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Jimmy Carper 00:35

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 transgender 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 closets. 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.



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Hello, Houston and welcome to after hours queer radio with attitude heard every Saturday night at midnight, right here on KPFT Houston, and ke O 's College Station on Jimmy Carper. And with me tonight is



Sarah DePalma 02:15

Sarah dipalma. How do y'all welcome to after hours, queer radio with attitude that



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and I want to mention that our phone number is 526573852 6k PF T and that our address is 419 Lovett Boulevard 7706 I never get those in the phone number and, and the address and people will complain about that. Well, we

 S Sarah DePalma 02:46

may be opening up the mics tonight to take some feedback from the audience. So the phone number could be important. Oh, okay. Yeah, we're just talking about this before we came on the air you have you have not yet seen my life in pink? No, I haven't. I highly, highly want to recommend this movie to the audience. Wow. This is a absolutely stunning movie, one of the best I've seen in several years. For those who are not familiar with this movie, this is about a young, a young child who is I believe movie sets sets the age as being about 10 About 10, maybe 11 tops, who does not want to be a boy and makes it very, very clear that this child is not a boy. And the family is absolutely mortified when she makes her entrance by coming down the stairs in a pink princess outfit. Oops, at a welcome to the neighborhood party. Hello, hello. Yes, and it goes on from there. To anyone who has ever known a transgendered person. If you are a transgender if you're just the friend of a transgendered person, if you are curious about transgenders, and you would like to find out what it is like to be a transgender child. This is the movie to say, Wow, this is as far as I know. It is still playing at the River Oaks now talking about the the old one the old rivers three Yeah, the pretty one. Yes.



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The pretty one. Oh, yeah. The one that has Sarah Gish our friend. Yes, she has given us so many passes, free passes for so many different movies over over the years that it's just incredible.

 S Sarah DePalma 04:38

This movie is just fabulous. I sat there and sniffled my way through the movie with Laurie holding my hand. Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. Because, you know, there were so many parts of that movie that I identified with. I mean, the first time I told my mother I wanted to be girl I was five years old. And here's this this poor child trying to get the attention of a very straight line. least family in a very conservative neighborhood in which the father's job is dependent on his being able to get along with the neighbors. Oh, a meanwhile here is this poor child struggling with gender issues. It is just a just a stunning movie. It's called my Life in pink. And I highly, highly recommended that you go to see this before it leaves town. This is just a terrific show.



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Yeah. And there's such a such great people over there at River Oaks.

 S Sarah DePalma 05:28

Yeah, it was very interesting listening to the comments of the audiences were coming out. Oh,

yeah. The one that I heard one of the people saying, that's got to be a bit. Yeah. Oh, honey. Yeah. I don't know the half of it now. Yes. So the audience got it. And there were several other comments like that. And I thought they got it.



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Let me ask you what kind of audience members were they? Well, I mean, I know you could just just an average or, you know, was it mostly gay people, mostly transgendered people.



S Sarah DePalma 06:00

She was pretty good mix. Really, there was an obviously a very openly gay male couple in front of us. But by and large, I think was a pretty mixed group. It was not a big audience. It was a Friday night, late at night. But even so, I think that that theater sort of attracts a certain sort of crowd anyway, I think it's a little Yeah, you know, it's a little higher in the education ladder, I think. Let's face it, it's not the kind of movie like *Titanic*, that's going to make a ton of money. No, no, no, no. But it was wonderfully done.



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Yeah. In fact, it's, it's like they talk about gay and lesbian movies having such a limited audience, that I would think that this movie would have an even more limited audience.



S Sarah DePalma 06:41

Actually, it was pretty interesting, because there were a number of people there who obviously didn't know what this movie was about. Oh, and really got quite an education. Word. And one of the things that I liked about this movie is that they did not attempt to sensationalize it. They did not attempt to sugarcoat it. They're not making moral judgments in this movie. They're just laying out the facts as they know them. And I had read afterwards, that the French government tried to stop the filming of the movie, because they didn't approve of its content. The French Yeah. Well, remember now we talked about this before the French are not liberal when it comes to transsexual or gays and less well, that's, that's true. And they're still not in fact, there is a big brouhaha on the internet recently, the French psychotherapy Association has chosen to withdraw from the Benjamin society No, because they believe that transsexuals should be quote, cured. Oh, okay. So for those who don't know, that



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does not mean by curing, you know, that's the other thing. What does that mean?



S Sarah DePalma 07:52

Well, for those who don't know, the Benjamin society is the group which sets the standards of

care for trans for transsexuals. I particularly it sets the levels for the standard of care for surgery for what is considered to be acceptable therapy. It sets the it sets the standards that transgendered people transsexuals really have to go by. So for the French to pull out of this, is essentially they're thumbing the nose at the rest of the scientific community in the doctoral community saying, tough, we don't believe it. And so consequently, French transsexuals often end up going to candidates. Yeah, I can understand that, you know, because, because the Canadians are have a diametrically opposite attitude about it.



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I was reading that just this evening. About the Canadians being very blasé about sexual matters, their attitude



S Sarah DePalma 08:45

is pretty much like is like many Europeans, which is being adult.



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I found that for life rising, because I think of Canada is a very rural type area. And when I think of rural, I think, a very conservative.



S Sarah DePalma 09:00

Well, some parts of Canada certainly are. And if you're talking about Quebec, French speaking Quebec, that's a whole different can of worms. But if you're talking about Montreal, or Calgary, or some of the largest cities, they are actually reasonably liberal. I happen to listen to the CBC on a shortwave radio. Oh, so I listened to some of the Canadian views from time to time. And they are they're fairly blasé about it, their attitude is kind of, hey, it happens. And that's exactly right. Yeah. Which to me is like, makes a lot of sense, you know. But in any case, I really do want to recommend I very seldom will come in here and say, Wow, go see this movie. Yeah, no, but but this one is really something. And there were parts of the movie that I sure identified with I saw this with Laurie and two other friends and one of whom just completely broke down in parts of it. It's the kind of movie that we're really touching. So anyway, I recommend that



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well, you know, I'm, that must really be some movie because I'm used to you coming in and we're when when the movie is mentioned, you're kind of bitching about the portrayal of transgenders.



S Sarah DePalma 10:08

I've seen two really good portrayals of transsexuals in movies, one is in *Priscilla*, and then it's in *Blue is the Warmest Color*. And I think that's probably the best movie ever made.

this one. This is outstanding stuff. Good, especially if anybody out there has a transgender child. Go see this movie. You want to understand what your child was about. Go see this movie,



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or a friend or a relative or when you suspect



S Sarah DePalma 10:32

it, doctor Dr. Cole's clinic several years ago I met a transsexual who was she was postoperative 19. She was postoperative Wow. And she had started going to a doctor called clinic when she was 14. Wow, she hit presented as being transsexual the mother said when she was about eight. So there's no question in my mind that this is something that is set very, very early in life. As I said, I know I told my mother I was five years old. So we have music we need to go to Yes,



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as a matter of fact, new music you know how I am. Lesbian dance singer Joy Cardwell. Ah, one of the few open lesbians in dance music and she does one on her latest album that it's not quite dancey, but it certainly is erotic. And I heard it tonight for the first time and I said I've got to play this on the air. Go for him. It's cold, wet, and you're hearing it. After hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and KUO's College Station.



S Sarah DePalma 11:49

That is Joy Cardwell and the song is called wet. I will leave that to your imagination is to what it is she's talking enough set on that. We have some national news that I would like to cover. The last couple of shows that I've been here we have been just so jam packed for time, we've not really had an opportunity to do any national news. And I started out some of this national news on a sad note a person that I have met on a couple of occasions. Her name is Betty Ann Linde. She was a transgender pioneer in organizer, author and editor and she recently passed away from a stroke on March the fourth. She had been in failing health for several years, and was recovering from recent surgery since her fall. Last year. Betty and I've met Betty in the several different national occasions. Absolutely a wonderful person she was a founder of the Delta Chi tri's chapter in the Washington DC. For those who don't know, tri S is a cross dressing organization primarily for heterosexual cross dressers and their wives. But beyond that, she was also one of the cofounders of Fantasia Fair in Provincetown, Massachusetts, that is easily one of the two or three largest cross dressing conferences held anywhere in the United States. It has grown exponentially. And she was heavily involved with that. There's also a press organization called Reluctant Press, and many crossdressers would be familiar with that. They are. They published many different kinds of materials, I guess, the probably most well known for fetish materials. But she was one of the main people behind that. And she was also the editor of a paper called My Sorority, which was a very, very early transgender newsletter. And so Betty and Lynn, the person that I have, have met on a couple of occasions has passed away on the transgender community has lost a pioneer. But her work we're certain we live on.

This is a story that I pulled off the internet this morning. And I thought this was very interesting given the conservatism of this organization. This is a story that I found on the advocate web page. The New York Times a New York Times copy editor is planning a total rewrite of his life. Actually, if they had known what they were talking about, they would have said a total rewrite of her life. A notice went up at the Times Thursday informing staffers that the copy editor named Dennis will be going away for a few weeks and upon her return will be known as Donna. This is the New York Times we're talking about here. A times spokesman confirmed that there is a notice the times regard this as a personal choice and has done and work continue to do whatever is necessary to support the decision. So for those of you who are out there, and you're perhaps getting ready to transition on the job, and you are worried about worried about the conservatism of the place that you work for, you might want to write this down that no less a conservative group than the New York Times, is going to support the transition of every copy editor that works for them. The editor told her co workers that he or she is not getting the operation immediately, that she'll be dressing as a woman in the months ahead and wants to be treated as a woman. Of course, those of us who are involved with this would recognize that that is called transition. However, the advocate apparently doesn't isn't familiar with that term. Or source says the paper is accommodating her by letting her have her own restroom for the interim. Not so good. The old restroom, Bugaboo is coming up even at the New York Times, but they are going to give her time off with pay, they're going to allow her to go ahead and do what she needs to do to get her transition together. And that's not all bad. So, anyway, there we are, with the New York Times, showing us that they can be at least moderate, if not liberal on occasion. There's another story that I'm looking I was I was wanting to tell you about. This occurred in Wallingford, Connecticut. Now the reason that caught my attention is that two towns over from where I grew up. And this story involves a teacher who got fired over the objections of her class, and their parents. In fact, the city council had to endure almost two hours of, of discussion by parents who said that what that they find that the message that they were putting forward here was that you are what is between your legs is more important than what is between your ears. And yet, after the parents stood up and raised, holy heck, and fought for this transsexual, and the students bought for the transsexual, the board voted at nothing to fire her anyhow. So I mentioned this because there was a recent story on 2020 about whether gays and lesbians should be teachers. I wish they had included this story about this transsexual. Because here's a case where the family stood up and and fought like crazy for this transsexual. But she still got fired. Another story here. You may remember that on this show, we have had a person named Diane sic patello on a couple of occasions. Diane zicatela. In my mind right now is this country's leading transgender rights activist, far more so than anyone else that I can think of. Well, last week, Diane secretario finally had an opportunity to meet with the governor of Colorado, met with Governor Romer. And she wrote, she said, although Governor Romer knew of me, this is the first time that we had met face to face with a chance to talk. I told him my personal story, especially about my 29 year marriage. The marriage is already legal, same sex marriage, by the way, and other already legal same sex marriages in this state, and appealed to him once again to veto the same sex marriage ban, which currently is in legislative process in Colorado. Roemer has vetoed the bill each of the last two years that came to his desk, and we'll probably be doing it again. But finally, we have Diane zicatela, the first person in the country that I'm aware of who has broken through and has finally gotten to meet with the governor of their state. I would love to tell you that I think that will happen in Texas. I think I will be dead and buried for ever see it however, still, it's a nice thought and it gives us something to shoot at. In New Jersey, there has been another transsexual woman who has been murdered. She was killed with nine stab wounds to her back neck and chest. This is a story that was sent to me by Ricky Wilkins of transsexual minutes, says we believe that Williams was dead at least two days prior to being found. According to the police chief. They have no idea who did it. However, this is another case of a transsexual, who

was was a sex worker, because she had been fired from her job when attempting to transition. Meanwhile, in Tampa, Florida and almost identical occurrence has taken place. And this happens to be in a city that we're Tony Vario. Neto works. If you're not familiar familiar with Tony Burien Ando, he runs an organization called officers Protect and serve or tops is what it's called. And he is a female to male, transsexual, or is the guy who is like to be called male to male. And this is a case the where he is brought in national attention as a result, in even the Tampa Police Chief has finally gotten involved in saying that we really would like to find this killer in talks about this, but it's again, this is another transgendered sex worker. And I guess that's something that at some point we really need to address. And that is, the stereotype of a transsexual is to a large extent, or to transgenders for that matter is that many of them are hookers. Well, unfortunately, many are. What never really seems to get addressed is why are they sex workers. And in many cases, they are sex workers because they got fired from the job. That's why we want to have the employment non discrimination act passed. Something we've talked about many times. I also got a phone call from Nancy sharp. Nancy sharp is another person that we've had in the show runs it's time Louisiana. It's time Louisiana, in coordination with several other groups is organizing a boycott of the Human Rights Campaign in Louisiana. Seems they have a fundraising dinner coming up. And last year, the Human Rights Campaign raised \$90,000 at this dinner. But as we have discussed in this show, many times the Human Rights Campaign has made a lot of promises to the transgender community has kept virtually none of them. And Nancy Sharp has simply had it to her the top two years. Consequently, she's organizing a boycott and they hope to cut the take the HRC will get by \$30,000. So one of the things that I will be talking about with our its time America group is whether It's Time Texas Group is whether we should be joining it's time Louisiana in a boycott of the HRC. I certainly would think at least off the top of my head, I would vote for that. But we will see how that goes. This is a story that I pulled off the Dallas voice. This has to do with a gay man. Uh, well, I'll just read you the story, a Brownsboro man who bragged to his friends about queer hunting, was sentenced to 30 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine for shooting a man just because he was gay. The case was the first case in Smith County of the 1993 state hate crimes law. Assistant District Attorney great Greg Schumacher said a panel of 10 women and two men took three hours last Wednesday to sentence Billy Glen Adams, who must serve at least 15 years before he's eligible for parole. The interesting thing about this, besides the fact this person was convicted, is it has been widely argued by many people in the in the queer community that the current hate crimes laws have no value. And yet here is a case where this person did qualify for enhanced sentencing and got it. I've been spending a lot of time looking at hate crimes legislation around the country. And specifically, I've been reviewing the hate crimes law in Texas. And after a lot of really, very hard thought on this issue, I've come to think that maybe we're beating a dead horse on hate crimes. And that perhaps just perhaps, maybe we ought to turn our attention to other issues. I personally don't think a hate crimes enhancement law in Texas that has the word gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered can be passed, not anytime soon. In addition to that, after reading the current hate crimes bill, in seeing what has happened in Tyler, I'm not sure that any further enhancement is even necessary. Now, I know that runs contrary to a lot of popular thought. But I am backed up on this idea by no less a person who didn't reveal who was who thinks up. Wow. So we'll see. We'll say but I am not convinced that a hate crimes bill, a new hate crimes bill is what's needed. There are a lot of other things that we need to do. And that is going to be the point of our discussion tonight. And the discussion tonight is about what are the political needs of the transgender community. And before we get to a piece of music and bringing your guests I wanted to mention something just for a moment. I have started a drive to raise money in order to get D McKellar a headstone. Yes, yes. D McKellar eyes as many people if you're a regular listener to the show you already know. D McKellar was a national transgender leader. A good friend of the show Hmm, in my

personal best friend, and D passed away in September. Her family has not been able to or is not willing, apparently, I guess is more truthful to get a headstone for her. And I checked not long ago, and she still does not have one. And it doesn't seem right to me.



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It is not right. And D was not only a transgendered activist, but she crossed all law all lines.



S Sarah DePalma 25:29

If you were at the funeral, people of all stripes, you bet turned up for D. You bet. And so we received our first donation for that tonight. And so this drive is underway. We need to raise about \$500. Okay, and if I if we can raise, say 300 from the community, I'll put up the rest. So, there we have it. I wanted to mention that if you would like to talk to me about this. My email address is the letter R as an R for radio host HLS t@flash.net. Okay, very easy. You know, Jimmy's laughing if, if laughing with his name here, it's so it's radio host but we use letter R R hosted flash.net. And you



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know, how long behind the time I just got business cards. Computer internet or anything? It's



S Sarah DePalma 26:24

well, it's just it's, you know,



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the amazing in fact that I'm actually kind of proud because most of my co hosts are more well known than I am because they are on the net.



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Jimmy is on the internet, you can contact Jimmy with with the address on the internet. After hours K PF t.hotmail.com. Hotmail is H O T m a i l?



S Sarah DePalma 26:51

Hotmail, it sounds pornographic.



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I love it. However, it won't be you know, it will be given to me,

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Sarah DePalma 26:58

which may or may not occur knowing the way our mail system works here. That's right. Well,

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no, actually, it's it's it's Michelle's. Oh, Michelle.

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Sarah DePalma 27:08

Michelle will make sure you get it. Oh, yeah. Michelle will make sure you get it. I just wanted to mention that because it just really does not seem right to me that a person of the quality and character D McKellar is not even recognized with a headstone. Yeah. And just as a personal matter, I can't stomach that. So in any case, if you are able to contribute, please let me know. We all received our first contribution tonight. Oh, Chris, and And realistically, we need probably about \$500. So with that in mind, Jamie, what kind of music do you have queued up here and in which one because we switched seats while you were going? Oh, I

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know. I've got two things. One by a lesbian singer named Veronica Klaus or the group drag Cappella that song that

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Sarah DePalma 27:52

you like, Oh, okay. Which ones then is that in three? That's

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Jimmy Carper 27:56

the number three. Cool All right, and it's, I wish I wish you could know how it feels. I wish I could know how it feels to be free.

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Sarah DePalma 28:08

Okay, easy for him to say.

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Not really. But you aren't listening to it on after hours. We're radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke o s College Station

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Sarah DePalma 28:24

That is a gorgeous piece is another

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Jimmy Carper 28:26

beautiful piece of music. It's by the Kinsey six s i c k s. They've got like 18 songs on this album. It's for drag queens. And they that's the only serious piece on it. Everything else is a takeoff. They do a wonderful takeoff on the rose. Oh, yes. And it's great. It's quite interesting. But that I think that's just an absolutely beautiful song done very well.

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Sarah DePalma 28:54

I tell you what, that's that's the my kind of music. acapella musical was singing well, you know, I started out in the 50s listening to that kind of stuff. So anyway, long story. I'm just giving you my age. We have a a panel in studio tonight that I have invited to come in. And I'm also going to take a chance here we're going to try opening up the phones. Okay. What we're talking about tonight and let me swim back up. There are a couple of things involved in this. After a year and a half hiatus It's Time Texas is coming back because I think I told you audience before and I feel very differently about It's Time Texas this time than I did in the past. The biggest difference is that I'm not alone this time.

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I think that was your problem before you felt your you were alone and no one else wanted to get involved.

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Sarah DePalma 29:45

It was like taking on the Marines by yourself. Yeah. In and honestly there were some personal things near involved involved as well. But somebody asked me the other day why now Why bring it to them Texas bend

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now past couple of years, I as an outsider have seen a blossoming of transgendered political activism?

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Sarah DePalma 30:09

Well, it's partly that, but also it's something else. If you watch this past election, it's become very clear that there is going to be a very wide ranging conservative sweep in the state of

very clear that there is going to be a very wide ranging conservative sweep in the state of Texas. And notice I said conservative because this has nothing to do with being Republican or Democrat. This has to do with a philosophy. And I am very, very concerned with the rumbles that I am hearing coming out of various legislators. I've already seen one draft of a bill that, if passed, would deny gays and lesbians any child custody rights, and would threaten child custody rights and transgenders, who had their own children by illegal same sex marriage. I have seen some drafts of some other bills that are just equally as troubling. And I am very much afraid that we are going to be in a full defensive mode in this session. I think it is extremely unlikely that any bill that has the word gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered in it has a snowball's chance in hell. I also, unfortunately, do not believe that we can count on the Lesbian Gay rights lobby of Texas to help us grow or to protect us, right? They have never shown any inclination do it in the past. In fact, if anything they have shown me in the past, at least, they would sell us down the river for two cents in a smile.



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That's so embarrassing. That is to me.



Sarah DePalma 31:42

Well, but but we're not alone. There was an article that I brought in, we're going to discuss later in, in Washington blade, I did an interview with them, we want for the Washington blade. And it turns out that this is a very common thing in Maryland, is at a transgender exam. Jessica Xavier, thank you have it's time, Maryland, it's time Maryland is going to actively lobby against a hate crimes bill being sponsored by the gay lesbian group, because for the fifth time and relative left transgenders out of it. So it's not just Texas. And I hate to see that. But Jessica and I have had this discussion many times. And I promised her that if they if they do this, again, that they also they can count on my knee working against them in Texas, too, because we're through with that. I was mentioning earlier than in Louisiana, and Nancy sharp, has begun a boycott of the Human Rights Campaign, which has been widely supported by no less than the Mayor of New Orleans, brother. Because the HRC has not been transgender, inclusive and has refused to do so. So the reason that we're coming back very honestly, is if I am firmly convinced, if we do not speak up for us, no one will, we will have to simply sit back and take it. And I'm not willing to do that. If I have to go to Austin and testify in hearings, then sign me up honey, because I'm going and you know she'll do it. Yeah, but I'm not going to go alone. And I should never go alone. I am not the transgender community. I'm simply one person who is a member of it. Yes. And it's important that they know it. And so that's the reason we're bringing back It's Time Texas. Now, one other pieces that leads into this before we get into this discussion. About two years ago, we had the town hall meeting here in Houston, if you recall, yes. In de McKellar, Phyllis fry myself, Jane Ellen Fairfax of Triassic, and several other representatives from GCTC. And tats at the time, put together what was called the transgender caucus. And we put together what we thought would be the framework for local action here in the city of Houston for transgendered people. And it has sat there like a brick ever since. And I think maybe it's time we revive some of that. So I brought that along tonight. I have also been in last couple of days, I have been speaking with some people in San Francisco, about their experience in trying to get things done at the city and city level they're in have really picked up a world of information about what they learned to do and what not to do. And so all things

considered what this all points to is that it's time for transgenders to stand up and speak for themselves and not be dependent on anyone else. We have to do it ourselves. No one else will do it for us. Yeah,



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pretty much it. So it's a lesson we learned in the gay and lesbian community when you know we had friends at the table. Yeah, well, our friends, you know, not that they turned against us but they weren't exactly with us because they they weren't us.



S Sarah DePalma 35:00

My favorite definition of a liberal is liberal is person who leaves the room when the fight starts.



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There you go. There you go. And you have to have your own at the table.



S Sarah DePalma 35:11

Yes, exactly right. And so with that, let me go ahead and get these microphones opened up here. Can't tell if they're coming up or not. Jimmy's working on this. And I'm going to ask the panel to just introduce themselves. And we're gonna get this discussion underway. Now, let me go say also, I want to open up the phones on this tonight. And our number is very simple. It's five to four KPFT wrong. What is it?



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It's five to six to six.



S Sarah DePalma 35:39

I knew that. I you know, it's a full moon and I am off all night. I've been stealing Jimmy soda. And then he stole someone else's soda. Five to six. KPFT. Five to you know the number okay.



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S Sarah DePalma 35:55

going home. Okay, you know, you're right, Monique. I can't. Okay, who



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do we have in the studio? So



S Sarah DePalma 36:04

yeah, everybody go round. And hello,



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Houston, and Andy area. I'm



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Monica Roberts.



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Hello, this is Vanessa Edwards Foster. Katrina Rose. Hi, this is Lisa Haywood. Hi there. And this is my first time in the studio. I'm Julie.



S Sarah DePalma 36:21

Well, hi, everybody, welcome aboard. Let me start out, let me start out with a couple of things here. I told the audience that they are welcome to join in. And they are, but I want every but if you're if you call in, I want to be sure that we stick to the discussion tonight, which is going to be what are the trends? What are the needs, the political needs of the transgender community? Now, the reason that we're doing the show in Houston, I mean, besides Fun fact, KPFT is here. I brought a notepad with me tonight. And this is going to be the basis of a discussion that we're going to have in the next couple of weeks. And we are going to use this the basic outline and agenda for its time, Texas. Because it is absolutely true that Houston has a level of expertise that is not seen anywhere else in the state of Texas. You can go to Dallas, you can go in Fort Worth, you can go to Austin. No. Where will you find a level of expertise? And know how encouraging the transgender community like you find it in Houston? I think you're right. And I credit that to one person. Her name was Phyllis frog.



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You got it. She started it was fry has

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Sarah DePalma 37:33

been the teacher. Well now her grandchildren her children were which I consider myself one and grandchildren grandchildren are carrying on her legacy. And it is important that we not just allow it to get to fall away. And I think that that Houston is unique in this state. So that's why we're starting here. So with that in mind, let's start let me start at the beginning. There are a couple of things I wanted to bring up just right off the top. Katrina, you were telling me you wrote an article for the triangle about about what

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about what you were talking about earlier? The those transgendered sex workers?

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Yes, it was a great article with us.

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One of one of them, I believe it was the woman from New Jersey. Her situation is like many transgender people could get into just through no fault of their own. A lot of transgendered kids end up on the street initially because they get thrown out of their parents homes. This the information I got on the woman I believe her last name was Williams. She did she didn't start out that way. She I believe she was a native of Jamaica. And she was I believe a police officer there before immigrating to the United States and want to having a bank job here. But eventually lost that job and wound up on the street and eventually wound up dead wound. The the article I read as as research for my article didn't say specifically that she