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SPEAKERS

Sarah DePalma, Vanessa Edwards Foster, Roy, Michelle Meyers, Jimmy Carper



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To against either lesbian, gay people or transgendered. And but they do have a statement, it's kind of a very blanket statement that says we will not discriminate in the workplace. And when it comes down to the nuts and bolts of that, that might be the way that they'd like to implement it. But if it ever gets challenged, you know, who's the first one to go? But they wouldn't even listen to my case, because their first response was, Well, all of our employees are protected. I mean, it's right here in the policy, we don't discriminate against any employee, period, period. Any discussion? Yeah, yeah. And a discussion get in my office.



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Why isn't life that way?



Sarah DePalma 00:37

Well, that's how it's supposed to be



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well, but nonetheless, I mean, that may be what the policy is. But when it comes down to being challenged against it, I'm not so sure that would actually stand as such.



Sarah DePalma 00:49

Well, we have to wrap up the signal. I'm sorry, because you need to go ahead. Oh, well, you know, that's, that's a, that's great language to have. And that, you know, when you hear people talking about wanting to get rid of, you know, affirmative action, they always their rhetoric says

something like Beth just said, you know, we don't want to discriminate against anybody, right. But if you look at the laws that they want in place of affirmative action laws, that's not what they propose. They want to just get rid of everything with no language, protecting anybody. And that's, those are two different things. There is no language protecting anybody. That means that any boss could just decide, you know, I don't like your time, you're gone. I don't like your eye color. You're

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gone. I don't like that person you sleep with. You're gone.

V Vanessa Edwards Foster 01:36

I don't like your hairstyle.

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I don't like your necklace. Wasn't that the case? at Boeing?

S Sarah DePalma 01:42

There was the case Boeing, they fired the person for the necklace. Because it didn't it wasn't in the company standard.

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The rest policy. Yeah,

V Vanessa Edwards Foster 01:49

coming from Texas, I don't need a reason. It's just

S Sarah DePalma 01:54

Well, this has been very educational to me. I'm gonna have to definitely rethink rethink the strategy for its time, Texas after listening to this. Because I came into this, thinking that, you know, what we need to do is start winning some nuts and bolts victories here. And what I'm hearing is, well, yes, but as long as it's aimed at employment bottom line. And so that's interesting, I'll have everything you know, if we don't have jobs, we can't, there's no way to do anything. We're, what, as long as we have a job, we know where our next meal is coming from. And we can worry about the next. The next fight. If I'm worried about where my next meal is coming from. That's what I'm worried about. I said, I agree, Katrina, I just I wonder if people realize how big a fight they're there. They're getting into. And I wonder if they're really

prepared to make this a 20 year fight? Because that's what you're talking about. You're not we're not talking about victory, we're gonna win next week. We're talking about grassroots change, one to one is being suggested at the corporate level. We're talking about grassroots change one to one at the political level. We're talking about grassroots social change. We're talking about a 20 year project here. And I wonder if I mean, all of this is this. It's a grand strategy. And I agree up to the point that I wonder, are they really willing to take on this 20 year fight? Because that's what it's taking the gay community to get to where they are? In our, in our in our do we know this going in? Are we willing to accept that? Are we willing to pay that price? And I'll be very curious to find out whether we are we're not? Well, I mean, what's the alternative? standing pat? Oh, no, I didn't argue for that. Listen,



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I hope you learn from us from the from the gay and lesbian community because it's taken 20 years, one of the big problems has been all the damn infighting.



V Vanessa Edwards Foster 03:46

Exactly. That's something that we have been very cognizant of, and we're trying to rectify that as it is



S Sarah DePalma 03:51

we don't have to carpenter



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saris never known to be Can I buy your diet coke for that



S Sarah DePalma 04:02

one. So thank thank you all very, very much. This has really been a very, I've learned a lot and I'm gonna have to rethink all this. And once again, if you're interested in it's time, Texas, if you're interested in in learning more about about the organization, please contact me my email is our That's the letter, our host@flash.net Thank you all very much. It's really been very good.



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coming up right after the musical break will be the news. So get pencils and paper ready because there's a lot of stuff that they've got that you need to write down. And I've got a special song to wrap this up. It's I'll just let you just play it because it's, I mean, you just, you'll know when you hear it and it's perfect for this segment.



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Hello, and Welcome to KPFT news, right here on KPFT, Houston and ke O 's College Station. I'm Jimmy and I'm the producer. So I'm jumping in here first with something, a couple of things and I don't even have their mics on yet. I want to mention that Sarah was talking about a headstone for D. McKellar, and the Chairman of the Board of Q patrol called in and said that Q patrol will be contributing to this headstone because he was a member of Q patrol. And I imagine he would like all groups that he was involved in to do the same. A couple other personal things here. I want to say hello to William P. And that I got your letter and I'm working on it. I want to mention that Bill O'Rourke is still in Macbeth. He's got the lead role in Macbeth Macbeth at the harbour Playhouse in Dickinson that's on Highway three in Dickinson for tickets call 281-337-7469. And maybe tonight, I know I played it last week, but some really interesting music is coming out of a DI music, which originates in Warren, Texas box 92 77664. So if you were interested in some really off the wall, alternative music, write to them and get a little catalogue of the tapes available. And now finally,



Roy 06:42

the QM z is isn't the optimal alternative.



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Wow. You know, there's there's different alternatives. And di music is really, really really, really fun stuff. I opened up the bisexual segment last week with baby get naked. Yeah, GGC certainly appreciated that. I know she did. So finally, I'm turning it over to big Roy and Michelle, your weekly after hours news correspondents.



M Michelle Meyers 07:18

Good evening. Good evening. What do you have the ROI?



Roy 07:24

Okay, I got some exciting news to share with everyone tonight. Larry Lingle and the staff of our local bookshop cordially inviting you to join them in celebrating the grand opening of the local cafe. And that's going to happen this coming Monday at 6:30pm. And it's gonna go all the way up from 630 to nine. And city council person and East Parker will preside over the ribbon cutting ceremony. And they're also going to have complimentary fresh coffee and pastries free which is going to be served. And it's really going to be a great opportunity for us for people to meet our their council person at large. And he's Parker. And they also are inviting you and a guest to a special screening of lilies, which is going to be on the 19th at 7pm at the angelica center. Now you can get your pass at the local cafe and no purchase is necessary. It's just free. Now quantities are limited and will be on a first come first served basis. And wobbles bookshop and Cafe is located at 3939 Montrose Boulevard, just south of the intersection of Montrose and Alabama. Or if you wish you can call them at 713-522-5156. That's 713-522-5156.

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Michelle Meyers 08:54

Yeah, sounds like a great thing to go through.

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Roy 08:56

Oh, also Global's is open Monday through Friday, from 9am to midnight, and on Saturdays and Sundays from 7am to midnight.

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Michelle Meyers 09:04

Lots of hours, lots of time to get there. But make sure you do go. While before I go into my next piece, I just wanted to congratulate the twin. It's been in publication for 24 years. And I'd like to acknowledge that a lot of the information that we get here and a lot of the things that we talk about here do come out of the tweet one of the good publications in this area. Absolutely

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Jimmy Carper 09:29

the switchboard two gets a lot of information from the twit and the voice that because the twit has lots of numbers that you need numbers for clubs. Oh, yeah, numbers for organizations right there in the back all lists that it's very, very handy. And

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Roy 09:46

what's so nice is that if you're going to travel within the state of Texas, they have numbers for clubs and organizations write businesses all over all throughout the

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Michelle Meyers 09:55

entire state. I think it's a it's a great publication and I O always pick up to every week. Oh, and now for that, for a piece of news from the Houston area that community center has signed, at least, that's the Houston lesbian and gay community center has signed a lease for the property that's located at 803 Hawthorne. And this is going to be the site of their first permanent home. That community is being asked to assist in the development of the center through volunteering, or by providing financial support. And Volunteering is a great way to give back to the community and that there is nothing more valuable than your time, really. And when you give your time you're given your life. I'm very excited

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about it, because it's the site of the old Montrose clinic. So for the old timers around here, they know exactly where it is. It's on the corner of Hawthorne and Stan Stanford. Yes, yeah. It's It's looks it's an old house.



Michelle Meyers 11:04

Yeah. And it's, it's a great piece of property and a great addition to the community. The



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switchboard will, will more than likely be housed there. We're in negotiation right now for moving the switchboard into this location. And I'm very excited about cool as a member of



Michelle Meyers 11:23

the switchboard. Yeah. Any organization or business interested in either having an office space, they're a meeting place for regular meetings or for special events. I should contact the programming chair, Kevin Davidson, and Kevin can be reached at 713-867-7904. That's 713-867-7904.



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Well, he's certainly a busy boy, because he just put together a video for access Houston, about gay and lesbian people on the cape on the internet. Oh, wow. And what's available for queers on the internet.



Roy 12:04

Oh, talking about access Houston. I do want to mention everyone plays remember if you have Warner Cable, watch TV, Montrose. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, at eight o'clock on channel 54.



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I missed it. All it was. I missed it because I wanted I had wanted to tape every single episode.



Roy 12:28

And this week, they had a very good I had a very good in depth interview with a nice Parker. Oh, yes. Oh, and it was it was really fabulous. She was talking about a lot of these \$3,000 condos that are going up in the community. A lot of month old time mon cozy ins like myself. Well, we don't are not all that happy about



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that. You know, it's changed and we're never happy with change. But I think that the thing that that strikes me the most is that it's so concentrated that tearing down a one family structure and putting three or four family structures on the on the same property is just really cramming. Well,

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Roy 13:22

a nice did bring out that these builders do have to be a little bit more aware of the community. And talking about oh, I do want to make before going to my next thing I do want to mention that the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston is continuing its season of travel with the city of love. And that's a whirlwind excursion into the passion and romance from historic Lambert Hall in the heist, and solos and small ensembles and the full course will take turns, turns guiding the tour through the monuments of love, emotion, physical attraction, passion for freedom and heritage and devotion to the eternal. And it's for French and Italian romantic and Renaissance selections. They're also going to have a set of African American spirituals. And they're also going to have the world premiere. I want to remind you of new work by Houston composer, John Michael Albert. Oh yeah. And he's commissioned by David Weber, and the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston. And he's going to be doing the familiar shadow that's the world premiere the familiar shadow and celebrates a grandfather's mystical and steadfast love. Now showtimes are at 8pm. Saturday, the 28th of March and Sunday at 7pm and Lambert Hall is located on heights Boulevard at 17 Street. Digital street side parking is available on heights Boulevard. And tickets are available at global and crossroad market in Houston. For more more information call 713521 Sing that's 713-521-7464

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you don't want to miss that that's very young gay men scores and they are good.

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Michelle Meyers 15:15

For the transgender community, I'd like to mention that the next meeting for the Texas Association for transsexual support will be on March 27. At 7pm at Vanessa's. For more information. Vanessa was just on here. Yes. For more information, call area code 713-827-5913. That's 8275913. The next meeting for the Gulf Coast transgender community is Saturday April 12. At 7pm. On the Gulf Coast transgender community will also have a screening and discussion group meeting between seven and 8:30pm. This Thursday, that's March 19. This Thursday at chances change this is located at Westheimer Anwar drive for more information call area code 713780 GCTC. That's 7804282. In addition, not to mention that the helping crossdressers anonymous meet every Tuesday, that's every Tuesday from seven to 9pm at Suzanne Anderson's just come and come and join and that is a Suzanne Anderson's is located at 239 Westheimer. So that's the the meetings for the transgender groups.

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Roy 16:31

Okay. Want to mention that the Board of Directors of the nonprofit aids Housing Coalition of Houston, has announced that it will renovate an apartment complex in the southeast area of

the city and operated as a shelter for men, women and children in minority communities. And the agency is asking for volunteers and financial assistance to help in the effort. Now this place is going to be located at 28 8288 south and Old Spanish Trail. And the facility will be called the TLC center apartments. I guess that means tender love and care. And the agency is asking for volunteers to help in restoring the complex and to make it ready for the residents. And they're going to have a fix it up 98 Next Saturday, and it's going to be at that event is going to be at 6207 Tear Western. That'd be 6207. Tear Westar from 8am to 4pm. And bring any gardening tools, donated flowers, shrubbery, and other items that might help and efforts to spruce up that complex. Now the wish list for donations include paint, a sturdy picnic table and a swing set, as well as appliances, such as refrigerators, stoves, and TVs, also, of interest to local artists is a 60 foot wall facing the street that is available for a mural project. And cash donations are always welcomed and kept contributions will be tax deductible. For more information, go ahead and call at 713-521-1613. That's 713-521-1613.

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Michelle Meyers 18:31

Okay, do you want to mentioned this thing about the coalition also go right on

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Roy 18:37

into that and the people with AIDS coalition is asking for donations of used furniture and household items for distribution through its warehouse program.

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I mean, and you know, your people buy furniture, replace furniture all the time. And this is a wonderful place for your old furniture retailer that still has life left into it.

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Roy 19:01

And you know, the PWA they have a clients List of 700 people, and it's signing up around 60 new clients each month. It's

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incredible, just incredible. And these are folks that need help, like don't have insurance or are like broke or on SSI very limited income

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Michelle Meyers 19:21

that they really

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Roy 19:22

need. Donations are distributed. I want to know I want you all to know they are distributed free of charge to eligible clients in the program. And they are a 501 C three nonprofit organization and they provide donors with tax receipts. If they want to take tax deductions and if you want to make that as a tax deduction, you need those tax receipts. And they also little things like dishes they generally have though right now they're very short even on those so dishes you know are fine flatware, pots pans, small appliance Has sheets and towels are also in short supply as our furniture items like dressers, tables, chairs, lamps, donations may be dropped off at the main offices of the PWA at 3400, Montrose suite 106. That's right there right across the street from Kroger's at the corner of Montrose in Hawthorne. And office hours are Monday through Friday, from 8am to 5pm. And staffers can also pick up donated items, you know, particularly furniture, so you don't have to worry about lugging that old culture around

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that they can pick it up for you. Hmm. Right. Now, you know, if you have clothing, there's another place you can donate your used clothing. And that's at the community resale shop that's at Richmond at Jack street that's like the about the 300 block of Richmond, it's right there close to the to the freeway entrance. And they provide people with from the from AIDS Foundation Houston with a certain amount of free stuff per month. So if you're with Aid Foundation, Houston, you can get a chip saying, you know, you can get 20 bucks worth of stuff at the community resale shop and that and they deal mostly in clothing. I we've talked about them before because when it gets cold, yes. Yeah. Because over coats and sweaters and all of that. Well, let

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Roy 21:31

me give this number out. So that these people can schedule pick up with their furniture, oh, yeah, they need to call Donna Lomeli. And she's the program director call her at 713-522-5428 that 713-522-5428. Now, these people just don't have the money to buy this stuff. They're poor, and they live on disability, right? between four to \$500 a month. Not even enough for two weeks. Now. We need your help. And really, people are living longer now. And so they need this help. And they need to have a sustained, you know, to be able to live in decency.

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Michelle Meyers 22:18

Let me mention a couple items real quick aware or spectrum. Oh, yeah. That's the Southwestern Bell corporate group for gay and lesbian employees is having their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 17, from six to 8pm. For more information, call area code 713-235-7929. That's 23579 to nine. I'd also like to mention that there's the 10th annual Houston Conference on Aging in America. And I had a date on that. And I've lost my date. When it's

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while you're finding your date. I want to remind people to listen to the sister gay and lesbian shows which is lesbian and gay voices, which is heard every Thursday night at seven o'clock right here on KPFT Houston. And the a spot which is heard every Wednesday afternoon

right here on KPFT, Houston. And the G spot, which is heard every Wednesday afternoon between four and five on Kiss radio 98.5 FM, or it's also on one Oh 3.3.

R Roy 23:31

Right. Well, okay, what's a couple of weeks? They're on? They're on spring break.

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Oh, no. I don't know. I didn't know that. Right. I mean, I can't listen. I can't listen to DVD or military man.

R Roy 23:43

Or sweet pea. No, no, not. Well, military man is oh, he's got another earlier.

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Oh, okay. Daily Show. But But David D is too much. She really she and her friends just dish each other. So keep that in mind. G spot?

M Michelle Meyers 23:59

Yeah. I don't have the date. I didn't put it down. I'm sorry. I just like to mention, we mentioned a few things last week. And I'd like to give the numbers again, there are several scholarships available. One is the uncommon legacy. deadline for submissions. And this is for this is for the lesbian community, and the deadline for submission for the scholarships for high school students is May 15 1998. For more information call 713-529-4426. Also the Houston area 10 Coalition for homosexual hat, which is hatch and PFLAG. They have a deadline for application of April 1 for applique applications and those applications can be sent to PFLAG at Post Office Box 53796 Houston, Texas 77052 Okay. So I just thought I'd mention those again because we did them last week, but we did them very rushed. Okay, we

R Roy 25:07

want to thank you all for listening to the after hours news this week with Michelle and I'm big Roy, and we're looking forward to hearing from you all next week. And Michelle, will you give us our email address one more time?

M Michelle Meyers 25:20

Yes. Courtesy of Chris which is correct. And Jimmy I didn't do this. Oh, Christy. Oh, can you use the credit because he did a good job. Putting this email together after hours kpft@hotmail.com That's after hours KPFT Hotmail is spelled H O T m a i l . c o m . Not m a l . So I'd like to say

THAT'S AFTER HOURS. KUT HOUSTON IS SPENDER TO KPFT. I'M A FREELANCE HOST AND I'D SO TALKING TO SAY GOODNIGHT, EVERYBODY, AND THANK YOU.



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Thank you. We'll see you next week.



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Activist filmmaker and author Michael Moore takes it to corporate America one more time on Wednesday, March 18. When he arrives in Houston for a benefit premiere of his new film, the big one. The reception starts at 6:30pm and will be held along with the movie at the landmark Greenway theatre. Proceeds benefit the Houston living wage came a grassroots coalition attempting to make our public money a working families a living wage. Tickets can be purchased at the AFL CIO at 2506 Sutherland and are at the hot bagel shop 2009 South Shepherd. For more information or to order tickets, call 713-868-7015. Again, that's 713-868-7015.



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I'm Deborah bird for earth and sky this week, the coming of spring in the northern hemisphere with this week's Equinox. I'm Joel block a listener asks If cats can see in total darkness, equinoxes and cat's eyes this week on earth and sky weekday mornings at 6:20am right here on KPFT 90.1 FM



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and you're listening to after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O 's college station that's 90.1 and 89.1 respectively. I'm Jimmy Carper. And Sarah dipalma is here. What are we doing for this last hour?



S Sarah DePalma 27:50

Actually, I'm going to continue with the general discussion. But I brought in some materials that



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nobody's here to do the they all left. Now general discussion actually,



S Sarah DePalma 27:59

I'm going to pick up on some stuff that was done both locally and nationally. Oh, okay. And talk about some of that. And also, I've got some other news that I want to talk about too. And I wanted to go back to something that I started out with the show talking about, and that is

what's going on in Louisiana right now between it's time Louisiana in the Human Rights Campaign.



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Oh god, what's happening there? Same thing, stuff that's happening like here between



Sarah DePalma 28:26

no this is actually this is where I'm gonna go ahead and read you this and then I'm going to give you some of the background on this. Okay. The human rights campaigns, non inclusion of bisexuals and transgenders in its mission statement has led to a full scale boycott of this year's New Orleans dinner weekend in May. This action threatens to cut last year's \$90,000 Gross, the New Orleans HRC dinner committee reportedly set a net of 60,000 to the national AI organization in 1997. This group hopes to cut that by \$30,000 So that was



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Sarah DePalma 29:09

targeting HRC No, no, no, I



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mean, because HRC is specifically cutting out bisexuals, transgender when



Sarah DePalma 29:18

you read their mission statement, their their words bisexual and transgender do not appear. Whoa, it is specifically gay and lesbian.



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We know gay and lesbians has been kind of carrying bisexuals even though there's not really a organized bisexual group.



Sarah DePalma 29:35

Well, I wouldn't advocate dropping either no but no,



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because when you get right down to it, there's probably two or three times the amount of bisexuals as they were gay and lesbian. The Human



S Sarah DePalma 29:47

Rights said their human rights campaign webpage and you want to check it says the Human Rights Campaign envisions an America where lesbian and gay people are unsure to their basic equal rights and can Be open, honest and Safe at Home and working in the community. Notice the two words missing in there. Yes, this actually started last year as dinner. What started was happening was that Nancy Sharpe sat down and had a one on one discussion with Elizabeth Burch, who is the director of the Human Rights Campaign. And Elizabeth birch told her that they were actually going to make an effort to try and get transgendered included in one way or another. I remember that she then stood up and gave a speech in which the word T the transgender word didn't exist once right. It's sharp. You've met Nancy. Nancy, He's not the type to sit around and take that lightly. Oh, no. And so there has been ongoing discussion between Nancy sharp, it's time America and HRC for the last year. In in essence, you can boil it all down to the HRC is just stonewalling. I in what in they are afraid of losing monetary support? What a term stonewalling? Yeah, I was it was quite intentional. And they are they are afraid of losing money if they put the word transgender in their mission statement.



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You know, that is the same reasoning. As the gays and lesbians who wear suits and ties and dresses, not wanting the drag queens and the leather folks,



S Sarah DePalma 31:25

what do you think the HRC gets its money? It's from exactly that contingent. Why do you think the HRC has three times the money the end? gITF does. It's that that money buys now that what has happened is the the transgender groups around the country which Louisiana's leading the way on this has said, Well, if you're worried about losing money, because you include us, how about if we guarantee you lose money? If you don't? There you go. And Nancy sharp and I have been discussing this now for a couple of months on and off. So I mean, I knew this was coming. And you've heard me advocate this strategy before. Oh, yeah. So this is not new. This is This is Sarah talking to them for all along if you look, you know, if you do this, we'll back it. Well, they're doing it. And I am certainly going to do everything I can in Texas to get the Texas groups to back it. And I'm going to advocating that we state your own boycott of the HRC. Here in Texas, you bet because they have a black tie dinner coming up in Dallas in a few months. I would like to be there. And you know what, I probably will be there.



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But that isn't you you will but yes, indeed.

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Sarah DePalma 32:31

And that's what's going on. But what's interesting more about this is that for prior HRC award winners, including John Stuart Butler, Jim Kellogg, who just happens to be the mayor of New Orleans. Charlene Schneider and skip Ward are in support of the boycott. Wow. HRC, dinner committee members, and so and so and so and so resigned from the committees. So here's a case now where you've got gay people in New Orleans, saying not having transgenders included, is a crime. Well, of course, and actually, according to the New Orleans city charter, it is.

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So they're splitting themselves.

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Sarah DePalma 33:13

Yeah. So Exactly. Right. And this is, you know, and so, it turns out there if you're familiar with with New Orleans, and then you know, they have what they call crews. Okay, and apparently several crews are going to support this Whoa. And in the court of the, whatever their their offer is over the around Orland Park system over there, he's going to jump in and support it good. And now,

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ambush don't make those folks bring in lots of money.

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Sarah DePalma 33:41

That's right. And ambush magazine, which is a statewide publication, similar to outsmart is backing the boycott, and is taking it to the web. Wow. So it looks like things are finally going to start to come to a head between the gay and lesbian groups in transgender. It's It's unfortunate, but this has been coming to you. I

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know it. I know it. And like I said I talked about before the infighting just drives me crazy. But you know, it's like, I don't know if the 70s were the lesbians had to do things there one way or one way only and and now the 90s are who really is a member of the community. Well, I've

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Sarah DePalma 34:27

never understood this lesbian versus gay woman thing. I always thought that was idiocy,

anyhow. But this is one of the few times where I am firmly on the side of Ricky Wilkins on this issue, because we're both advocating the same strategy, which is enough is enough. Yes, yes. Very rarely will you ever hear on this show that I say the Ricky Wilson's, let's go out tell me but, but what's happening is the national leadership is coalescing on this issue, and therefore a boycott. And so it looks like what's going to happen is transgender communities can until the HRC put up or



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shut up. And yeah, and that's the way it should be.



S Sarah DePalma 35:05

Yeah. And this really came to a head after the National Gay Lesbian taskforce included transgender, right? Because then we turned to the HRC and said, Your excuses have run out. And then we started getting new and different excuses. And it was at that point, we said, Nope, won't work. Sorry. We're through. So I am certainly going to advocate that we here in Texas support that. And we'll actually work to arrange a boycott of the HRC here in Texas.



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Larry called in from Spring branch to say that we do have an established by group it's called BiNet and it's been on your show for years now. Yes, we know that. But BiNet is intact and Houston anyway is purely a social group.



S Sarah DePalma 35:49

They are part of gender pack, however, BiNet national bilat is probably



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isn't as gender packed. But yeah, Houston, it's purely a social and I was referring to a bisexual group in the, in the political vein. Yeah, at that point.



S Sarah DePalma 36:05

Yeah. And he's quite right in that respect in the National Organization of BiNet, is in fact a member of gender Packer. I think



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there's more transgenders coming out of the closet than bisexuals because many bisexuals are married and have children and are so afraid if they come out of the closet, they will lose their

children.

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Sarah DePalma 36:24

Well, and you and you heard the reason for that in this group a few minutes ago. Yeah, employment. That's right there the perception and the belief is it's by the way, the happens to be incorrect. But the perception in the gay in the transgender community is the HRC kept us out of ENDA. And carry Labelle of the gITF has come forward to say, well, that's not true. And I have heard from other people, also, that is not true. So if you're all sitting out there blaming HRC for the fact we're not ended, it's not so however, if you want to jump on the HRC, because they can't find the courage to fund to other words bisexual and transgendered. You're well within your rights. Yeah. And so that's going to be that's, that's coming up. Anyway, I just thought I would mention that. And I think she has. Michelle wanted to make an announcement

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here. Okay. Which got?

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Michelle Meyers 37:17

Well, what I have is for the gender community, there's a thing called transgender fest. And this is going to be at divers works. Oh, good. Between April 3 and April 5. Yes, yes. Yes, that week. And Sunday, let me tell you what it is. On Friday, April 3 at 8pm. Lauren Cameron is going to be and he said he's the author and photographer for body alchemy. Oh, my, gonna come in the best book in years. It's intimate portraits of female to male transsexuals by Lauren Cameron, who invites everyone to come and share this transformational rite of passage, that is a slideshow and a dialogue presentation. And that's going to be on Friday, April 3 at 8pm \$10 General Admission \$8 for students and seniors and \$7. Remember, I'll give you the phone number. At the end. On Saturday, April 4, at 8pm. It's going to be the 12 minute max and 12 minute max, our 612 minute pieces from people within the transgender community, including performance, new writing and videos challenging the boundaries of gender. So that's going to be Saturday, April 4 at 8pm \$12 General Admission \$10 for students \$8 For members good on Sunday, a film and the film is entitled you don't know dick.

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Sarah DePalma 38:55

I'm not touching that line. Oh, I

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Michelle Meyers 38:57

made a mistake by reading it. When I when I first read it, I really made a mistake.

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I see.

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Michelle Meyers 39:05

So you don't know Dec 75 minute feature length documentary about women who have chosen to change their gender and become men. These men have embarked upon an enormous struggle to recover dignity and an identity denied them. And it's the winner of the Best Documentary Award and the 1997 New England Film Festival and video festival. And that one is \$6 General Admission five Bellis students and seniors \$3 for members. Now the phone number for divers works to make reservations 24 hours a day. Wow. So you can call me code 713-228-0914 That's 2280914 And I like to also mention that that whole thing, gender fest the three days was put together By the curator are curated by and put together by the artist advisory board member, Laura Kellner, and Laura has been on the show. She sat right here about five months ago. Oh, I can't give you the date. Sorry, Jimmy.

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I can't tell you they're surprised at that.

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Michelle Meyers 40:24

I should have prepared. So Laura is the one who's put this together. That's great. You get a three day pass for \$20. Yeah. Because I really recommend that when she was

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talking about this was going to occur. And we were really excited about finding out more about it.

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Michelle Meyers 40:37

Yeah. So remember, eight o'clock on Friday, eight o'clock on Saturday, seven o'clock on Sunday. You get to see, Lauren Cameron, you get to see 12 minute max. Oh, and Danielle is going to do one of the pieces. So that will be fun. And then on Sunday, you're gonna see the

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high definition.

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Sarah DePalma 40:56

Like for sure. Yes. Yeah, like really? Yeah.

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Michelle Meyers 41:02

Yeah, the thing that I bought a book, I bought the body alchemy, me too. And every four weeks, I get to touch that book for about three seconds as it's going from one of the F to M. M taps to one of the other F two M's in tax. So I haven't actually been able to read it in about three months. It's making its rounds around,

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you can come by my place. And oh, well, yes.

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Michelle Meyers 41:32

So I just wanted everybody to know, plan on the week of April 3, through the days of April three, four and five. Great stuff.

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Good. Speaking of economics, and the transgender community. You know, we have a thing here on after hours to support our own right, are gay and lesbian bisexual businesses. And we should do that also. Not as an advertisement, but as a PSA for transgendered businesses. And one of them is just in time delivery service. Yes, it certainly is. Yes. And those folks owned and operated by transgendered folks.

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Sarah DePalma 42:21

Transgender people. That's right.

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So if you have any delivery needs, remember just in time, look it up.

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Sarah DePalma 42:30

In they are in fine people. They are Yes. They are not hard to look at either. Ooh, tell. I brought in some stuff from the human rights. This is the report by the Human Rights Commission of the city and county of San Francisco. When I started this discussion today, and tonight about its time, Texas, these were some of the things I was kind of surprised to hear there was interesting, but not a lot of not wanting to go over some of these things. Because I admit I'm I was very surprised by what I heard tonight. Here, these are some of the recommendations for let me back up. Okay. There were a series of hearings that were held in San Francisco. And this This was leading up to transgender inclusion in protection for cities in City and County, San Francisco. And various hearings were held and one of the people that was involved with that

was a woman named Susan Stryker. Susan Stryker, one time was on the police. She was on the board of directors of the Transgender Law conference. I could be wrong, but I believe she was one of the original board members. And Susan Stryker was known nationally and working on behalf of VA legal issues specifically. And she helped to get this put together. And these are some of the recommendations they got made. And I thought they'd be worth discussing because of the sort of things that I would like to see happen in Houston. Okay. On the first thing that they talked about was setting up a liaison between the transgender community and the police department. Yes, to make sure that if point transgendered people were arrested, that they were treated properly, that officers were trained in using the proper