconstruction. Exactly. And you know, the light rail guys have hit for cars already.

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Pretty good. Little kill stickers on the side of the train.

 Chris Harrison 12:14

But it wasn't their fault on their stupidity. Oh, yeah. No, the stupidity was putting a train in a place where Houstonians drive.

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Okay, in that case, that's just about everywhere.

 Chris Harrison 12:26


Yeah, no. I mean, I mean, the driving level of the people in Houston is sad.

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Yeah, it's kind of like the plane if it's go to LA or something.

 Chris Harrison 12:36

I I still remember watching people making a left hand turn from the right hand shoulder. Oh, that's eight on an eight lane wide freeway.

 Bobby 12:47

California lane change.

 Chris Harrison 12:49

So now so you're out in Texas City. things fell through here. Yes.

So now so you're out in Texas City, things run through, never, yes.

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Bobby 12:57

So you want to chime in on some of the stuff we've been talking about here? Well, we were talking about the events the gay event you know, historical gay events for 2003 And you know, Lawrence v Texas.

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Oh yeah, that was pretty hot button issue Yeah.

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Bobby 13:16

Or legal now and all that.

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Yes. But you know places like the French Quarter made it feel legitimate you know you know succinate had come after

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Bobby 13:30

Okay, he use sucks and come in well, I'm trying to use it in very tasteful way remember we're on the air Yeah.

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Chris Harrison 13:38

Okay, now he's gonna say come and tasteful and the same Yeah, tantalizingly tastes

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Bobby 13:49

and then we've got the whole Gene Robinson that the bishop Yeah, the bishop. Oh, the gay Bishop. Yeah. That's pretty hot too. I mean, who would ever think an openly gay clergyman I mean, what a concept right? Go figure he'll go down in history is single handedly having caused a schism in the in a church

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going down single handedly and schism in the same scene? It's very good.

Bobby 14:15

Thank you for picking it up. That wasn't the point. The point is, I mean, he's, you know, there are there are segments of the church that are talking about breaking away all over this one issue. I mean, that's pretty intense. When you think about

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Chris Harrison 14:30

you're considering the fact you're talking about a religion that was started because the pope wouldn't allow King Henry the eighth to divorce his umpteenth million wife.

Bobby 14:39

Yeah. And we just kind of see where that's gotten the church now. Yeah.

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Chris Harrison 14:43

So basically, they have they have they were started because of marriage failing. And now they're complaining about having gay marriage and get having gay clergy members who are

Bobby 14:54

already said, I don't want I don't want gay marriage. I mean, come on. Now I can understand why semester partnership, that's fine, but like gay marriage, calling it a marriage, hey, I'm all for calling it marriage. I'm like this, but that's just me. I, you know, we I think we can't complain about you know, not having equal and union, you know, the same sentence, if we're going to be equal then the word should be equal equally applied to us. But that's just me dark ages and call marriages silicone,

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Chris Harrison 15:28

well, you know, I'm gonna, I'm gonna put this I'm gonna, you're gonna breed the better story of it probably. Well, you will remember better when outsmart comes out next month, which has their, their predictions and stories for 2004. And I'm going to begin it. Somehow I've developed the title of one of the community people. And, you know, part of the thing was this, you know, we've got better things to do to fight for, than to file a joint tax return.

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We've got better, we've got barely fallen out and tax returns money,

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Chris Harrison 16:06

we've got better things to do in this community, than to fight for the right to go to Iraq and kill people. I'd



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rather fight for my right to party, you know,



Chris Harrison 16:16

okay, let's let's spend some time fighting for the right to walk down the street without getting a lead pipe to our head or head. Let's fight for the right to be able to go into work. And not find everything you own. Everything you brought into your cube boxed up, right because your boss saw you on TV at the Pride Parade. Let's not let's fight for the right that when you go home, you don't find your stuff on the curb. Because your landlord found out that your roommate shares your bedroom. Not your just your apartment.



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Yeah, you know, there's guys that I talked to the Elizabeth Street people like, why are you living with a strange guy if you're open? Come on.



Bobby 16:54

Oh, and by the way, Chris, just in case you didn't know it long before they started thinking of you as a leader, a community person you were important to the rest of us. I've had one it's your you've always been important to us.



Chris Harrison 17:10

So this has been for me this this past month or so has just been very weird with the level of exposure on my on my part, at least with with Q patrol the stuff that I've done. I mean, I've been doing the radio show here now for seven years, I guess, about sound that I've kind of moved up through all this stuff. And then this past year of, you know, kind of cringing before when I found my picture in the Chronicle and now it's like,



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actually got your entire I mean, they use a wide angle lens, Chris.





Chris Harrison 17:48


Okay, we're clicking you're down. But then to go from though the last


 Bobby 17:53
person I want to hear that comment from


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tweet remember. Concept a few of the supermodels ate for lunch. give me indigestion like you wouldn't believe.


 Bobby 18:07
Anyhow, you're saying

 Chris Harrison 18:09
with the Aussie we thought we lost a couple 100 Ugly pounds, but you called in. But I mean, to go through the stuff of the fact we had the assaults. At the day after Thanksgiving about Allentown was

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really bad. The gay bashing just like oh my god, I want that entire neighborhood. I mean, for the last four or five years,

 Bobby 18:29
so that's when you thought it was gonna get quiet.

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But I never gotten bothered. Of course, you know, you looked at me lately. No one's gonna mess with me. I don't mean.

 Chris Harrison 18:37
But the thing is the fact that you know, if something like that would have happened a year or two ago. Would we have seen the coverage? We had? No. Oh, hell no. I mean, we had there was articles in the Houston Chronicle. We had there was coverage on it. For television stations on you on

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Bobby 18:57

one of whom I was amazed at how long the segment was. I mean,



Chris Harrison 19:00

channel 13 did a tremendous amount of



Bobby 19:04

channel 13. Channel 24 When the thing that they did, that's the longest segment I've ever seen on any gay issue. Well, it's me John radio station, ever. Yeah, I



Chris Harrison 19:17

mean, the fact that the story was on I was on 213 News 24. And channel 26. Also had one during the noon segment.



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One on channel 11. Below is other station.



Bobby 19:29

Does anybody know how that guy's doing? By the way? Does anybody



Chris Harrison 19:32

actually I somewhat got to speak with him. Not December sleep with them speak. Not this past Monday, the Monday before that was on queer voices. And we did a call and spoke with him and he's doing he's doing well. He says he's not afraid of coming back to Houston. They haven't scared him away yet. So he'll be back again next December. Oh,



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that's good. I'll do that during the Superbowl. Holy look bad. for Houston,



Chris Harrison 20:01

so we've got, like I said, he seems he seems to be doing well. He's in good spirits. He's fortunately, part of what I think helped him is he was saying is that he has a long history of activism. And the fact that you're not on anyone's get him now. Yeah, he did that. In fact, the

assault occurred on Friday. Yeah, he danced on Monday. Wow, he performed on Monday, when he came down here to do, he changed the routine a little bit because his shoulder was a little messed up. And he said, he wore this Erykah Badu inspired headscarf, to cover the wounds on his head. And he's still the show still going on, though he still perform, and he said he will be here again, next year, tough guy. And like I said, I had to compliment about the fact of, you know, calling it and calling and letting people know that this happened. And basically, refusing to continue to be a victim. Because that's the important thing on any of these things. When it's happening, you can't, you can't really prevent yourself from being a victim once it started. The fact is, once it stops, once the attack, physical physically stopped, you have to start to reclaim your humanity. Yeah. And the thing, the only way you can do that is to do what you can to find these people, get them put in jail, and be able to defend yourself enough to tell other people so they don't have to go through the same trauma. And I said, I complimented him on air about that. The fact that you know, that he he went through the steps that he contacted the police, he let them know, and the community knew and rose up,



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you know, 20 years ago, or even last year, something like this would happen. It would have gone under the radar.



Chris Harrison 21:49

Yeah. And I have to say this, I mean, I'll, I'll pitch him promoted here. Okay, I believe KPFT news, here at Ron, our station. They're the ones on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays on at 6pm. And they also have it in Spanish on Fridays at 630. They were the first news group just to break the story. Yeah. They did and had interviews with with Alan, and it was they covered it on Friday. And then Monday is when the Chronicle stepped in. And it was



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it kind of spread like wildfire wildfire after that.



Chris Harrison 22:25

Well, what we got, what happened was that the story hit the Chronicle on Tuesday morning. And enough people heard about it over the weekend. And all of a sudden these flyers started going up around the neighborhood saying Don't worry if they



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ever catch the girl



Bobby 22:42

over the telephone poles and stuff.

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Chris Harrison 22:45

They haven't found the attackers yet. There's they're still on look there there was. Unfortunately there's not that great of a description because the darkness of the shining. I've walked through Montrose it is dark. And this is Avondale. I mean, yeah. Avondale has got no streetlights. Yeah. And so it's one of those things. And then we had a community meeting. And you know, when you've got people from the GLBT community wanting to speak with HPD Yeah. You know, in the in the past, you would maybe expect what one two cops? Yeah. The assistant, the Interim Assistant Chief of Police showed was at that meeting, wow. There was there was a lot of gold shields in there, not just the standard nickel shields, we're talking the gold the the higher ups. So that's that's good to hear. There was a lot of brass in there a long way. We've come a long way. And unfortunately, it takes something like that to to get us to that point.

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Bobby 23:44

It's it's sad in some respects that the history of so much change, be it in the gay community or whatever is is on the heels of violence. I mean, it's just sad that that has to be that way. But it is

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Chris Harrison 23:59

I think what happens is not just in our society. It's not just in the queer community, I think. And I put it this way, Americans in general, we are a knee jerk reactionary people. Yeah. And unfortunately, that's what it takes sometimes to get people to get up and get moving and get something to work. And, unfortunately, what happens sometimes when we get that knee jerk reaction is we go off in the wrong direction. Yeah. Like taking over Afghanistan when everyone was from Saudi Arabia. Yeah. Those sorts of things.



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their passports were from Saudi Arabia, where they came from originally. We don't know

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Bobby 24:37

going after Saddam when we know Psalm is still out there. Yeah. Well, I think that was one of those things that should have finished one project and started the next but this is a US government. But the point still being.

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Chris Harrison 24:49

Yeah, and so I mean, that's the kind of thing we have this knee jerk reaction or thing. We take a look and see how much we've gained since Matthew Shepard of how much B hanging out and open and people looking at Fred Phelps going away, this would be a total deafing. Yeah, and I could

open and people looking at Fred Phelps going okay, this guy's a total doofus. Yeah, and I could say more but you know I don't want to cross the FCC we've



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already had the line crossed once tonight Chris with the whole



Bobby 25:13

yeah we got we underlined



Chris Harrison 25:17

but we're the fact is we've come a long way with this stuff and hopefully we'll start to



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we've come a long way but we still have a lot more to go and hopefully we're



Chris Harrison 25:31

gonna grow and mature a little bit more with the stuff that we don't need to do okay, I've started putting on the music in the background and it was something different than what I was expecting. I start hearing prices being quoted and I'm not sure we are coming



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we're used to hearing prices being quoted on the phone Chris Well,



Chris Harrison 25:55

Alrighty, well, belt man and we are fast approaching the end of yet another edition



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of and I just wanted to call and say hey and programming still here I'm still alive I'm still kicking.



Chris Harrison 26:07

All right, well, thank you Jose.



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Alright guys, take care of yourself keep in touch collect



Chris Harrison 26:14

ok. We are coming in fast approaching end of another edition of after hours queer radio with attitude in the background. We have got Mark Weigel. Love your body like it is. And this has been the roundtable segment. Coming up at the top of the hour is the rostrum on vibrations is going to be coming. Ross the mind. It's been a long day. Next week is the first show of the new year the first episode first edition of the new month. So we will have Binet and Gigi will be here. I think she's gonna go into our number two of the clitoris. There's not gonna be here next week.



Bobby 27:02

Well, here's hoping that the one ahead of the year ahead of us is even better than the one we've left behind. Well,



Chris Harrison 27:09

it can't get much worse hopefully. Let's hope this the 2004 is a lot more peaceful for our community for our country and for the planet. I hope so and we will be back next week and for it will also be coming to you from Katz's Deli. Michael will be popping in there from there and have a happy new year and a safe ones.



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