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Sarah Dipalma 00:02

On one of our shows, we talked, we quoted from your book and where you were talking about. Why is it that we feel like we have to medically fix individuals, instead of it being a cultural issue? And I've gotten some interesting commentary back from people in our community about that. Well, generally speaking, they didn't like my comments. Well, here's something that I know you were you're aware of. There are some people who like the term gender dysphoria, because it makes it an illness that they can have cured. Therefore, there's some sympathy toward an illness.

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And I understand that I mean, we can look back at the early beginnings of like the became movement, the the Madison a society, and the pleading for tolerance. And if you have the sense that it's not something that you cause, then it's you know, we didn't do it. So can you have empathy with us. And my concern, though, is the extent that some of these Nazi doctors are going to take like Gunther Doran or if you think that there may be some biological cause or something Gunther Dorner and some of the other what I refer to as endocrinological euthanasia. have all sorts of plans for eradicating what they see as deviant behavior. And that includes gays, lesbians, transgender wrist and transsexuals. And he's actually done some experiments to understand in the former East Germany, on injecting hormones into the womb, and the whole theory is, is fraught with insanity and cultural stereotypes that women are causing all the problems number one, because they're secreting too many hormones, therefore, they're tuning turning their children to homosexuals and transsexuals. And he makes no distinction even between homosexuals, and transsexuals. And that type of theory, although I understand it as a political maneuvering, I'm afraid that if you say that there's an illness, some jackass is going to say that there's a cure, and I'm terrified of what that cure is going to be. So I think it opens itself up, although again, I understand the the plea for tolerance, and really like in the McCarthy era and the society that we're living in now with a Newt Gingrich's excetera, who knows what, what's next on the table. But I say we need to be very cautious. Because anytime we say illness, the antidote is cure. And I'm horrified at what curious and I hate people

thinking that they're sick. Because I think the thing is, no, it's the culture that we live in is sick, twisted, maladjusted, and needs sadly straightened out, if any of us are even going to survive, or any any part of the planet is going to survive into the third millennium.

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Sarah Dipalma 02:50

One of the things that one of the callers said, if we take away the idea of gender dysphoria, that is if we take away the categorization of ourselves is an illness, then that means no insurance will ever cover their surgery. And my question to them is, what kind of a life is it to go through life thinking that you're a victim, the outside of your own control?

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It scares me. And the notion that you have to in order to have surgery, construct phony life history, and that you basically and I think Kate Bornstein mentioned it and other critics have mentioned that it's the only therapy where you're encouraged to lie that you're told, you know, if you were raised as a genetic, male, then you have to make up the past saying, Oh, I wasn't a little boy, I was a little girl. So you fabricate this past or you erase your past. This is not this is not healthy. And this is the only surgery also that is proposed for what is considered a mental disorder. The whole categorization is fraught with inconsistencies and soggy with moralizing. So again, I I am gravely concerned and long to the day that it is deleted, like homosexuality was from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual. And I prefer to have a hope. And I see it I see this happening here. And I see it as a Houston conference. And I see lots of great people, yourself included, out there changing it from a medical stigma into a grassroots civil rights movement. And that just makes me say, Viva la revolution. That's, you know, where I where I stand. I'm not anti transsexual people at all. I just do not want to see them subjected to unreasonable tears.

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Sarah Dipalma 04:40

We're talking with Gordon McKenzie, the author of the book transgender nation. I want to talk about the medicalization of transsexualism. That's something that's very near and dear to my heart. I was telling you before the show your book, to a large extent has convinced me not to have the surgery. And there was one question in the book that really got my attention. And that was at this is life saving surgery? Why is it cost \$12,000? in advance? That answers that I looked at that and I thought, what's wrong with this? We had Linda and Cynthia Phillips on the show. And I was I was joking with them sort of and said, you know, what bothers me that the therapist office is right next to the surgical area? And I've often wondered, is this sir, is the therapist getting commissioned for everybody? He says, talk a little bit about the medicalization of transsexualism? How do we get to this point?

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I think the establishment of the gender identity clinics is a real scary point in the whole transsexual history, because what I frequently hear and again, I refer since I'm reading Kate Bernstein's book at the moment was upgrading to a in the morning. I'm thinking what what Kate had also said about the sense that she was never given a place when she went into so

called therapy. So you can you can get you signatures to get hormones and then go on to the surgery, she was never given a place to explore gender. Basically, what I've heard from many trans genders who are opting, opting for the surgery, is I go into the therapist, and we really don't talk so much about gender or how I might feel about gender or how I might really want to live, we immediately start going into, well, this is what you're going to have to do if you're going to path and it becomes this very prescriptive thing instead of really airing or opening up a space for negotiation of how one might express themselves. And I think there's just many genders, to express many, many possibilities, and it closes it down and forces you into a bipolar mold. And certainly, I'm not saying that all all transsexuals fit that, but in order to go into the surgery, you're brainwashed with that with that propaganda and you're encouraged to assimilate, although I'm applauding the transsexuals who are not assimilating and there's a lot more transactions that are out there, like like Borenstein, like, like Martine, that are not assimilating, and they're very much radical part and visible part of the community, but the sense that somehow medicine, and I'm thinking of a particular surgeon at a conference that we were both out last summer, who was taking this great pleasure and saying, I make these people and showing before and after photographs, now, he had nothing to do with how the person changed their appearance from having a beard showed up, showed a male with a beard, etc. And then showed a very feminine looking woman. But with taking credit that I have done all this I am a great Creator. I mean, this is the height of arrogance, in terms of patriarchy. And there there's this almost evangelical worship that has been conditioned in some people who are desperately trying to find a place where where they can live, and unfortunately, many are getting herded into the whole gender identity clinic. Scary Thing About the clinics to is they're also centers of control for gender conformity, and little kids who brought into those clinics. And I was horrified when I read in Richard Green, who is who is one of the real key gender theorists book that one of the things that they did was give little boys that were exhibiting feminine behavior tokens and if you didn't play with little girls, or if you said derogatory things about little girls, and if you exhibited masculine behavior, which meant being very aggressive, you were given blue tokens that were redeemable for like ice cream, or all kinds of things. Now, if you exhibited what was considered deviant behavior for a little male, which would be considered wearing girls clothes, playing with girls for playmates, playing with girl toys, you were given red tokens, which were redeemable for physical punishment, the parents were enlisted to begin a physical punishing program. Male therapists were enlisted that took little boys to movies where there was lots of violence and when they got off on the violence they said really good and I read one particular case that is so horrific in the in the medical journals of a little boy that was released from treatment of and first of all diagnosed being a feminine boy like this is something bad that gender police are gonna come and get you and this is what's going to happen to you diagnosed as cured when he picked up a stick and beat his mother and his sister. And what in the hell are we turning out and this is all related to that whole medicalization of transsexualism. There is this whole ideology that is very, very big, and it reflects the sickness of a dominant, patriarchal, deeply divided gender culture only puts it into practice, and I find it terrific.

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Sarah Dipalma 09:51

I've almost had the sense in talking to some several doctors. I've almost had the sense that they were saying see What I as a heterosexual male can create, I can create woman in my own image. And that scares the living hell out of me.



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I mean, yeah, it is really the highest point of arrogance. And to subject yourself even though I'm highly suspicious of most of the the whole medical model, but to see individuals that are up there, basically saying that, and then to think of any male to woman transgender, or transsexual is thinking about being a woman, going to someone who has such a misogynist attitude is another horrific factor. I mean, the whole thing is just just rife with with hordes, and terrorists, gender, a system of gender terrorism, and they are the gender terrorists.



Sarah Dipalma 10:46

I have a friend who just recently started going to a therapist, and in the very first session, the therapist said, well, now what sort of track do we need to put you on for surgery? Right out of the chute. And the person said, I didn't say anything about surgery. Where did you get that idea? And therapists that will, of course, that's what you want, isn't it? And the fact that people were put on this track, from the very first day has just really worried me a lot. Let's talk a little bit about gender in the media. Now, I was just recently contacted by the Phil Donahue show, and they wouldn't take me because I was too normal, which I thought was very interesting. And I know that you teach a course on film at the University of New Mexico. Talk a little bit about about this. I thought this was really fascinating.



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mainstream television uses a formulaic representation. Usually I've analyzed transgenders drag queens on TV since the 1980s. And one of the things particularly during sweeps week, that happens is the drag the transgender is the T s is the female impersonators, the Chi males are all trotted across the talk show stages in America, and they get huge ratings. And the reason they get such huge ratings is because they elicit a shock reaction. I mean, here's Phil Donahue gets up there and might have Catherine costlier Tula on stage and everyone seems to love crossing the stage very beautiful fits our idea of what femininity is supposed to be in like a tight gold dress and the swinging blond hair. And you see the the cameras pan on the audience particularly like we have guys from the Navy visiting that there's something they're all looking at to Allah, and people are whistling. And then Donahue breaks in and says, and here we have Catherine Kosti, who used to be and they start flashing the pictures of coffee as a young adolescent male, and invariably audience pans to the shocked reactions where they dropped their mouths open, like, how could this be possible and then much of the show is spent reaffirming the status quo. Now there are a few shows like Jerry Springer and some of the other shows that have broken out of the model. And I'm going to be talking tomorrow night. I'm working on an article right now that is called discourse interrupted. And one of the premises that I have is that a revolutionary moment in talk show TV occurred when Leslie Feinberg on the Joan Rivers show a couple of years ago, told the therapist to please basically shut up, let us speak for ourselves. And it was fabulous. And Leslie just just went on became very much within herself and it broke the whole medical notion, the whole medical holes and Joan Rivers that they're extraordinarily uncomfortable even though Joan is you know, really like spring drags on, on and things. And it was a revolutionary moment. Since then, there have been a lot of shows. They're complex, because on some levels, they reinforce the status quo. But occasionally you get brave transgenders drags that crossover and transsexuals that really question things and take it into a much greater debate. But most of the things that you're saying like Donohue is the the things that we were looking at today, looking at Priscilla of the desert and saying things

like, I wonder what they'll think of next or bringing on Christian right people to torture the audience and to enforce the gender code is really playing to a more and more conservative Newt Gingrich type audience in these really troubled times and keep their ratings up. They're trying to reinforce the dominance status quo and ideology. And that is very scary. And it lends itself to the carnival the last thing because what if they had you on then you'd break the stereotype.

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Sarah Dipalma 14:33

We had no When London since then Phillips were on the show. They were telling us the story about being set up to do a television show. And Linda and Cynthia had already done several other shows and had gotten smarter about this and said, make sure you give us a return ticket. So in case we get there and we find out that you've been set up we can leave and they refused to give him the ticket and they didn't do the show. So what happens As these producers will contact you, they'll talk to you on the phone for three, four hours. And when you get there, they do the show and it has nothing to do with what you've discussed with on the phone. Cynthia, when the Phillips told the story of arriving at the I think it was the Sally Jessy Raphael show, but she got there. And they the producer said to her, Oh, you look too much like a woman and Linda, but I spent years getting to this point. So they actually all the time that she was on the show, they kept burning a male name under her show or name like George or something. So that would be shot enough shock value for the audience.

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Exactly. That is so hideous. And Linda also talks about the talk show she was on and I can't remember which talk show it was where they're holding up a sign saying tell them you're a male lesbian. Tell them you're a male lesbian. And Linda said that she would not get into it. And that's wonderful because Linden Cynthia have been great at subverting that mainstream feeding frenzy on it's like a two headed baby show at the carnival that you go to they have completely subverted that. And there's other people that are getting media savvy enough that can get on the show, and then try to subvert but they get very angry. And I've even heard it was a Sally Jessy Raphael, I believe it was who said, we'll never have you on the show again. And I mean, of course, she has had people back on the show, but they've got their bodyguards, they've got their therapists on there that are doing the talking for him. And even though the more negotiable discourse is starting to come out, people are getting much more savvy. And I would say there has been a real dramatic shift in the last few years. You're still reinforcing the medicalization, people can't talk for themselves. We've got to talk for them. These aren't trustworthy people. These people, you know, can't make it on their own. And when do we ever really hear about the gender movement? I mean, we have all these things going on? Does anyone say, hey, you know, there's gender movement that's happening. It's really challenging all of these stereotypes. Esquire magazine, I understand, I spoke to some people that called me to interview me, and I think they interviewed still in the day interviewed, YouTube's gonna be really interesting to see how that plays out in what is it next month's issue.

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Sarah Dipalma 17:05

When they contact, they contacted us originally, they spoke with Phillips and myself, and they contact us and we initially turned them down. And we said to them, we won't do it. Because we

don't want to be made out to be freaks. We don't want a magazine version of TV talk show. They call us back and said We'll do it your way. Wow. So the result of that was that the reporters have followed Phyllis, around one day when she went into court, and she did name changes. They took five copies of this of this show, and took back to New York with them. They interviewed five transgendered activists from Houston, all of whom were politically active. They, they, they liked it enough that they sent a photographer back and at their expense did a complete photo shoot with us. So we're really looking forward to this article, because we're hoping they're gonna play the straight as they told us they weren't.



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That's what I'm hoping to. And I spoke to one of the people that was going through and checking references and things and I said, you know, what is your slant? What are you going to call the article? They said, Yeah, it's going to be on the transgender movement. And they were saying, Did you say such and such it was pretty twisted up the quotes in which I said, I said, let me call you back and look at it and see if I said it like that. I said, because if you said, I said it, then you know, I want to check both. And I call back and we had a conversation. And then he told me, he goes, we you know, our audiences aren't really interested in reading about, you know, real detailed things. And we have to give it to him. And like so many pages of stuff. And it'll be really interesting to see how that plays out. Because we know what happens with the media and we know what people want to hear. And we know how, you know popular press or popular entertainment or popular media of all time, play, to what what's really cooking and how it reinforces the dominant ideology. It would be great. I would love it if it would break all the stereotypes.



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You and I have a common enemy. You don't know You don't know this, but when I was at went to Texas a&m university, I was very involved in getting gay Student Services approved as a campus organization. Their star witness was Paul Cameron. Now, I was a male still male at the time, but Paul Cameron, I was coming out of the restroom. And as he was coming in, and he turned to his for his, the Dean of Student Services, it's time to Lesson said, we can't use that bathroom because facts just went there. So you and I have a talk about talk about people. I will let me back up above is the mortal enemy of the transgender movement, to some extent has been the political right in the religious right in particular, and their spokesperson has to a large extent than Paul Cameron. Tell people who he is.



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Paul Cameron is built himself as a psychologist and Steve, maybe you can help on this. He has been disbarred and sound completely tossed out. My first knowledge of him was he when he came to the UNM campus and they build it as Paul Cameron internet nationally renowned psychologist is going to give a talk on homosexuality is causes excetera. And I looked at that, and I guess I had heard about Paul Cameron before. And I just thought who's sponsoring it and it was Student Activities group that was bringing him to campus. And I was just horrified because this man is tied into the fundamentalist Christian coalition received tons of funds as a family values group that is basically set up, that is all geared towards producing a certain type

of propaganda. So I had a big sex and gender class, we had about 150 students in there. And I said, now we're gonna go over and you're gonna see what we've been talking about in terms of the right wing interfering, trying to get hate legislation passed, etc. And we're just going to observe, I said, we won't get too excited. Well, he started calling my students, any males that did not fit, the male stereotype was referred to a man. Any female that did not fit the female stereotype was referred to as Sir he was rude. He was standing there goes, no professor on the UNM campus will dare to take me on. They're all cowards. They're all 50s Because they know that I'm right and stuff. And he just kept it up. And I was starting to boil and boil and boil. And finally he looked at me, he goes, What do you want little lady? So the only time I've ever said, and you can call me Doctor, and I went up to the podium, and my students started coming up to the podium. And I said, Why don't we really talk about where your funding comes from and what your agenda is, and that this hate mongering and these lies that you're spreading are nothing but lies and propaganda that there were young students, they're trying to question their own identity and stuff. They called the campus police, but we did we closed them there. It was great. It was great. And he is really he's horrible. I mean, his ideas on like quarantine quarantining people with AIDS. And he has just hideous ideas when he was on the Donahue show, talking about Priscilla the desert, one of the things he was saying is, you do not know the harm these people cause they're their children, again, stirring up hate, fear, propaganda, and just lying through his teeth. He's a very sick twist and malevolence, man, very sick.

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Sarah Dipalma 22:12

We have a very well known gay activist in Houston by the name of Ray Hill. In fact, in fact, Ray Hill actually founded the station that Mr. Ray Hill had Paul Cameron on as a guest several years ago. And Ray tells the story about having he is debating Paul Cameron. And finally, at one point, Ray looks at him and says, I think you know where you're coming from. Were you abused as a child? Or is it just that you are so afraid of homosexuals because it's what you most fear in yourself? And Cameron was so flabbergasted he couldn't continue to show?

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Well, I think that's very much they're incredibly much because one of the things Donahue show asked him to say Did, did you ever put on a dress, and oh, not not, not that I can recall and stuff. But it was not an absolute denial. And certainly anyone who asked out about much fear that must rage excetera, you know, you're pushing a nerve button, and it can make them an extraordinarily dangerous person. And he's spreading the type of gospel of hate that he's going to have people going out and committing hate crimes, basically commandeering as are so many of the Christian right organizations that are housed in Colorado Springs that moved in, highly sophisticated, very well funded, have a lot of control about the media, producing their own movies, doing lots of radio, doing lots of television and pumping out that propaganda for the masses. So

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Sarah Dipalma 23:33

now let's talk a little bit about where the future of the gender movement is going. Now we've had Martine Rothblatt we've had the I can't even name all sudden the name, personhood, gender outlaw porn scene. Thank you. We've had both of them on the show. We've been

talking with you, it seems to me that what we've got here is the start of a whole new movement in gender. Where does it all end up? Where are we going with it?



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Well, I say Viva lagenda revolution, and I see freedom and justice for all and what that necessitate is going way beyond the bipolarism and the dualism, it necessitates a real negotiation and a realizing that gender is part of the long on so many different levels and there are so many different expressions of gender and that to try to stuff people into little tiny boxes and confine their whole beings and make them act a particular way or only allow a certain amount of behavior is a he hideous type of genocide. And I honestly see, I'm just I'm gonna say I see a terrible backlash against all of this, but at the same time, I see as the backlash gets even tighter. I see more people coming out of the closet, I see a greater activism, and I see people who have never considered themselves to be part of the gender community. realizing how it's oppressing them, and realizing the gender potentials within themselves and all the various kinds of genders that we all possess, and being absolutely honest and getting rid and overthrowing the sick, twisted, bipolar gender society that we live in a replacing it with a society that that really values diversity and really values, individual expression and doesn't, doesn't stifle it. And it just, it just would be wonderful if we didn't have masculinity and femininity because I think masculinity and femininity are the basis of not just the Gender Wars between heterosexual male females or anything, but I think it's the basis of all wars, I think everything is based on it. Even when we have wars, like the Persian Gulf War, you always feminized the enemy, it's a system of pain and suffering, and I'm tired of the pain and suffering, just want it to go away.



S Sarah Dipalma 26:00

I want to end by talking about a hate crime. You tell the story in your book about a student, you hit it, you had a speaker coming into class, I believe. And you had a student who got up and said, Well, if this Vicki comes into class, I'll have to beat him up. And immediately struck me that this is a person who couldn't was a potential victimizer for hate crime. How do you address these sorts of things in your classes? Where do you think we're going? There was just recently special in ABC about hate crimes in Texas. And one person on death row said, Saturday night is the night we've got to beat a query. Where do we go with all that? How do we fix it?



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Well, I think you need mandatory sex and gender education, I mean, from elementary school on, and you need people who are going to deal with the whole issue, honestly, and not just say, just say no, or just say assume that heterosexuality is the norm out there. But to realize that there's a whole continuum of behaviors that goes off the Richter scale, and basically approaches it in the sense of tolerance and respect for individuals and but also allows people to the student I was talking about with the football player. And when I said I was going to have a older Why didn't say older first wife that I was going to have a male to woman preoperative transsexual come and speak to the class. First thing was I'm gonna have to hit her. And what I did is, first of all, I said, Well, no, you're not going to hit her. And in fact, you can go over and do a library assignment if you want to do that. But then I stopped. And I said, Why would you have

to hit her. And we explored that whole issue, and we opened it up. And it came down to the point that he was afraid. And this is so often the crux of adult, he was afraid that it would be some beautiful male to woman, transsexual or transgender that he would be attracted to. And then that would mean how would he define himself? So when we got to the crux of that, everything began to change. I think the fact that this was an older male, to woman transgender us in her 60s, ease the fear, but it shouldn't have to be that way. The thing is to deal with the fear within yourself and to deal with a hideous institution to keep creating that fear. And those institutions permeate every aspect of our society. Those are religion, organized religion, as we know it, government, educational system, all of them perpetrate the the gender propaganda, the mass media, as we know it, family, all of it. Medicine, absolutely. Medicine is is definitely one of the big ones, all of them perpetrate gender propaganda. So we're bombarded with it. And that's all the people know. And I think we've got to stop going on what I call automatic gender pilot light, that we've always got to monitor ourselves. If we're going to have relationships with other people, we've got to watch it because in moments of extreme stress, we can go on automatic, and we've got a call and my partner and I do it with each other, like, Oh, watch out, you're on automatic gender, gender, pilot, you're walking your gender, and we try to call each other on it. So we could say, you know, we don't need to go into automatic, we don't need to be like that cranberry song that they sing the cranberry song be, we need to be fully awake to really deal with the complex problems that we're faced with is the third millennium is approaching us. And if we're going to put on our gender blinders and just go on automatic gender pilot, we're in serious trouble. So it's the whole world and the environment.



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Well, rarely have I read a book that has actually affected my life in but if you had asked me six months ago, was I going to go get surgery? I would have told you Yes. But in the last few months, I've had an opportunity to read these three books, and yours in particular really got me to ask some hard questions. And for me, the question came down to what would surgery give my life that it doesn't have now? And I never could come up with a satisfactory answer for that. So I want to tell you on the year you because you were able to change my life. Thank you very much.



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Thank you very much, Sara, that that is really important that you're you're asking a question like that. And thank you for all the work that you're doing in the community and for being out there. It's incredibly important and let's keep moving forward.



Sarah Dipalma 30:20

The book is called Trans transgender nation. The author is Gordon McKenzie, thank you very much.



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Thank you so much, Sarah.

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Jimmy Carper 30:31

You're listening to after hours of continuing tradition right here on KPFT Houston, and KEOS College Station, Bryan, we are back. We're back.

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Sarah Dipalma 30:44

I was I was telling me off the air that Jay was not telling me off. No, no, no. No, I was actually it was actually talking about about Gordon McKenzie. Yes. And I was saying that I could really picture her losing her temper Paul Cameron, she definitely. She is definitely one who says what she thinks and if you don't like it, well, gee, that's too bad. What you would call a strong woman. Well, let's do some community news here where you think Oh, yeah. Okay, first thing I'm going to talk about. I'm gonna talk about it because Phyllis Frey in de McKellar are going to be our guests. And about three weeks, I guess, the second weekend, the second weekend of the month. Now, we've talked about Phyllis fried for longest time. And I've told Phyllis, I'm looking forward to having her on the show, because I get to edit what she says. But the truth, but the truth of the matter is that Phyllis and I have been friends for many years. And the reason that we're having Phyllis on is because the fourth annual Transgender Law conference is going to be taking place in June. So we'll be getting We'll be there in preparing in prepared preparation for that. And I wanted to let people know that if you wanted to place if you want to participate in the law conference, it is a very easy manner to do it. It's going to be held at the Hilton southwest, which is 67 at Southwest Freeway. And you can reach Phyllis fry, and her number is 7238368. The law conference, many of the people that we have had on the show will be there. Martine Rothblatt, who's here tonight will be there and Gordon McKenzie will be there. Call Your call will be there. We have folks coming in literally from around the world. You were saying? If you're a transgendered, and you want to meet the movers and the shakers of the transgender community, this is your chance. Ricky and Wilkins, the founder of transsexual minutes will be there. It's possible to Kate Bornstein will make it Oh, yeah, I'm gonna be there. But I see, you know, in the constellation of activists, I'm fairly small potatoes compared to these folks. Oh, I don't say sir. Well, I do but but I just wanted to let you know, we're going to be talking about that in the next issue. And I guess I can make the announcement now that my co host here is going to be receiving an award is going to be the first ever transgender inclusiveness award. I am deeply honored. This is the first? Well, you know, I had we had a list of candidates that we looked at and I won't embarrass them by saying who they were. But we looked at the impact that this show has made in the transgender community around the country. And this wouldn't have happened if it hadn't been for you. And when we looked at her I was like, Oh, hey, really, this is pretty easy. So I'm really looking forward to that Jimmy will be there and really exploring that yes, I'm looking forward to getting a chance to do that. What else you got there

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Jimmy Carper 33:43

in other news, we haven't said all night, but this is Easter.

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Sarah Dipalma 33:51

In if you're sitting up doing your income taxes, you have our sympathy

J Jimmy Carper 33:55

and you have until Monday so you know take the day off tomorrow and happy Passover. As a matter of fact, if if you want to stay up just another couple of hours listen to carbon dating game then you can make the MCC our sunrise services at 6:30am MCC are located at 1919 Decatur or Kingdom Community Church at 8am Easter breakfast and service

S Sarah Dipalma 34:21

it's a good thing that he was not crucified in the morning because I would have missed it altogether. Easter sunrise service really is a nice tradition as I remember as a kid going to the Easter sunrise services and they really were very nice. Easter sunrise service in midnight mass. Those are the two things I never missed because they're there. Yeah,

J Jimmy Carper 34:41

it's all the pomp and circumstance and

S Sarah Dipalma 34:45

I always liked Easter tubes, the flowers come up and you know, Easter is a nice time Yeah.

J Jimmy Carper 34:49

And now let's say tomorrow night over at the BRB good all BRB virtual Burke is putting on the church of a neon cactus too. It's a better fit for the Colt 40 fives and Shelby St. John will be there with him. And they, the two of them always put on a great show at 7pm. Sunday. Be there

S Sarah Dipalma 35:11

call 40 fives do good work they do. They really do. They're one of the organizations, you don't hear a lot about them. They're here working,

J Jimmy Carper 35:19

just doing it. Yeah, yeah, they're the organization that AIDS Foundation wish it could be.

S Sarah Dipalma 35:25

I was telling somebody last night that when I first started working with people with AIDS in this city in 1986, I can remember in a lot of cases, when we couldn't get more tissues to take people. And the Colt 40 fives were one of the first people will get up and say, We're not going to stand for this. And they began fighting back. So I've always had a lot of respect for these folks, because they got up and started fighting when it wasn't popular to do it. That's true. That's very true. It's nice to hear that kind of have had those kinds of people. We have a special a treat coming to Houston Friday might mate well. Leslie Feinberg going to be coming here. And she is being sponsored by lib, which is lesbians in business right? On May 12. At the end of a building. I don't know where that's a 20 Greenway Plaza. If you don't know who Leslie Feinberg is, Lesley wrote stone butchy blues, which is one of the most famous transgender books of all time. Oh, yeah. And she will be here on behalf of live the tickets are \$12 for the public \$10 for diverse works in live members and only \$7 for students. I am going to do everything I can to get an interview with this person. Oh, good. Leslie Feinberg is she's as famous a person as we've got. Yeah, so I'm looking forward to seeing her here. And don't

**J** Jimmy Carper 36:46

forget Spektrum 95. coming up June 18. At the Astro Arena, for information, I have a one 800 Number for everybody in KEOS College Station, Bryan, that would be 1-800-203-4597 or five to 628 53 95. Or it's really called town meeting to,

**S** Sarah Dipalma 37:17

you know, this, these people have really worked there, you know, what's off, they really have they are putting together a really good program. And I've been a little surprised that they have not elicited more support from the community in the community. And for some reason, the people in this community have taken a wait and see attitude, almost like the idea

**J** Jimmy Carper 37:40

to do it. Especially gay man, I just despise gay men because of it. You know, when it comes to like a gay man's the Gay Men's Chorus, or, like when Romanovsky and Phillips are in town, gay entertainment. Right? gay man, take the attitude of Well, no, I'm not going to buy a ticket. Now if I don't have a date that night, then I'll go.

**S** Sarah Dipalma 38:05

That's great attitude. Yes,

**J** Jimmy Carper 38:07

you know, but but that's it. And so you sell three tickets beforehand. And then, you know, maybe you sell 100 The night of the the event or or sell out the night of the event. But you never know.

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Sarah Dipalma 38:21

Well, it just seems it's a really shame because these folks really have worked hard or I know they're putting together a real good program. And they really are worthy of support. I really wish and hope that more people will turn out for this. And we'll give them a hand because they need it. They really needed. Something else that I want to talk about. I received this in the mail. And this is from the Montrose a Montrose Counseling Center, I believe, but on April the 24th, they are going to have a they are going to be reporting the results of a survey on the healthcare needs of lesbian, bisexual and transgender women in the community. Oh, good. And I'm going to get a tape recorder and go down and try and tape some of this. They receive completed surveys from 614 Houston area women. And it's a complete survey of the women that are answered were from from the ages of 17 to 75. It's complete survey on the healthcare needs of lesbians in the community. And I'm very pleased that they included transgendered people and you bet so I'm gonna get down to it if you have a chance. It's at the Montrose library and I think just about everybody knows where that is. 100 Montrose right there. That's April 24. It's six o'clock. I think that's well worth supporting and well worth going to check the zoo bed. Bed.

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Jimmy Carper 39:43

Well, you've been listening to after hours that continuing tradition right here on KPFT Houston, and KEOS College Station Bryan.

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Sarah Dipalma 39:54

Well, this is another three hours that flew by every day. I know

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Jimmy Carper 39:57

it I know it's a it will We didn't even get a chance to get to our news director, Judy Reeves who, who cuts out articles and gives them to me every week, you know about things that are in the news of interest to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. glbts. Bruce,

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Sarah Dipalma 40:16

I knew Bruce Reese back when I was a male. And he didn't realize it until one day I interviewed him for Lesbian Gay voices. And I had made the comment to him in passing that he had known me when, and he kept me. I knew you. I knew you. When How did I know you? And finally he went home. And he talked to Judy and Judy remembered. And the next time I saw Bruce, he said, If you I, I would never would have guessed. And I said, Well, that's the whole point. That's right. That's the whole point of Bridgette. Judy and Bruce. You could folks and they're good people

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Jimmy Carper 40:47

at the I believe that was the original act up the original act up that's an organized organizing meeting. I was there too.

 Sarah Dipalma 40:56

Is that right? Yes. Let's see. I was there. I

 Jimmy Carper 40:59

remember you do you really? Yes, I do.

 Sarah Dipalma 41:01

And Judy was was involved with the names projects. Oh, yeah, they weren't she was involved with getting the quilt. Yes, she was the co chair there. Yeah. Because I remember I started working in it when it was George Brown Center. So that was a very small world.

 Jimmy Carper 41:16

Okay, coming up in just a minute will be the carbon dating game with Eric. And he features of course the Babel THON at 330 It's not to be missed.

 Sarah Dipalma 41:31

Well, folks, I'm gonna start a new tradition here. I'm going to end like to end this with the slogan from from It's Time Texas Okay. In our slogan is when reprint when decorum becomes repression. The only dignity free people have is to speak out. There you go. Good night, folks.

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Music without borders. Take time. Three to one.

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Iodestar jukebox music without borders no need for a passport on this tour. The only limitations are an open mind and one carry on bag. So Stay in your seat. Buckle up and extinguish that passport. Hi, I'm Ricky Scherzo. He'll be your guide for a whirlwind tour. Great Texas Music, world sound and alternative music as well as interviews with a touring and local artists. Wait a minute. Wait a minute, turn that off. What is this passport? whirlwind tour. Come on. Stay in your seat, Mike. Let's get real here for the best of Texas Music along with world and alternative sounds. Keep your dial tune for 90.1 FM Pacifica, Houston, Lone Star jukebox be coming your

way every Saturday from nine till noon with artists like Todd Snyder Jimmie Dale Gilmore, Tichina Hassan, which Hancock and Robert Earl Keen again at Saturday 9am till noon, with Lone Star jukebox using without borders.



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I think that's a keeper.