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Vanessa Edwards 00:19

basic vibe



Jimmy Carper 00:43

Oh yes, you've tuned into after hours queer radio with attitude right here on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. The crew of after hours is ready to bring you news interviews, dialogue and music geared for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people and their friends. Hear it after hours, we may be diverse, but we have one thing in common. We are all out of the closet and urge everyone to come out of their classes. That means standing up for yourself taking responsibility for your own life and being proud of who you are. Realistically, we know not everyone can do that because of age job or frame of mind. That's okay, we're here for you too. So sit back, relax, and enjoy this week's edition of after hours. Hello, Houston and college station and welcome to the Saturday February 14 of after hours. I'm Jimmy Carper. I'll be your producer for the evening. And gosh, we've got a packed show tonight. I want to say hello to all my MBBS out there wherever you are behind bars. Got some we got some great letters this week we'll be talking about those in the roundtable section coming on at 3am and a special note to Paul out there who sent us a copy of December play girl with the Houston man in it in the real men section. My my my my my and I know you love this because well that was kind of no that was scary. Actually. We'll be telling you more about that later on. And Paul, I'm really really happy. Paul is getting out and about a week or so. Oh, yes. He's he's not going to be parole to Houston unfortunately. I don't know he didn't say Well congratulations doing no kidding. No kidding. We're you know, I'm gonna I'm gonna lose one of my best confidants Paul would always was always able to, to cut through the BS and tell me what was really going on in there. Did you want to wake up David? Well, he I turned the radio on over there at the house where I got dang

bad. I shook him I tried to wake him up. Okay, well, we'll see. Obviously, he's Yes. Good. Oh, no. Okay. Listen, I hear the show. I turned it off. Okay, I want to tell you about the music that you heard at the beginning of the show. The first one was very new. Just got it in the mail this week. A woman by the name of scan del I see a n d e ll e she's got a three song EP out and we played after life. I thought that was a apropos song for for well for for for Valentine's Day. Yeah, Valentine's Day. That's it. And then Jeff crasner with his version of I still haven't found what I'm looking for, which I think is a very nice version. Later in the later on in the show. We've got new music for after hours anyway. It's the bootlickers latest CD, automatic ball cleaner No, it I know it and a really wonderful hateful song called I just did your boyfriend. So stay tuned for that. I also scan Dell if you'd liked that, you can contact scandella w cubed.sc A N D E ll e scan dell.com. Easy enough. Okay, yeah, some of the things going on in the community before we get to our first guests, and this is the second Saturday of the month. So we've got a transgender segment coming on. Vanessa is here waiting in the wings. And the second segment will be Francisco Sanchez with a Hispanic segment. So stay tuned for that. First of all court report what's going on in the IC o h court on Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, February 15. The red and black we got your back show hosted by Montana summers. Dennis DeVille. And Cheyenne Deville is going to be held at Mary's at five o'clock as a fundraiser for rain to then Wednesday, February 18. In Houston Council of clubs has a meeting at the Brazos River bottom and packet stuffing will occur at seven o'clock. That's for Louis weekend. And let's see Friday, February the 20 is support. Support bottom of pan. Okay, that's what it says here support bottom of pan. I don't want to know what that's about hosted by Keith and Jessica at EJ is at 830 as a fundraiser for rain too. And of course, the last weekend in February is Louis let us entertain you weekend. And lots of festivities going on there. We'll talk about some of those later on in the show. Some of the other shows going on is Mister third Coast bear contest was won by Jim Crawford and Christopher Prado. He was the Mr. Third cart coastal cowboy so they are going to be putting on some fundraising shows Saturday February the 21st at EJ s shows time is eight o'clock that's Jim Crawford Mr. Third Coast bear and Mr. Third Coast cowboy Christopher Prado is Sunday February the 22nd at Mary's naturally Showtime to begin at five o'clock that's what all shows begin at Mary's on Sunday at five. Oh my god Bobby's here he lives he lives. Hello, hello. Hello. Hola.

B

Bobby 07:51

Another pan.

J

Jimmy Carper 07:52

That was the surgery honey. Can you tell me Well you look transsexual know you look like your old self. You don't have that big hump on the side to look like I'm storing nuts for the winter. Yes. Yes. In my head. Yes. leads

B

Bobby 08:12

on lovely little scar along the year and it's you know, just at a 19 this will be operation number 19.

J

Jimmy Carper 08:19

I see. Okay. Yes, well just get some lovely jewelry to cover that I am well thank you happy Yeah, happy whatever that hard day thing. Yes. That'd be VD, everybody. Yes. Yeah, no. Anyway, that shows starting at Mary's at five o'clock. Lots of local entertainers and a few out of town guests will be a 5050 raffle and many great prizes. All proceeds from the show to benefit the Alexei Bowen Foundation and the traveling fun for the title holders of Pegasus productions. So that is Saturday and Sunday. You've got two shows there. And don't forget every Wednesday in February, South Beach and a 10 Pacific Street is well my printer didn't print it out. Having specials over there at South Beach. Okay, check that out. Oh, boy. See what happens when you don't do your homework and check things out. Anyway, we do have some guests this evening. From hers magazine. Yes. Hello, ladies. Hello, hello. Hello. How are ya? Headphones would help. There we go. I saw you what last Monday because you were on queer voices. Jack show Jack Joan. Glennon JD every Monday night, eight o'clock right here on the same station and you are With a very new magazine called Hers, and some people might not have heard of it. Can. Can you tell us your names and what you do there? Yes. I'm Shante Angelo, and I am the editor and CO publisher. I'm Kristin Kemp. I am also co publisher and travel editor. Okay. What is hers magazine about? Other than the obvious? Well, we decided to create a magazine for Houston women, mainly lesbians, but we'd like it to be open to all women. And we'll be publishing every two months. And it should serve it may have a service for the community. And for women in general to have a point of reference. It's a very slick magazine, it's, you know, for free magazine, it's it's really first class. Thank you. You know, nice paper, nice graphics and nice layout. And hopefully we can maintain that with we need some more advertising. Don't we all? Yeah. But we'd like to maintain that throughout the year. Can men read this magazine, too? Of course, anyone can read this magazine? How did it start? I mean, who had the idea? And how did you get it off the ground? It was kind of something we were both talking about. But one day Kristen finally said, well, let's do it. And she thought up the name. And we just went for it. It was literally done vember of last year. Oh, and we got some friends together. We've got a great group of girls that, you know, we happen to have an art director and a photographer. And everybody wanted to help out. So we got together and produced a magazine. Is that distributed locally or throughout the state? Or? Right now? We're locally we've got about 20 spots here in Houston in the area and in the Montrose Shepard Kirby area. Okay, can you name some of them? So yes, and look at Be on the lookout for borders, Half Price Books, sound waves cactus chances. Of course, he was also a big advertiser for us. And most of the bars. Baba Yaga. Oh, yes, Arby's. Very nice. Okay, so tell me what the magazine looks like. And what kind of features do you what kind of regular features and what you're looking at, for for special current issue has Madalyn Sklar of Google's music.com and Shirley Knight, it's our women in music issue. And every issue will feature Houston women first, but we'll also probably have some national women. Women who inspire us and whatnot, are about the top dogs with those two. Yes, absolutely. And our second issue coming up in April, will feature women in business. So we'll be featuring about 12 Different women and do a little snapshot of them and their businesses. Coming up this year, we're going to have women in sports will do nonprofit organizations. The pride issue, of course, will be June, July and a wedding issue. Yeah, that's in the news, isn't it? Yes, absolutely. So what are the regular features like? Don't take that? Well, we'll have columns. Every issue will feature a health column. And right now it's written by a wonderful woman at the Montrose clinic. And we also have an L Grl. Column written by Randall Ellis. And we're going to divvied up between the sex column and then we'll have an ask Lola every other issue, which is a question and answer, relationship, sex advice, that sort of thing. And a wonderful woman emailed us and has volunteered her services as a veterinarian to write a pet column question and answer. Oh, terrific. So those will be our regular columns, and then we're going to have the different

features. Okay. Are you looking for new, more riders and more areas? That would be nice. We would like to have an entertainment reporter of some type to do show reviews, and whatnot. We've got a great group of people right now. And as we expand, we will need more people. But right now, we mainly mean entertainment reporter and advertiser advertiser. Yes, yes. I think you're hitting the right spots to get a wide diversity of people reading the magazine. And perhaps they'll come from that but I know their advertisers are not going to be knocking on your door. You got to be out knocking on their doors. I'm sure you hit most of the Yeah, the businesses in the Montrose area, we've sent out literally about 120 media kits to women on businesses and people that advertise and other gay publications and I, them through the gay and lesbian, Yellow Pages, names and addresses. So right resource, we are still fairly new. And I think with time those people will, you know, jump on board, once they see that we are committed to the cause and committed to the community. We do want to continue to have right now we will work in to have the most extensive calendar for women in in Houston, which will be an important feature as well, in each magazine. I think a lot of men would be interested in reading your magazine to me, for instance, because I'm always looking, I'm always interested in GLBT music, and the people that make it and the people who perform it. So that, you know, right away holds my interest. But, you know, there's there's other things, it is a community magazine, I mean, you know, most of the issues that we will cover, if you're interested in women owned businesses, you know, pick up the magazine, there are there are wonderful women out there, who who make wonderful commitments to the community and contributions. And I'm sure when I'm when I'm out, you know, when I need something, I'm gonna go to the game, Yellow Pages first. I know to get that from my community. And I think hers would be a nice resource for that, too. Absolutely. And the cover the column from Randall Ellis. Well, I mean, that's that basically inequality column. It's a human issues really. Good. Good. Yeah. Keep keep it spread out there. Don't forget us guys. Absolutely not. And don't forget us guys who advertise us up. Yeah, keep your magazine going. So the first issue came out this month. Yes. February 1. How did you finance it? Credit card? Wow. I think it's called Creative accounting. It's true that the government doesn't operate in the black so they don't expect us to either. Love that deficit spending. You know, how many businesses were started on credit card? Yeah, lots. Absolutely. Yeah. I wish you all the best. Thank you very much. Thank you for having us. Don't forget to keep hers in the lobby. Here. We go. Oh, good. Good. Good. See, so you left a huge stack when you were here. And they all went? Yes, it's gone. It's graded. I love that. Good. Good. Okay, good luck with your magazine. Thanks for being on after hour. We'd also like to mention our website, which is [www.hers.com](http://www.hers.com). And meisten. I'm sorry, Hearst. [houston.com](http://houston.com) Oh, I'm the worst. Okay, hers does it does this. H e r s is it? Does it stand for anything the letters or it does it stands for Houston entertainment. Right sexuality. Hey, Pretty nifty. It's for the nifty is cool. Glad to hear that. All Christians aren't Yeah. She had that kind of little smirk when he's proud. Yeah. And and that is just pulled up your your website? Yes, I did. H e R s. Houston entertainment, right. Yes. Okay. We've got it right here. Okay. a t r s. Hughes [houston.com.com](http://houston.com.com). Yes. Okay. Thank you very much for being on after hours and good luck with your magazine. Thank you. Thank you. Okay. Okay, now it is time for Where is she? Where is Vanessa? Vanessa? Handover? Those headphones son. I'm a lot older than you. Sorry. Hello, hello. Hello. And welcome. I'll be reading someone. Yes, of course you are. And you're always on? Yes. You were always on Vanessa.

B

**Bobby 19:36**

Is that thing on? Anyway, I'm going to need to ask them maybe we need to change the batteries. Well, so far so good. I've got batteries. So my cell phone, that's all I need. I do need a little bit of music to lead in so I can give Ethan phone call basically, because I was busy reading

the Hearst magazine. Oh, you were Yes. It's actually well mentioned that I went out there and grabbed one. So make sure and good luck next time. I'm gonna get back in touch with y'all. So see if I can steer you in direction. I get some of the stories, at least on business and hopefully on one of them. Business cards cool cool for networking. Yeah. Networking, right. Thank you. Congratulations, by the way. Excellent magazine.

**J** Jimmy Carper 20:26

Okay, I've got I've got another nice Valentine's Day song coming up by not quite the last straw Mary last room, unfortunately died last year. But she was a very up and coming lesbian jazz singer. And she put this as her the last album. She put out calls ginger comes to stay. And it's a very nice version of sugar in my bowl. And you're listening to it on after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston. 90.1 FM and 89.5 in Galveston. Yes, smooth, smooth voice. Yes, we have. That's a tragedy that we've lost talent like that. Mary lofts drum from her CD. Ginger comes to stay her version of sugar in my bowl. Happy Valentine's Day, folks.

**B** Bobby 21:46

Thanks. Music 10 thing about the 40s. I had very romantic them. Yeah, absolutely.

**J** Jimmy Carper 21:51

Yes.

**B** Bobby 21:53

They are on the jazz

**J** Jimmy Carper 21:55

era. It really was. Yes. Thank you. Thank you. And how are you doing Vanessa?

**V** Vanessa Edwards 22:01

Well hanging in there. One month well, month 13 of unemployment going to 14. And so then to death, love economic recovery. I'm doing my part, apparently, I guess I think it was Tom Delay. He was on CNN and they were asking him what would you say? If he were to say something to the long term unemployed, who are having a difficult time trying to find a job. And in essence, he went into this long discussion about how good the economy is why and no, seriously. And in short, this is what he would say to the long term unemployed, who are having a hard time finding a job. Yeah. Work harder, produce more, the economic indicators are looking up. If you don't have a job. I know. I know. And that is the head drove me nuts to I almost went ballistic, and then I start thinking about it. Maybe that's it. Maybe I'm working hard at being

unemployed. And I'm producing more resumes on my car to help improve the economy. Hey, as long as I'm unemployed, more jobs get to go over to India. The economic indicators go up. I'm doing my bid for America.

**J** Jimmy Carper 23:15

I bet that guy has the same grade point average in college is our resident our

**B** Bobby 23:21

Yes, our puppet and cheese. Yes. Well, it sure makes him proud to be a Texan. I'm learning how to live without my accent. Do I sound like a Texan? Please tell me now.

**J** Jimmy Carper 23:38

Maybe we thought we were going to get rid of the fool by sending them to Washington. And now look at the messages made?

**B** Bobby 23:45

No, I didn't want them in Washington. I saw how bad he was in Austin. I thought No. Don't send this guy to washing hard yet,

**J** Jimmy Carper 23:52

but I figured that there would be people surrounding him that let him do such stuff.

**B** Bobby 23:57

There's people surrounding him and he's doing different things. And he wasn't Austin. It's not better.

**J** Jimmy Carper 24:03

No, it isn't. It is not so anyway, you have someone on hold?

**B** Bobby 24:06

Yes, I do. Actually. Let me bring him on here. And what you



**J** Jimmy Carper 24:10  
have to do is push the button. No, you have to hit the air button hit the air button. Where is Air  
Air, air air sea air

**B** Bobby 24:20  
and then hit the button and it should turn now Ethan it's turned a different color.

**J** Jimmy Carper 24:25  
Okay.

**B** Bobby 24:25  
I think I hear Ethan St. Pierre on the other end and in fact, welcome to after hours. Yes.  
Welcome back to after hours. This is my first repeat the show he's the first one to make it  
twice. It was going to be Kristin but she didn't show up for that. So Ethan, congratulations.  
You've done something nobody else has

**V** Vanessa Edwards 24:47  
to stay on my calendar. There you go.

**B** Bobby 24:49  
Special day. It's quite 140 in the morning up in Boston right now.

**V** Vanessa Edwards 24:55  
Yes, it is. But that's okay. I'm usually up at this hour.

**J** Jimmy Carper 24:59  
Late night person Just like me

**B** Bobby 25:00  
exactly. In fact, he's a radio air personality himself has an online radio, trans FM and also even  
works for our well I shouldn't say works but is one of the behind the scenes person on the  
second longest running train standard segment in America or in the world. I guess I should say  
gender talk about Boston.

V Vanessa Edwards 25:25  
W MBR in Boston.

B Bobby 25:28  
So you were right the first time it's worked. Yes, it's work.

V Vanessa Edwards 25:33  
It's okay though. They're, they're good people appear.

J Jimmy Carper 25:37  
And it's a labor of love. I understand that.

B Bobby 25:41  
Hey, he's lost his Texas accent.

V Vanessa Edwards 25:44  
You didn't lose yours, though. That's

J Jimmy Carper 25:47  
the talent that I was avoiding that. You know, answering that question.

V Vanessa Edwards 25:52  
Vanessa says y'all, y'all Yeah.

B Bobby 25:54  
Well, everybody says y'all

J Jimmy Carper 25:56  
know you have to say us guys,



V Vanessa Edwards 25:58  
guys. Yes, exactly.

B Bobby 26:01  
It's all your effort to say y'all. Other people say y'all I hear people

J Jimmy Carper 26:07  
try to rationalize it.

V Vanessa Edwards 26:09  
We say us guys.

B Bobby 26:10  
Yeah, these guys. That's what I want to do is use guys.

V Vanessa Edwards 26:19  
Yesterday stress

B Bobby 26:22  
just never seems to work out. Of course my valentine. You I've never heard you say that before.  
Oh, well. Wait a minute here. Lady, I guess listen to the lady. It's Valentine's I get my way.  
Almost knocked them off. So

J Jimmy Carper 26:47  
how long have you been on radio? And on the online radio?

V Vanessa Edwards 26:51  
I've been doing this for a year now. Okay.

**J** Jimmy Carper 26:54  
And how do I if I wanted to tune in? When do I tune in and how?

**V** Vanessa Edwards 27:01  
Actually we do a talk show every Sunday night from seven to 10. Eastern Standard Time. And all you do is go to trans fm.com and WW Yep, www dot trans fm.com. And I actually I stream music 24/7 as well. So it's a

**B** Bobby 27:23  
he's got listeners from all over the world I might add from Australia, Germany. Where else? Oh, wait, wait, yeah, cross dressers in Kuwait.

**V** Vanessa Edwards 27:33  
You do that? You wear a burqa and go do I pass? I guess

**B** Bobby 27:40  
it's the eye makeup.

**J** Jimmy Carper 27:42  
Yeah, that's it. Yeah. Must be easy to pass that way. You know? Ah,

**B** Bobby 27:47  
well, yeah. It'd be hard not to pass. But the poor things they don't have a lot of choice. They don't have a lot of options. Really get excited over. I've got a new burqa look, yeah, black just like the last.

**V** Vanessa Edwards 28:03  
Blue. I think blue is blue.

**B** Bobby 28:06  
Oh, wow. King. Anyway, um, Ethan's actually, one of the reasons that we're mentioning trains FM. You're going to be doing a fundraiser this coming February 28. Is it not?

V Vanessa Edwards 28:22  
It's 27th 28th and 29th. I telethon. I'm gonna be up for three days straight. Whoa, yes. into self torture? Yes, I am. No, we're trying to raise money to get hate crime survivors to Washington DC to lobby Congress.

B Bobby 28:38  
In fact, on that point, Ethan is the national transgender advocacy coalition's besides being on the board. He is also the assistant director or vice chair, I should say, of the lobbying committee. So he's in charge of drumming up our participation and is also trying to do a little bit of fundraising to get some of these folks up there. Yeah, that's a

J Jimmy Carper 28:59  
tough job.

V Vanessa Edwards 29:01  
Well, it's very important to me because I'm a hate crime survivor myself.

B Bobby 29:06  
I hate crime. Yes,

V Vanessa Edwards 29:07  
my husband was a transsexual woman who transitioned the year I was born. I don't remember her in male mood at all. And, you know, she was just she was a part of my family. And we all loved her very, very much. And she was murdered in 1995.

B Bobby 29:27  
Deborah 40

V Vanessa Edwards 29:28  
Just over 40 right this time, it didn't say 14 Right. No, Forte's French. Oh, well, it

B Bobby 29:34

is 1440 Oh,

V

Vanessa Edwards 29:36

I my last name is French but my mother. She was my mother's sister. My mother is Italian. So it's 40 as Italian and

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Bobby 29:48

that's a mix we don't have in Texas very often.

V

Vanessa Edwards 29:53

Well, my mother is actually Irish and Italian. But her last name is Italian because her father's Italian. Ooh, what a temper. Yeah, I told her when she married a Frenchman, and you know I am. I'm French, Irish and Italian. Boy. Never mind. But anyway, hate crimes is it's very important to, to me. And so I, when I joined in PTAC they've been wonderful, really wonderful and doing this, this is going to be, I think one of the most important lobby days, it comes at a very crucial time. And I think getting other hate crime survivors to DC to lobby is, is very crucial. It's, we can no longer stay silent, we have to definitely get the attention of our senators. Right now, the hate crimes bill or the local law enforcement Enhancement Act does not include the language that would support gender identity and expression.

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Bobby 31:04

Exactly. And that's one of the things that really kind of frustrated the community, especially coming here just after such a record year of hate violence last year.

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Vanessa Edwards 31:15

Oh, absolutely. There's there's and there's we're finding out every day of other hate crimes that have occurred in our country that went unreported by the media, so we're really looking at a high number this year, last year for last year. It goes over 100 Usually,

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Bobby 31:38

we missed one apparently here in Houston, at least one of them. And of course Houston is over the course of the past five years has been unfortunately, the most dangerous city for transgenders regarding hate crime. And

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Vanessa Edwards 31:55

I wouldn't be surprised if they've actually miss more Philadelphia actually picked up 4040.

Baltimore, eight others that when I reported your time, that's

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Bobby 32:08

more that we're unreported. In Philadelphia, Philadelphia, I

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Vanessa Edwards 32:11

have a friend that was affiliate Well, we bought with a mutual friend of ours. And she calculated she's she has stands a chance of one in 15 of being murdered.

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Bobby 32:20

Why are all these going unrecorded? How is this going unreported? How is it that nobody in the community is finding out about this?

V

Vanessa Edwards 32:29

All the media doesn't report it? It's especially if it's a person that's working the street. It goes on reported if it's mostly or also if it's a person that belong to an affluent family. They're not going to they don't want it in the media. So there are a number of reasons and also the police just don't take notice. They don't know Yeah, well, this person was founded, they don't, they don't often report that it was a person of a transsexual, or transgendered person.

B

Bobby 33:10

It's one of the things it's really been very frustrating for us not being able to track those numbers with any degree of accuracy. And in fact, we still don't have a distinct category for gender identity or gender expression or any kind of gender nonconformity in the Hate Crime Statistics Act, which the FBI compiles just to track which crimes occur into which communities basically they lump everything under was sexual orientation. Exactly. Gay and Lesbian. Well,

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Vanessa Edwards 33:48

that's always been my point to people don't get murdered, because you can see somebody's sexual orientation. They get murdered because they see your gender presentation. So if you're an effeminate man, you're assumed to be gay. If you're a masculine woman, you're assumed to be a lesbian. This is how people get murdered, not because you're walking down the street and they just say, Oh, that's a gay person. They don't have gaydar. You know, it just you get murdered because of your gender presentation. So as to me it's it's more important to have gender identity and expression added into the hate crimes building it is sexual orientation because you cannot see somebody's sexual orientation. You sure it's really nice.

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Bobby 34:43

Actually, I guess I shouldn't be joking about this. This is really

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Vanessa Edwards 34:47

cool because it needs sometimes you know, it's very difficult to talk about. Even within our own community, it's very difficult sometimes to even to broach the subject because some people just don't want to know

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Bobby 35:00

Well, and that's too real. Yeah, exactly, exactly. And I guess, you know, since it's so close, since oftentimes it occurs to people that we know or even just happening to people like us. And to understand also that we're coming from a small community, it kind of it, it strikes fear within the entire community. They start almost kind of identifying her personifying that with them selves and with their friends, and they start taking a second look, I know, it's certainly affected me in that fashion.

V

Vanessa Edwards 35:37

So some people will retreat there, there are a number of issues. See, the thing is, when? How do I put this it's something that we try to do a lot of people not, not we, in particular, but a lot of people will try to put their head in the sand over and say, it's not happening. It hasn't happened. It happens yet to somebody that I know. But the fact that it goes unreported, grossly unreported by the national media, and the fact that it's not reported in the FBI reports, it's,

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Bobby 36:17

therefore not available to us even with any accuracy.

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Vanessa Edwards 36:22

Right? It's very difficult sometimes to go to Congress and say, well, these are the exact numbers, we don't have the exact numbers.

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Bobby 36:30

And it gives us a false sense of security in a sense that we don't really know exactly how, how deeply this is striking our own community.

V

Vanessa Edwards 36:40

And not only that, but because of this, because it goes grossly under reported by the media. And because we don't even know what ends up happening is. All these crimes that are being committed against transgendered people, as far as hate crimes is concerned. They're not they're not being solved either. So the the amount of murders that have occurred in our country, within the last year, only a handful have been solved. That's why it's so important that the local law enforcement Enhancement Act include gender identity and expression, because it will allow federal investigators to get involved when it will break a city or town or community to have people investigate. Just take for instance, though, Brandon, Tina, murder, they're broke that broke the town, the investigation? We're not even we're being disregarded in such a fashion that, oh, well, we don't care about them. We're not going to investigate that because we only have x amount of dollars. And we're not going to investigate every single murder that occurs. So we're disregarded completely.

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Bobby 38:00

Exactly. And it's, it's an easy way for someone like the administration, or the very folks that we lobby, to dismiss it in, in essence, kind of tell us well, there's no obvious problem, otherwise, we would have heard about this.

V

Vanessa Edwards 38:17

Right? And but they haven't, and that's the thing, they haven't heard about it. When we go and we lobby, we spend most of our time educating people on what it is to be transgendered, never mind what it is to be to try to survive, let alone and the employment non discrimination act, just living, just being able to go grocery shopping or walking down the street without getting attacked or killed because of who we are. Or are having any type of life is it can be very difficult. I mean, it's not impossible, but it's it's difficult. I mean, there are places now that I'm very aware of not to go, because, and I could be killed tomorrow and what would the repercussion be? Would it be solved? Probably not.

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Bobby 39:10

That's one thing I have always tried to make myself go out and not think about these things and just continue.

V

Vanessa Edwards 39:17

I know, I've been places with you. Believe me,

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Bobby 39:22

out of town, that's one thing. I mean, when I'm here in town all of a sudden, you know,

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Vanessa Edwards 39:25

you know what you're sitting shouldn't go. Well, actually. No,



Bobby 39:29

it wasn't really that either. I mean, it can happen anywhere. It can, it can be out on my side of town. And that's that's the problem. We don't know when or where it's very random in a lot of centers, and it can even happen in your home. I mean, it's



Vanessa Edwards 39:47

true. It's that's it my arm was murdered in her own.



Bobby 39:50

So this is it's not exactly an issue of you know, Were you being safe. Were you in the right neighborhood to tetra, tetra



Vanessa Edwards 40:00

But it helps. I mean, you're not gonna walk down the middle of the street hoping you don't get hit by a car either.



Bobby 40:04

Well, this year, obviously. And I'm not saying that that is something that we shouldn't be worried about. But the fact is everybody should be worried about placing themselves in harm's way. It's just with us, it even goes beyond the placement in harm's way it can indeed affect us in our home neighborhoods, or even you know, just in the more mundane settings that



Vanessa Edwards 40:29

are going on where you get recognized or somebody reads you. And this is why, you know, with this with this marriage issue, for well, that infects marriages, it's really bringing us to a break where it's, there's going to be a lot more islands.



Bobby 40:49

And that's one of the things I was also wanting to touch on, before we move on to that. Oh, sorry. No, that's okay. Ma'am. I did kind of want a segue into that in a bit. Before we move into that. Who exactly have you managed to bring on that will be coming to lobby days I did want to speak about some of the families that will be there.



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Vanessa Edwards 41:11

Sylvia Guerrero, the mother of Glendora, whoa, to the 17 year old girl that was murdered in Newark, California. She'll be coming along with her sister Imelda and the Delilah, yes. Kelp. Purnia is she's I got an email from her. She said that she would like to come. She's. She's just very busy right now because they're doing the Vagina Monologues in San Francisco. But she will get back to me. I sent her my phone number. She will call me back. Yes, Killarney Adams, Lynn Conway will be coming. Of course, I've also

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Bobby 41:56

other family members. Oh,

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Vanessa Edwards 41:59

yes. I'm sorry. There's just so many people that like I've sent so many emails and spoken to so many people in the last, like, month. It's unreal.

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Bobby 42:10

I know, you had spoken with the folks from PFLAG. I don't know. Did you mention? Have you spoken with Judy Shepard? Yeah.

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Vanessa Edwards 42:18

Actually, it's that's still a little bit up in the air. Because it's, it's, there was some other issues in the way they're the other commitments and stuff. But I'm still working on that. I think that she might come out. It's still a very good possibility. There are other people too in the community that, you know, hate crimes is Oh, of course, it's it. As I said before, it didn't have to be a transgendered person that was murdered. But it's always related to gender identity. And it's in of course, any hate crime is horrible. The key a gun was a 15 year old girl who was murdered from Newark, New Jersey, right? In Newark, the other Newark, and I'm working on getting her family to come to

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Bobby 43:21

because I'm going to be seeing them in a couple of weeks myself, I'm going up to the day of peace in Newark, New Jersey, where they're actually having a hand holding from their will stretch from, I believe in the middle of Orange, New Jersey, all the way over into the middle of Newark, New Jersey, and I want to be there for the family members, some LaQuita written to me and Latona gun is going to be there. And



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V Vanessa Edwards 43:48

we both met in Boston.

B Bobby 43:51

Very, very nice people, and they really haven't gotten enough attention to what's actually occurred. That was a very, very heinous hate crime right in the middle of the fact I think it was. Was it the evening or was it broad daylight?

V Vanessa Edwards 44:08

It was, it was broad daylight from what I understand. Right. I believe it happened in the bus stop.

B Bobby 44:13

Well, it was a Newark. They they had just come over from New York. They were I think it was night now that I think about it

V Vanessa Edwards 44:22

was just still Yeah,

B Bobby 44:25

but she had actually crossed over into Newark, they were waiting for a bus at a bus stop. And the guys approached them, I believe in a car and some of them started talking with the girls. And it was once a kid. Let them know that she was a lesbian that the one guy got out and promptly stabbed her. Yeah.

V Vanessa Edwards 44:45

15 years old. Can you imagine that? 15 years old. Oh, you know, this is what really it just the young people. Not not to say that any Buddy of any age getting murdered is less horrible. But the fact that a young person has their life taken away,

B Bobby 45:08

and so many of the victims are young people, and in fact, also people of color as well.

V Vanessa Edwards 45:13

Yes, exactly. And you know, that's what bothers me too, because these are the folks that haven't gotten any attention in the media.

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Bobby 45:22

Exactly. Sakia was not anywhere near though, the same level of attention as a Matthew Shepard, but yet the family was just as supportive. They, they were just as active about trying to get the word out there. But a lot of the mainstream in fact, even a lot of the mainstream advocacy organizations kind of ignored them, which was kind of surprising. This is where

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Vanessa Edwards 45:44

my anger comes from. I mean, I get so angry, and you know, me, go off. But I won't do that right now. But I get so angry, because don't all people matter. This is the United States of America, all people are supposed to matter. And just look around at what's going on right now. I mean, there's it's just, it's ridiculous.

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Bobby 46:08

I actually had someone tell me that we didn't have our own Matthew Shepard. And I said, Well, my upline corrected the person said, Yes, actually, we did with one Erol hoe and they basically commented that well, yeah, but she's a minority. I mean, she was Spanish. It doesn't matter. And they was a person.

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Vanessa Edwards 46:27

She was a little girl too. She was only 17 years old for God's

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Bobby 46:32

I know and it was absolutely just as heinous of a crime and just as as brazen and as heartless I mean, when you listen to the details of it. Oh, yeah, she waited

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Vanessa Edwards 46:43

for hours. They beat her with a soup can and when it dented, they hit her with a frying pan, dragged her out to the garage, hung her,

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Bobby 46:54

strangled her and smashed her head in with a Shelburne.

V Vanessa Edwards 46:56

Yes that smashed her head and with a shovel dragged her to a shell great, which 150 miles away from her home, then the grave hit her again with the shovel to make sure she was dead buried during the winter McDonald's for breakfast. That's not a heinous crime. I don't know what the hell is.

B Bobby 47:13

It just knits me every time I'm, you know, think about those the details of it and think of the response that was there. I just, you know, it really made me wonder and made me see, I guess a lot of them, of the disparities that are involved there. And indeed, a lot of the the victims, especially within the transgender community, tend to be the girls that, unfortunately, are working the streets. And a lot of that, that happens with any of the prostitutes, but

V Vanessa Edwards 47:42

in Washington, DC, those two young girls, they were what 19 and 20 that were murdered. In 2002.

B Bobby 47:52

Stephanie Thomas and UK today.

V Vanessa Edwards 47:56

That's the annual and they were gunned down in the middle of the street and at an intersection and their killers haven't been found.

B Bobby 48:09

Hang on one second.


C Chris Harrison 48:11


Yes, we need to step in here and let you know that you're listening to after hours, queer radio with attitude, here on Pacifica radio for the Gulf Coast. KPFT 90.1 FM Houston 89.5 Galveston, and you can always click on the web at the World Wide Web at KPFT dot O R G. We're gonna step in there and get the guests make us official and legitimate for a change. Exactly.


B Bobby 48:33


Our station identification. I just thought Chris was coming in sitting next to me because he likes


our station identification. I just thought Chris was coming in sitting next to me because he likes me. Well, there's


 Chris Harrison 48:39  
that too.


 Vanessa Edwards 48:42  
You had to do a station identification?


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Yes. Yeah, we have to take care of the FCC or it's out there


 Vanessa Edwards 48:47  
that we wanted to read your girl magazine.

 Bobby 48:51  
And I thought he was giving me a break for the pause that refreshes.

 Chris Harrison 48:54  
Well, we can if you want to go to her nose. Oh, well. That's why we need to get the wireless mic and when the wireless headphones we use on the remotes and you just

 Bobby 49:05  
Oh, there you go.

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The bathroom. The Tea Room interviews on the tea segment.

 Bobby 49:13  
That almost sounds like a Indian rice novel interview from the bathroom. Anyway Exactly. Getting back to our subject before I so rudely diverged. Oh, on the the issue of lobbying, we're actually going to be lobbying on more than just the hate crimes issue. Is this correct?

V Vanessa Edwards 49:42

Yeah. On end of the employment non discrimination, right, because both you and I are unemployed. Just because you and I are but everybody that I know seems to be unemployed. I was fired from my job. For being for before transitioning on the job,

B Bobby 50:03

at least with mine, it wasn't a trans issue, or at least, you know, not that I'm aware of. He didn't like me for a long time because I was trans. But he kept me for another four years. So I've been there. But the the unfortunate fact is that yes, the employment issue is hitting everywhere, right now and hitting every segment of society. But within the transgender community, it was bad even before this. And I don't even want to look at the figures right now. It basically decimating the community. And even when the economy starts back up again, we're going to be lagging behind,

V Vanessa Edwards 50:41

we're going to be the last ones to be rehired. And you know, this is the thing, you know, keep us down, we don't have any money, then how can we possibly make an effect on anything?

B Bobby 50:51

Wow, this is true. But we've got lots of time, I guess, sitting around the house, twiddling thumbs

V Vanessa Edwards 50:58

twiddling my thumbs.

B Bobby 51:00

Well, I'm not either

C Chris Harrison 51:01

one. One question I got from the outside on this is now you said you were fired for transitioning? What was that mean? Was that actually what they put on? Like termination paperwork? Or is that just

V Vanessa Edwards 51:12

Oh, no, that's what they actually told they came out and told me that, wow, that they didn't think that I would be effective, I was a manager, they didn't think I would be effective anymore as a manager. Due to my, my transitioning. And the funny thing is the the I was contracted out to a big company to this is really good, a big company. And this, the liaison between my company and their company, hadn't seen me in like six months. Now to begin with. I had gone to their HR, I went through all the proper steps, I did everything. Correct. I was very respectful, knowing that, of course, I had been through this, going through this for my whole life, but they had not. So I had to educate them. And I did that. And I was very respectful to their, you know, their needs and desires. And I still did my job. I have my personnel record. I had just had a review. Three weeks prior to my being let go. And he this guy hadn't seen me he came and he sat down. And he looked at me, you know, I had grown facial hair I had, you know, my body structure had changed a bit. And he looked at me and he was like, oh, and I could see it in his head. I didn't think it really turned into a boy. I could see it going in his eyeballs. I didn't. And and

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Bobby 52:39

that's not gonna be any Linux, I guess. Yeah, yes.

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Vanessa Edwards 52:41

Yes, we dreams on me to live. But

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Chris Harrison 52:51

I mean, that's because a lot of people out there. I mean, I mean, in the straight community, I know when you tell people that people can be fired just for being gay. And they look at me. And when I told him, they're like, You're kidding me. But I mean, but they'll find something to make sure of it. Nowadays. They'll, they'll work around it. But I mean, to actually have someone put on there, you're fired, because we don't think you can accomplish your transition.

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Vanessa Edwards 53:14

Great. They didn't think that I would be able to animate, but I've been doing this and I was working there for three years I had been I was hired as a manager. They thought I was very competent then. And like I said, I have I have my employee record, I have my whole personnel record. i There were so many letters of praise, that it's really funny to think that they just gonna think that they can get away with doing this.

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Chris Harrison 53:47

And you can almost you can I mean, if it was it was a male to female. I kind of I in a way I could see they're working on while you know, we can't have a female manager. But if you were female to male insecurity of all things, I mean, that I mean, that, to me, that would seem like, you know, that would be that'd be bonus points. So I guess

V Vanessa Edwards 54:10  
I'm taking his club.

C Chris Harrison 54:14  
Mean. I mean, in the corporate world, there's a lot of that exact way of looking at there's the chauvinism in there, and the misogyny that you know, teleco boy world. And so I mean that to me, that seems like

V Vanessa Edwards 54:27  
yeah, it was no longer. I was not valuable to them any longer. And the thing is, I mean, I'm not sure I'm not a small person. I'm pretty tall, far enough down. And, no, I'm five, nine,

B Bobby 54:48  
and not as tall as me.

V Vanessa Edwards 54:49  
Do you just have more hair on your head?

B Bobby 54:54  
I'm looking down at your eyes. That's not my hair.

V Vanessa Edwards 55:00  
But no, I am Do you just?

C Chris Harrison 55:06  
Well, anyway, we're gonna be starters on the Trent the transgender basketball we'll have the T games, and you'll be on the team USA

V Vanessa Edwards 55:21  
anyway, it doesn't even matter, that part doesn't even matter. But the thing is, it's like, um, it's my. And I've always been really good at what I do. And I know that my job was really important



to me, and I liked doing what I did. You know, it wasn't like I dreaded going to work every day, because I didn't, I liked it.

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Bobby 55:41

And we get story after story of the same types of occurrences happening. I mean, I get him now almost on a weekly basis. And you start wondering, well, where does this all end? I mean, is this just, I guess is rampant is all of this, I know, we can't be getting all of them. We're just getting the tip of the iceberg as it is.

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Vanessa Edwards 56:01

To with the economy being the way it is, it's so easy to just get rid of a trans person in a company,

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Bobby 56:08

which really does away with all the the gains that we've all done over the course of the past one decade or so or her more than a decade with all the the EEO policies that have been changed all the city ordinances that have been enacted, and now they found a way around that to where, you know, all of that can basically be tossed to the wind Well, if

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Vanessa Edwards 56:29

all we have to do a say we're restructuring and you don't fit in here and

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Bobby 56:33

offshoring your job, and your job is going to India now. And so sorry, you can work contract. And of course, with contract, there's no guarantees, you know, all bets are off, and you're pretty much kind of, you know,

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Vanessa Edwards 56:44

well, no, see, that's the thing, too, because I was contracted there, the company that didn't want me there any longer just turned around and said, well, we don't want this person working at our site anymore. Now it was up to my company, to say, Okay, we'll find you another job, which I had no issue with, you know, I wouldn't have had an issue, but the person I was working for the My immediate boss came right out and said, the reason why they don't want you here is because you're transitioning, and I'm like, Oh, good. Thank you now find me another job. And they didn't do that. They failed to do that. My last day, they gave me two weeks on the job. They said, Okay, this is your last day here at the site, we don't want you here anymore. And

they failed to find me another job. Now this company is out of Boston, Massachusetts, which has a city ordinance that protects gender identity and expression and employment, credit housing, etc, etc.

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Bobby 57:47

Have you taken them up on that? Oh, absolutely.

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Vanessa Edwards 57:49

Darling, it's not going down at all. It's the it's the My Media boss just got fired to they just waited. Because when I brought it up, of course, he like, you know, he was he freaked out a little bit over it, the fact that I like to hold on him. But then they waited and then fired him afterwards for something really stupid. And I'm like, you could have avoided all of this if you just didn't discriminate against me. I mean, this guy's got four kids. Who wouldn't college? It's like, what were you thinking?

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Bobby 58:32

In this day and age, it's getting to a point where, you know, all bets are off on just about just about any kind of employment. I mean, they're they're really taking all kinds of liberties. And unfortunately, with the current administration structure and with the heavy duty lobbying and the massive offshoring, we don't really have too much of a, I guess, any kind of a leverage of wisdom anymore. Once upon a time, I guess we didn't have that, at least in the late 90s. We did when people were getting hired right and left. I mean, that was that was a boom time for everyone. And in fact, I even a lot of the folks in the transgender community, those that were having very, very difficult times, finding in securing employment for long periods. We're actually all gainfully employed as far as I know, I guess we just kind of got lulled into a bubble burst. Yeah, exactly.

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Vanessa Edwards 59:25

Now, the thing is, though, I went from I went from making a substantial amount of money every I mean a year to be, I ended up I was able to collect unemployment, because they didn't. They didn't fight it. And they fight everybody that tries to collect unemployment from this company. It's really unreal. And I even belong to their company I was contracted to I was, I belonged to their gay and lesbian group. They were trying to get an EEO policy to include trans people but they They fell short of that they still haven't got one. And I, the first person I contacted when this happened to me was the head of this group who referred me to HRC. I'm gonna talk about that.

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Bobby 1:00:19

Thanks. Anyway.

V Vanessa Edwards 1:00:21  
Thank you. Okay, by

B Bobby 1:00:24  
getting back to I guess, on the issue of HRC, getting back to the lobbying, you touched on something a little bit earlier about what else is happening right now, at least, you know, to kind of shift the conversation of a while back to the the advocacy. One of the primary issues that's actually happening right now that we're going to have to address that we didn't really want to address in the the upcoming lobby session, but unfortunately, we've had our hands played as the marriage issue as well. And that's how do you see that playing into this? Do you feel that we'll be able to successfully at least try and get a lot of the focus back off of the marriage or the federal marriage amendment? I guess that's what they're calling it. Yeah. The hate crimes and the employment issue?

V Vanessa Edwards 1:01:18  
Well, you know, that's really scary to me, because although I do I totally believe that everybody should have the right to do whatever, to Mary. I just think that this is such a bad time. And things that are more important, like people are dying, you know, people are getting killed out there. And

B Bobby 1:01:43  
jobs. And of course, what's the priority right now? We can chase and lesbians marrying, it's like, many good people, is this a priority?

V Vanessa Edwards 1:01:52  
This is such bad timing to arm was an election year. And I'm sure they didn't mean for it to be. The timing is just so bad.

B Bobby 1:02:00  
Well, bad timing is relative. It wasn't really, that's the one thing that really kind of got me out of all this. I saw this kind of coming as soon as the Lawrence vs. Texas decision came out and Antonin Scalia absolutely wrote his opinion. And what he referred to was this opens up the door for same sex marriage. And of course, immediately afterward, you had the brow freetds, and the jury was parroting it. And then Senator IRA that was up there with his BC ality. And that's where everything got the ball rolling. And then from there, well, the Massachusetts thing, I guess, was already at least

- V Vanessa Edwards 1:02:38  
seven cases in the state of Massachusetts were already in play. But to be able to foresee or think, or at least a few steps ahead. And I don't know how long, you know, this was going to be played out for
- B Bobby 1:02:53  
a year. Exactly. Yep. This is
- V Vanessa Edwards 1:02:55  
an election year, and the Democrats are definitely going to be taking this one on the chin. I mean, this is going to be something that George Bush is going to be looking at, he's going to be using it as a card. And it's it's definitely not helping trans people out any,
- C Chris Harrison 1:03:11  
basically, because it's the only card in the deck he has that isn't marked. I mean, everything else he has is so suspicious. He has to he has to have something he can rally his troops around to focus
- V Vanessa Edwards 1:03:22  
off of what he's doing, and that there are no weapons of mass destruction.
- B Bobby 1:03:28  
The economy stinks.
- V Vanessa Edwards 1:03:29  
The fact that it just came out the other day that Osama bin Laden, and they decided they've discovered that he bought nuclear weapons, at least a half a dozen nuclear weapons. All right. So But why was the why was all the focus on Saddam Hussein, then, I mean, were they all of a sudden take their focus off of Osama bin Laden, you know,
- C Chris Harrison 1:03:54  
and the only people out there who had the nuclear weapons at the time when he would have bought it was either the United States or the Soviet Union,

V Vanessa Edwards 1:04:00  
the Soviet Union, actually that they're saying that he bought them from

B Bobby 1:04:04  
Pakistan him too. But Korea was in the process of producing.

V Vanessa Edwards 1:04:11  
They took their whole focus off of the things that really mattered, and focused on something else and just in they blew it, they blew it. But it's not going to be there were so many people that are

B Bobby 1:04:23  
still behind this, and they just wanted to in essence, they're very adept at their their media, and that their messaging. They're wonderful. It's taking something and structuring it in such a fashion to where it's really one thing, but they skew it to make it look like something else and people actually buy it. Well, I mean, believing it. 70% 70% of the US thinks the DOM was behind 911 And there was absolutely zero connection whatsoever.

C Chris Harrison 1:04:55  
And they just say they repeat it when I read the transcript of Scott McCullough Elon, when they were interviewing him about was bush there. And he just kept saying, Well, he was paid. But that doesn't say that he was there. I mean, they can't, they have trouble finding people who remember seeing the guy

B Bobby 1:05:12  
masters of propaganda, and you really have to listen to the actual wording. And when you listen to the words, it makes it sound like he was there, or it makes it sound like you know, this is the truth. But the words don't exactly admit to that. They just they structure it in such a patient where it gives you that impression, but they don't get caught in lies, so to speak, like that grave and gathering threat issue. Everyone thought, well, it Timonin to Timonen. But now he's going back to No, no, no, I never said it was imminent. It's a grave and gathering thread is that, you know, there's

V Vanessa Edwards 1:05:45  
an imminent threat. Not only that, but the it took the focus off the fact that he wasn't really even elected.

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Bobby 1:05:54

Well, all of it did. I mean, 911 did that too. And then, of course, there's questions about why they did move upon the information when they got that on August 8 there at the Crawford Grange. They had it a full month before 911 and did nothing. And

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Chris Harrison 1:06:09

I mean, there was there's a lot of issues with that of the fact that he he told the FBI to stop investigating the bin Laden family prior to shortly I forgotten office.

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Vanessa Edwards 1:06:18

Well, the FBI and the CIA couldn't even communicate with each other at that point.

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Bobby 1:06:23

It just, it really amazes me the levels of the well, I shouldn't take corruption, but the levels of the scandal that are going on that are trying to be covered up and I guess we kind of got off subject here, but

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Vanessa Edwards 1:06:38

but this is just all points. Oh, yeah, exactly. This

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Bobby 1:06:41

is what they're trying to cover up by focusing on the gay marriage issue. If nothing else works, you got your ace in the whole pull this out on the homosexual agenda. They're coming to get us, we need our money, we need to get our candidate reelected. And they they get the word out to the troops. They mobilize like crazy. And then next thing you know, it's this anti gay phobia and anti gay marriage and anti, you know, the whole godless communist thing. And they're coming to get us and me

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Chris Harrison 1:07:10

they're dropping \$1.5 billion in this defensive marriage. Look at his brother, who in 5 billion got divorced. And part of the stuff that was in the declaration on the divorce was he used to go over to Japan and had prostitutes delivered to his door. But he didn't realize we were prostitutes, because somebody else paid for them.

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Bobby 1:07:24

**B** Bobby 1:07:34

So they just showed up and he just did his thing, which is, you know, obviously, the sanctity of marriage. I mean, yeah, I mean, that sanctity

**V** Vanessa Edwards 1:07:43

of marriage is, is, is being challenged by by straight people. You have 50% divorce rate in our country, there are some states where you can get married at 14 years old. You can go to Nevada, anytime, and an 18 year old can go to Nevada, meet somebody two minutes later get married to this person. Where's the sanctity of marriage? What about the children in our country that have been orphaned? Okay, think about the sanctity of family values. Okay, well, okay, what did they what is the gays and lesbians aren't doing that?

**C** Chris Harrison 1:08:21

Or that I mean, the the big scandal in New York recently was the new breed of 911. widows were because a firefighter lost his life. They send another firefighter to kind of help his widow through the transition. And such a bond has been forming that firefighters are divorcing their wives to move in with the widow of a firefighter. And it's like, that's, that's the way it was put in there. So we were talking about sanctity of marriage and this big thing. It's, it's the smoke and mirrors.

**B** Bobby 1:08:58

It's a bullies issue, because all they really want to do is divert attention from the failed policies they have. And then let's go bash the queers because this always gets his money in

**V** Vanessa Edwards 1:09:10

Ghana was being stolen even have an end. All right, hate crimes bill. This is something that should be focused on by everybody. Not the friggin sanctity of marriage. Because I mean, not right now.

**B** Bobby 1:09:25

It's not your

**V** Vanessa Edwards 1:09:27

issues in our country that needs to be dealt with. Or then then then the rights of friggin Mary. I mean, it is an important issue because we need to be able to to have the same legal rights as everybody else and relate to people at dying people can have good jobs. So what are you

doing? What they're doing is they're they're splitting up the kindest splitting the country right now. They're defining people. They're marginalizing people. You can't Don't get work, you can't stay in a job. And and we're being murdered.

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Bobby 1:10:06

And what they want from this is basically in easy in back into the White House by by this diversionary tactic and unfortunately we're the ones who get to be the fall guys for this targets on around. Exactly. And because of all the rhetoric that they're stirring up with us they're polarizing. I don't know if

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you can say that one. Okay.

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Bobby 1:10:33

Just don't get any.

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You just can't use this. Oh, I know. I know.

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Vanessa Edwards 1:10:36

I know what I shouldn't say I'm sorry, but I wasn't sure if I should have said that. This is Texas.

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Bobby 1:10:43

This is true, too. I don't know what the FCC

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Vanessa Edwards 1:10:46

is different laws on their body parts.

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Chris Harrison 1:10:51

Let's put it this way. Okay. You're on a Pacifica station. And when it comes to the, the Holy Grail, the original decision on radio indecency. It's called FCC versus Pacifica.





V Vanessa Edwards 1:11:04  
That's right. That's right. So so

C Chris Harrison 1:11:07  
we're the ones where this were the network that broadcast George Carlin seven dirty words up in New York City. So

B Bobby 1:11:15  
we're even down here in Houston, home of the flashing boob?

C Chris Harrison 1:11:20  
Oh, yes, we're known for our boobs here in Houston, either flashing at the Super Bowl, or once we send to the White House. So here's an


V Vanessa Edwards 1:11:26  
issue too, that I think really needs to be mentioned here. Here we have, okay. men out of the field, promoting violence and the flashing of a nipple is all of a sudden the national attention


C Chris Harrison 1:11:40  
that's what that's what Bill Maher said last night. He said, You know, they're talking about the family entertainment. And they're saying this this one second nipple flash ruined the family entertainment of 36 guys beat in the living s out of each other is okay. And that's perfectly fine.


V Vanessa Edwards 1:11:57  
And we're not gonna even mentioned breastfeeding.


B Bobby 1:12:01  
Them show a breast. I mean, we need more of those shots of Iraq. Let's show the bloody bodies after the

C Chris Harrison 1:12:09  
let's show the show the nipple of the bomb as it goes into the ground. But let's not show one a real one on a female. I'm sorry.


 Vanessa Edwards 1:12:18  
female body is so terrible that you can you know, I mean showing a nipple habits to do that.  
Felt


 Chris Harrison 1:12:25  
like it was even natural May I mean, come on. What we saw what we saw when he removed  
that the only it wasn't just the medallion that was man made it was what it was attached to.

 Bobby 1:12:39  
Look at that desk.


 Chris Harrison 1:12:42  
It actually was a screw on part there. Depending on the events you can put on the arousal ones  
or not.

 Bobby 1:12:47  
So she can collect spin it around like

 Vanessa Edwards 1:12:52  
smokers or non smokers.

 Bobby 1:12:57  
conversation just keeps to Jana, for some reason or another that's

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got to degenerate in here.

 Bobby 1:13:02  
Hi. All these degenerates here. Actually do what we can you rap and we need to kind of wrap  
this up here before too much longer. One thing I do want to ask us if you would once again  
mentioned the radio show witnesses coming on and what website did they need to get into?

V Vanessa Edwards 1:13:25  
Okay, it's a telethon that's going to be broadcast on transit fam that's at WWW dot Turanza fam.com. February 27 28th and 29th. I'm going to be up for three straight days. And

C Chris Harrison 1:13:41  
we don't talk about straight days here three days

V Vanessa Edwards 1:13:43  
or three by days. And we're going to try to we're trying to raise money to get hate crime survivors to Washington DC to lobby Congress for the local law enforcement Enhancement Act. Excellent. That's going to take place in April,

B Bobby 1:14:04  
April 28. Through well actually 29th and 30th.

V Vanessa Edwards 1:14:08  
Yes. And also we're going to stick around and support Tom.

B Bobby 1:14:15  
Oh, yes. For the

V Vanessa Edwards 1:14:17  
transgendered American Veterans Association.

B Bobby 1:14:19  
Yes. Let me get you to stick around. We're getting ready to switch over to cultural baggage here. Is this him online too? Yes. Ethan, do you mind hanging on for a little bit and we can continue this?

V Vanessa Edwards 1:14:32  
Yes. Not a problem. Oh. ready.

...not a problem on, ready.

**C** Chris Harrison 1:14:34

Now see, we can do this without losing Ethan. Okay. Hello, hello, Dean Becker. Oh,

**B** Bobby 1:14:41

no, that's still Ethan. Oh, actually, we've gotten both on here. Yes. Well, good evening.

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Good evening.

**B** Bobby 1:14:48

Good evening. How are you?

**V** Vanessa Edwards 1:14:49

I'm good. I wanted to contribute a little bit to your conversation about our illustrious president. A couple of analogies if I might, okay. You know, John Kerry has three Purple Hearts. George Bush has a picture in a flightsuit. Okay.

**B** Bobby 1:15:05

Does he have a heart?

**V** Vanessa Edwards 1:15:08

John Kerry has a bronze star George Bush has paystubs and John Kerry has a silver star George Bush has been records. Well, yes, but I'm just saying, you know, there's a military comparison.

**B** Bobby 1:15:23

Yes. Fighting man.

**V** Vanessa Edwards 1:15:26

There's some good good news coming out of the Netherlands. They're now offering medical marijuana in the drugstores, a couple of different potencies, if you will. 80% of the cost is

covered by the national health insurance. And for this one gentleman I'm reading about here he has MS and the pharmacist actually delivers the pot in small plastic jars.

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Bobby 1:15:49

Now pot over there is legal anyway, isn't it? Well,

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Vanessa Edwards 1:15:52

it's kind of a wink and a nod for the general public. They do have the cannabis shops where people can buy up to I think it's five grams at a time. Smoke it in the shop, take it with them. personal possession is not really a problem though. I think a couple of times a year they maybe go after some of the largest growers to just kind of who knows rattle the cages rattle the cage a little bit. But but they in general, it's it's all a wink and a nod and a very well accepted. Here's a note out of Canada, they've done a study that shows for the drug related charges that are laid up there, that 97% of them result in very little or no punishment. So they're trying to figure out what is the point then? If you know the worst, you can get his two weeks in jail for a house fall apart? What are they really up to? And then the really aggravating news, something I'm going to be following pretty closely this week on the 420 reports. Let me read real quick multiple heroin traffic organizations are operating inside Afghanistan, with profits being used to finance at least three terrorist groups. You as lawmakers and administration officials said yesterday and this was on Thursday, I think it actually happened. And I have many extracts from those from that hearing in Congress, from the you know, the admiral, the DEA administrator, the ambassador, all the staff that got together with the UN staff and determined that basically they're not going to do anything about it for at least the next few years. Meanwhile, the meanwhile the drug lords over there are going to be raking in enormous profits be able to buy additional weapons, resupply themselves build bigger armies. And

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Bobby 1:17:45

now why would they not do anything about it?

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Because they're our friends.

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Vanessa Edwards 1:17:49

Because they're our friends. This is kind of like make work away to them without.

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Chris Harrison 1:17:55

That's why we put in a bid in the business when the Taliban was in there. Because of their because of their strong religious code. The heroin production of poppy production was down was really down low. But now that we've gone in and we've taken the warlords and put them in

was really down low. But now that we've gone in and we've taken the warlords and put them in charge of the province areas, and CIA profit puppets in the federal government, they're basically what we've happened now is we've we've given it over to the Afghan mob great

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Vanessa Edwards 1:18:25

when we were in charge before the Taliban, and they were the ones who were so good at growing and distributing heroin.

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Bobby 1:18:31

Okay, so we get more heroin on the street, what we do in

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Vanessa Edwards 1:18:36

the Europe, it gets the vast majority of this heroin, it's cheaper, pure, you know, it's making his way into the junior High's and grade schools. Even in New York, the price is now \$3 A hit compared to \$30, about five years ago. So what we've done is just create a situation where one we want to treat everybody if they have any sort of dependency. And those who get caught the most often are those who use marijuana, the least dangerous and the most expensive EverWeb becoming that way. But the point is, once you take marijuana, you have to wait to two weeks minimum perhaps a month before you can pass a test. Right? You can do heroin on Friday, and take a test on Monday and do just fine. So what we've done is create a situation where casual drug users in order to avoid the problems of treatment maybe at a job at school anywhere. They they switch to the harder drugs to prevent being caught.

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Chris Harrison 1:19:41

So there's the the gateway is the gateway is not the marijuana cigarette. It's the testing

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Vanessa Edwards 1:19:47

and the total absurdity voting addiction that they're promoting sales of that heroin that's the financing their drug lord friends over in Afghanistan and in Colombia for that matter. We spent a billion and a half in Colombia, they're talking about trying to do the same thing now in Afghanistan in a year or two to go over there with a helicopters and fumigate and I don't know where they'll drive those peasants that already live in desert conditions, but you know, certainly destroy their food crops as well. And you know,

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Bobby 1:20:19

so in essence what we're doing is we're giving them the opportunity to, to produce a well not only produce drugs, but to also rearm themselves and to in essence kind of provide themselves bankroll new terrorist organizations to strike back at us later, and we've still got troops over

there, we never didn't finish No.

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Vanessa Edwards 1:20:42

Avoided hitting their poppy fields, right, because we we, I've heard it said that unless there is a, an action in a certain area and is called for by the local defense force, they're not going to go after the poppies. And so far, nobody's calling for it to last 60 minutes. Well, and the whole point, my friends, if you get right down to it is we can do one of two things. We can spend another, you know, 100 billion, I suppose, and get the 20 million Americans in prison that do drugs. And then we'll perhaps be safe on the outside. But the drugs will be in the prisons. There is no way to stop it. My friend Jeffrey Epstein, head of the Drug Policy Forum of Texas sums it up. Each year, we spent \$50 billion trying to stop a five \$5 billion market. And in doing so, we changed it into a \$500 billion market. It is a totally inept, meant to fail system, it will never succeed. We're going to have as I guess I meant to succeed. No, no, it's not because there's too much profit to be made by too many people

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Bobby 1:21:57

depends on what success means it's not successful from what they advertise that may not necessarily be what they're going for, oh, it's

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Vanessa Edwards 1:22:06

a great success for those making the money and Ron

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Chris Harrison 1:22:09

was successful if you weren't getting a an hourly paycheck

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Bobby 1:22:12


in for the war on drugs. And, of course, all the attorneys and all the judges

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Vanessa Edwards 1:22:19

is the war on terror. Sure. And I used to be of the inclination that it was going to take ending the war on drugs to end the war on terror, but I've got it backwards. We are going to have to end the war on terror and show reverse the mechanisms because they have taken the methodology of the drug war and used it totally across the board for the war of terror. And we have to reverse that I think the American people are seeing the fallacy of that and will soon be able to see the fallacy of the drug war. The speaking of just crazy situations. I have a guest this coming Tuesday. His name is George Martorano. He is the longest time spent in prison for a nonviolent offense in US history. 21 years for marijuana possession life without parole. Will you do me a favor? You send me his contact? I'm not I'm not kidding. Send it to me at transferring

lee@aol.com Well, I'm I'm here without a pin please visit my site cultural dash baggage.com Okay, and your old dash baggage.com, Broadcom and send me an email. I'd be glad to send you that info. But the GA you know he was caught with 2600 pounds. I knew that's a lot of pot. But he certainly doesn't deserve life in prison without parole. He pled guilty and how the hell can you get live without parole thinking your plea bargain for what could your bargain be that would

 Chris Harrison 1:23:53

have only two sentences worse and worse than than life without there's only one sentence worse than life without parole and you can't get that for pot?

 Vanessa Edwards 1:24:01

Oh you can if you have over 600,000 plants. They can kill you they can be serious. Yes.

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I wonder who's what state law

 Vanessa Edwards 1:24:10

there's a federal law Oh under federal Okay. Federal laws do you belong? I am the president of Houston normal. Oh, no way I use I belong to normal since I was in high school. Well get in touch with us. We're going to have a meeting this coming Thursday by the way. It's actually this this that time it will be

 Chris Harrison 1:24:28

actually been our our other phone guests is in Boston, right? Okay. Yes. Oh. That's way too much of a trip.

 Vanessa Edwards 1:24:37

But just to say, I hear you guys have wonderful hamfest up there. i Oh, yes, we do. And, you know, I wish you great success. With that, you know, Carolyn wonderlands played up there a couple of times, I think. And, you know, the point being once again, I want to stress we want you out there whoever's listening, I want you to get in touch With me become part of the effort. We're going to Oakland eyes. Houston, we're going to take it to our city council. We're going to slowly inform them, educate them, embarrass them. Good job, whatever the hell it takes. We're going to change it in this town this year.



Chris Harrison 1:25:14





Chris Harrison 1:25:14

I don't see I don't see Bill White looking like Jerry.



Vanessa Edwards 1:25:18

Well, not just yet. But Bill White. Understand the changes coming. We're gonna we're going to hit him with a double whammy. April 1 through April 3, we have breaking the Change Conference coming to Houston. This is a look at racial bias in today's America and in no place is it more obvious. And in Houston, Texas, the Gulag feeding city of planet Earth. And we're bringing us Congressman Conyers, Sheila Jackson Lee, a couple of other authors, people from across Europe. And we're going to expose the lies and hypocrisy. Think of the drug crime lab here, responsible for 1000s upon 1000s of people being sent to prison, and why based on the inept, totally lacking abilities of these technicians, the supervisor could not pass the test, the people she taught could not pass the test. And yet they were responsible for sending your friends and mine, you know, to jail to prison, forcing them to pay fines, et cetera, et cetera. And they didn't have the least knowledge about what they were doing. And we need to reverse that the papers are looking at it. Some lawyers associations are looking at it. But what it's saying is, one whole segment of the justice system was broken yet, these people are still in jail.



Chris Harrison 1:26:34

All right. Well, thank you, Dean Becker.



Vanessa Edwards 1:26:36

I thank you all for the time. I'll keep listening in and let's get that big W. Dean. Don't forget to listen to my show at [trans.fm.com](http://trans.fm.com). All right. I'll give it a listen.



Bobby 1:26:49

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Chris Harrison 1:26:52

All right. All right. Thank you. Dean Becker is the only regularly scheduled straight person to be on after hours, and also is the host of cultural baggage here on KPFT. We left the Tuesdays at 6:30pm. And the 420, drug news, drug war news on 420. In the afternoon, Monday through Saturday.



Bobby 1:27:12

That's what the poor 20 Yeah, okay.



Chris Harrison 1:27:15

Well, those are the 420 some, well, some drug lingo, okay, that there's no one that seems to know what it really means.



Bobby 1:27:24

I know there's a store called for 20 portraits.



Chris Harrison 1:27:28

It's based off of some people say it's like that was the time after school to go and get high. Some say it was a some sort of Penal Code. Well, the one thing I started to think of is if you look at an old fashioned clock with hands and if you look at what's for 20 years, it kind of looks like a smiley face with a joint coming out of his mouth.