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home but how hard is man? Gotta keep on keepin on

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Yo 90.1 kpsc you believe in yourself and that makes the day so much don't crazy freestyle. Man I just fluctuated all kinds of styles, ended it out with a dub so, so definitely tune in next week we're here with you every Saturday night from nine to midnight here at KPFT. And you can read us on the web at solaar groups.com. So you ll er.com. And you know, you want to say anything before we get up. Just

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want to mention that it is going down tonight over at 20 2401 San Jacinto a huge burn. If you're not doing anything, go check that out. Tomorrow night, Goldie will be at the same place 2401 San Jacinto. See September 25, Eddie.

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Eddie Amador, Eddie, is

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going to be at a 24 one also. So, you got to stay tuned and make sure you go do something tonight if you can, or you know, have a good day tomorrow. Have a good week. Definitely.

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And we'll be with you again next Saturday. And you can check us out every Monday night at Brazil cafe at the corner I've done late in West summer. As a matter of fact, they're tuned in right now. So if you're out cruising around when to do just go ahead and pop in and say what's up. Nice coffee, nice foods, eats drinks everything, so deftly want to give a shout out. So definitely go on the web solo groups.com And until next week, behalf of myself DJ Asuma. Mr. Grinch, DJ son, Andy JP, signing out.

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That's 401 San Jacinto. They haven't been to that place yet. No,

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it's 20 4010 and baby Aiden in the hole.



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That's the one approved. Right? Yeah. Used to be Richard. Yeah.



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So some of those folks may not recognize the address. Yeah,



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remember the name Richard. Yeah. Exactly. The old riches. Okay.



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Remember that and everybody over there aren't and Diane. You've been in listening. Until next week, and then 90.1 KPFK Pacifica radio



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at Gen three on a Tuesday morning in the fall American dream man is doing what he knows is right on flight 93 Love this mom and I love this dad loved his home and he loved but on the blended Tuesday moment he died now you can not



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know he could not marry what teach your children in school because he wants to love is breaking God's Tuesday



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was great



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and without a doubt 100 lives must have seen



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all right



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stand up America hear the bell now as a wake up America is today's demand come on let's roll.



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Thinking about the ones who be coming



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home all along And the family and won't be coming tonight wish



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J Jimmy Carper 34:03

oh yes you've tuned into after hours queer radio with attitude right here on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. The crew of after hours is ready to bring you news interviews, dialogue and music geared for gay lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people and their friends. Hear it after hours. We may be diverse, but we have one thing in common. We are all out of the closet and urge everyone to come out of their 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. Hello, you, Stan and Galveston in the world. And welcome to the September 11th 2004 edition of after hours, queer radio with attitude. I'm Jimmy Carper, I'll be your co executive producer for the evening.



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And I'm Chris Harrison. The



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other one. Yes. And welcome back from New York asked, and



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I'm wondering why I'm back. You



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must have had a very, very good time that convergence. Yes,



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very good time. And I've already put in my my plans there for next year. So hopefully, I'll be able to call in from the next one. Because that's gonna be all speed during southern

decadence. Oh, that

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would be nice.

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I'll be going around going, Oh, my God, you won't believe what they're doing in the streets.

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And I'll say oh, yeah, yeah,

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I have never done that have the scrapes on the knees to prove him? Yep. Hey,

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the way we wanted to, I want to tell you a little bit about the music that you heard in the beginning, because of course, this is Saturday, September the 11th 2004, three year anniversary of the tragedy of the World Trade Center. And the music that I played. The first one was Melissa Etheridge. And it was called Tuesday morning from her new lucky CD. And it's talking about Mark Bingham. On the plane that went down in Pennsylvania. Yes, flight 93. Right. And to remind folks that there were a lot of people in the world trade center that were killed, and many of them were GLBT people.

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The number one casualty of September 11. Was Reverend Michael judge? That's right. Who was the gay chaplain for the fire to for fire department? Yes. And he was when they triaged everyone, he was listed as number one. And firefighters said that he was leading them on to the onto the next place. Yeah. The second

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one was from the best of make a Christian, it's called the ones who aren't here, that a song was written primarily about people afraid to come out of the closet. But it's, it's been used over the years for people who just aren't here anymore. used a lot for all the funerals that we've had to attend for a patient's and I thought that was it was a very apropos one for this evening. And



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later on, we do the round table, we're going to talk a little bit about that. Because, you know, a couple of days ago, I was there at Ground Zero, she



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were and I want to hear all about and we're gonna talk about that later on. Coming up tonight is of course, transgender night, Sara dipalma is here. And she's gonna talk about transgender marriage, and some of the ins and outs and you know, folks, transgender marriage has been around a long time. And it was 10 years ago that Sarah talked about, if you ever want gay marriage come through us, because we have it already established. So we're going to hear more about that. That's my



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first marriage ceremony ever went to in the GLBT. Community? What was a transgender couple?



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Wow. A bit. I know who it was.



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Possibly. But you know, I mean, that was, that was a very beautiful, small ceremony at the house. But it was, you know, it was a nice thing to go and see and be a part of be invited to Yes, on that.



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The second half of the show is Hispanic night with Francisco Sanchez. And following



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that, the round table, there we go. And the meantime, I'm going to try and find out what all these people said about me while I was gone, Oh,



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we didn't say anything, then. Of course, because we knew that you'd be able to be able to listen in and find out about it. Anyway, some of the things going on tonight or today or tomorrow or next week in queer community. Just a few. I've been remiss, I don't have a court

report tonight. Damn it. I couldn't find the paperwork. If you saw my office, you'd understand anyway, the misfits ball six, locked down in the stockade is happening today. Sunday, Sunday, Sunday. Yes, Sunday. Well, it will be Sunday when you wake up and Yeah, it's this is a really big deal for the weather crowd. This is one of the big events of the year. It's happening at rehab 709 Franklin from five to 9pm Yes it's early in the evening but that just get you started for the rest of the night if if I

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remember that's a quite a busy night for a lot of different clubs. It is there's a lot of events going on there

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are but this is probably the biggest biggest Houston that you are hereby notified to report for active duty buy the misfits proceeds benefit the Colt 45 AIDS trouble fund and paws pets are wonderful support. There is admittance slash parking of \$10 minimum donation street parking and paid lots. There's the cash bar drink specials 5050 raffle music by good ol Houston DJ are an old induction haircuts will be given by Matt Right? Dress code is uniforms a leather or ribeye. If you want some more information, w e cubed, misfits Houston dot O R G. Then another celebration coming up September the 18th is the Houston area bears will celebrate their 10th anniversary at Mary's naturally you bet. And all kinds of hideous things will be happening there too. Including their infamous jello shots. There's going to be some bear contests for barware anywhere or bear as you dare Hmm,

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that's the ar e. Yeah. Not not come as far as you can. No,

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no, Well, turns out that for you. Anyway, next coming out in this camp America Foundation has an event on September the 18th also called come celebrate with MCA as our new and exciting future that's happening 730 to 1030 at the 1415 California Bar and Grill and there is no cost to attend. And but we would like to have reserved seating if you would like it. It's there is a charge for that. And you can contact Steve Carbone at 281-660-9182 to arrange it so that again, come celebrate with MCA F new and exciting future 1415 California Bar and Grill 730 to 1030 on the 18th and see Mr. BRB 2003 Cliff Coker presents the eye of an eagle in honor of the holly pickle, Count 19 Mr. outpost Oh 304 Jerry Chandler good fellow. Mr. BRB 2003 inside Koch sidekick Well, I don't know. Well, I don't know if she drinks coke or not. Fiona Woodcock are back show starts at 8pm on Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, September the 26th. Is the BRB Yes, show time will start promptly at eight p m, this is not dragged out money, but there will be dragged live talents and dancing special appearances by the rainbow Wranglers, Kimberly Coker, Fiona Woodcock candy St. James and more proceeds will benefit the Colts 45 H trouble Fund and the rainbow wranglers will have a 5050 door, raffle at the door and something that's going on that every every Sunday, the Baron Baron aka K Montana AKG K shorty debris is starting a new

fundraiser every Saturday night Oh Saturday night at 8pm until closing she will split her tips on the back bar the patio tip the patio bar for with a different charity charity for a month with a different one every month this month see cheese Joe just chosen PWA camp out. So every Saturday night eight till closing go switch bar at Mary's naturally. Yeah, so many



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of the bars here have a back patio. Oh that's kind of it's kind of like okay,



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you have some things



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that's I'm here. The Montreux soccer club has a spot open spots on men's team for the Gay Games 2006 that were taking place in Chicago, Illinois. The men's team will compete against teams from all over the world. If you have played soccer before have basic skills and knowledge of the rules of the game. Come and play with them. Signup is first come first serve and you can sign up at any practice. They practice on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. For more information go to their website at geo cities.com A slash Montreux, soccer or email to Montreux soccer@yahoo.com Montreux, soccer is one word gay game Chicago you can go to their website it's Gay Games Chicago dot O R G. Or for more information on gay soccer organizations check out the international gay lesbian football association@www.ig LFA dot o RG the 10th annual women's Houston women's festival takes place on Saturday October 2 at the festival will introduce up and coming musical artists and feature established artists who have made successful appearances in the years past. Those making the festival debut include Eileen faxes television reporter and singer songwriter. That's the troubleshooter for channel 11. I'm Katie rider from Ohio, Michelle Mayfield, from Austin and Ellis from Minneapolis. Returning artists include Halcyon and energetic duo from Florida.



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Sure he goes Raizy the award winning Ireland I love those women. Ruthie



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froster, a powerful singer songwriter from Texas certainly is and Nina camps with her attractive progressive Latin sound between the mainstage such noteworthy artists as Sarah golden oh yeah Houston zone. In addition to music, there will be visual art exhibitions where professional artists will display their work crass women, community groups, sports leagues, importers, henna tattoo artists. The list goes on which you can get cool. The festival is Saturday, October 2, from noon to 10pm at Jones Plaza downtown, as between Jones Hall and alley Theatre and the angelica theater. Tickets are \$12 in advance 15 at the gate, student tickets are \$10 at the gate okay for directions or information go to HW festival dot o RG and let's



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hope they have better weather than they did last year because it rained it didn't rain them out. But it rained anyway. So that did put a damper on things.



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But come on the women's festival. The Lesbian spirit should have been flowing through to counteract the rain



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one would think



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but that's beginning October and was far here. The Texas radical fat fairy gathering November 11 through the 14th at High Rock ranch for its spirit Alliance. Come one come all to the Texas radical fairy gathering, join for a festival and meet fairies from all over Texas. The radical fairy gathering features heart circles, drum circles, path to the fairy kingdom, and much more. Bring your fabulous outfits fairy dust and fairy wings as we celebrate our gay male energy and you bet the radical fairy gathering as a community event and I love community participation. If you're interested in doing a workshop or leading a heart circle, contact GG at pi house at Houston dot r r.com. Tickets are 35 and can be available at the gate or through PayPal.



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Oh that's nice.



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For tickets or directions go to [http colon slash lash](http://lash.org).



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Six 5.10 9.17 6.127 Goodness, that's the IP address rather good rather than paying the \$10 have a word that have the trademark. That's the actual number. And last thing I've got here is very good friends Knock Knock Who's their musical? September 30, October 1 and October 2, all at 8pm. And it's overbearing United Methodist Church at 1440. Harold Street. For more information you can go to call 713-526-1017 or check out our website at bearing and friends dot o RG.



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Now in the roundtables when we usually talked about the MBB letters, but we got one that I'm going to talk about because I'm keeping this when we have a tracing on this by guy I will call InM and yeah, I know Look at that. Goodness, he says he's not very good at tracing but looks good to me.



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There's a big pencil involved and I don't know if it's just that far away from the tracing element or he's just tracing I



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don't know. I don't know but it looks good to me. And of course he's looking for a pen pal. Most of the guys are if if you would be interested in a pen pal. You give us a call right now at 713-526-5738 we can hook you up. He enjoyed the song they played last week for him. My cellmate thinks I'm sexy And he's looking for another one I think pop you in the Cooper number that we will play later but for right now especially after



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all the FCC years go to bed



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Yeah you got it after this tracing here I can only think of one song that I would like to play for InM right now, as far as the Kinsey six here it goes.



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I will swallow helium swallow him whenever he may oh



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I always will be can keep me he is my see I will swallow him ever since he grabbed my years I knew



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motion to mounting the soldier is



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bla data there yeah



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love him. I love him when he comes down swallow don't swallow, don't swallow we all must strive to same sex same sex same sex That's why I'll start tomorrow tomorrow tomorrow I will swallow



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even though I love yes near him I'm always will be and nothing can make me unsafe. Except boozer asked us today. I will swallow even though he says my heart I know. There is no emotion too deep too deep



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just let your love flow here and follow it with a swig of jade Hello. That's thanks and how why Yan Kahlo. Frida Kahlo.



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She was Maxia can



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swallow well



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is I pretend I'm asleep



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with my



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All right, that was the Kinsey six with I will swallow him and dedication from Jimmy to us it InM based off of his tracing



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now what exactly is it that they're swallowing? No, maybe they shouldn't tell me.



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Well, let's just show you the the letter and the tracing. And you can



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be glad this is not television.



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We do love our MBBS I think Jimmy wait most time on their hands, don't they? That's hard to read around.



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Why don't you introduce me or you want me introduce with okay, this



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is the transgender segment and we have the originator back with us nowadays. Sarah De Palma.



Sarah DePalma 54:14

Yes. Known to kick butt. Hello, Houston. How the hell are you? Boy, it's nice to be back.



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Glad to have you back.



Sarah DePalma 54:23

Yeah, yeah. It's you know, it's I was figuring it out the other day. It's he Jimmy and I started we worked together starting in 1994. And so years and years. Yeah. So we've been kicking butt and taking names ever since.



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The show was just down celebrating 17 years on the air. So yeah,



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yeah. And the reason the funny thing about that story is that I was invited here originally as a guest. And then the person who was supposed to interview me, didn't show up. And so Jimmy said, Well, I'll interview



S Sarah DePalma 54:57

and we're staying here for the next day or Isn't Yeah. I said, Well, why don't you stay? We'll put you on the show. And I said, Okay, what will we talk about? No, you weren't the person who invited me, the person that was personally invited me, he's no longer no longer anywhere in San. She's long gone. But yeah, and I knew I was gonna be at home because Jimmy was wearing a dress skirt. He's had jeans underneath it, but he's wearing a grey skirt. And I thought, you know, okay, I think I'm gonna like working with him. So it was a lot of fun. So I remember



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back when, back in the day when I was listening to this show, under the covers with the headphones. And when I heard it was a transgender say, but I used to turn it off. And then I started to listen to it. And, you know, I got a very deep understanding for the community. And before I started becoming a regular here, I made sure I came down one day to one of your shows. And I came in and I said, you know, just to let you know, that usually has changed one person's opinion. You know,



S Sarah DePalma 55:59

it's a funny thing. When we first started doing this show, I got, we used to get these phone calls all the time, get that damn transsexual off the show, this is a queer show, and she had no business doing here and blah, blah, blah. And Jimmy's response was essentially by just, you know, just, you know, get over it. And eventually, and eventually they did. And it was a funny thing, because now I do have people who will call me or come up to me and say, I listened to your show, and I transitioned because you said this, or I didn't transition because you said this or that. And it's a funny position. There aren't a lot of things that you can do, where you actually make a difference in people's lives that directly. The One Show that really sticks in my mind was Jimmy's a show that we did one night and shame and guilt aren't in fact, I think you were in the studio that night. And we had Ray Hill, and a person that's no what's his name, Dima Keller, and Jimmy and myself. And we were talking about the whole subject of shame and guilt in the GLBT community. unknown to us, there was a person sitting in a garage in Galveston playing with a gun, trying to decide whether to kill herself or not. And during the course of the evening, we apparently said something or we struck a chord with this woman.

And she chose not to kill herself, and sent us the bullet to prove it, Mike. So the one thing I learned about radio and I think seriously, is that I'd never know who's listening. In you never know what state of mind they are in. When they're listening.



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That's it. I've never heard that. It's amazing in



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you know, we get lots of letters, people in prisons, and we Jimmy used to play a song about you know, well. prison walls can't keep knowledge in and can't keep getting knowledge from getting into this, then that's all true. But well, that's the one thing about radios when we talk to people, we never know what what mental state they're in, and what emotional state they're in. And so I take it seriously. Now. I have a we have a lot of fun in the year, but take it seriously. Because in the back of my head, I wonder who's out there listening and what are they hearing from what we say? Yeah,



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that's, that's the powerful part of this. This media for radio. You know, you don't have to have a television you can go down to the dollar store. You can get the equipment you need to hear this show. Yeah. For a buck for a buck. 50 Yeah,



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for about the price of ever ready batteries. Yeah, you can pretty much do show. Yeah, I



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can go down the street to places else. Thanks for 99 cents, you know, I can I can get this show. I can listen to this for 99 cents for a buck 50 for the batteries and the and the radio itself even. Yeah. And you know, that's a lot easier than you know, turning on a television set or you know, that something's private, you put in your ear, and you can enjoy and you can understand where we're coming from. And we



Sarah DePalma 58:46

get those kinds of letters. I mean, you get these kinds of letters here at station two. Yeah, well, when the the thing to about now that we're on the internet is interesting, because I get two letters now from transgendered people literally all over the world. And I've been interviewed for stations in Germany and in Britain, I did a two hour two hour interview with the Australian

broadcast system. And a lot of that came was because they heard us on the on this the International and said, Hey, let's talk to her. And so in that respect in this, it's been a lot of fun to win the Why don't we you never know now on the internet where they are.



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I mean, well, we know we've got people around the world who who listen to the show, which is pretty



S Sarah DePalma 59:27

cool. I think. You know, I mean with this for the first little bitty station that's kind of tucked away in a quiet little neighborhood that has a lot of influence. Here



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we can make a hell of a lot of noise without internet and if you want to get if you're out of town, you want to listen to us it's KPFT dot o RG and if you miss one of our shows, go to KPFT archive dot o RG and download the four hour MPEG file. It's gonna take you seven hours. If you have a dial up connection like I do,



S Sarah DePalma 59:56

well you know what you need to get your computer cleaned up yeah Hey, I've done it in, like 30 seconds typically, if dial up yeah. Is it good to get KPFT and go through the system yet sees Oh, no, download the archive tape or the dark? Oh, to download the archives or be prepared to go to bed and kids pick them up in the morning. That's, that's



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a four hour. Yeah, that's a four hour sized MPEG file. So yeah,



S Sarah DePalma 1:00:20

it would be easier to call us and we are just listen to the show. Last name. But now that's, that's what we're here for. Well, let me tell you what we're going to start out by talking about tonight. And we'll probably end up rambling to other areas, too. But ironically, when we first did this show 10 years ago, or guess one of the very first topics we had was transgender marriages. And they were people who called us and said, What are you talking about transgendered people can't be married. And it was quite an educational process. Tonight, we're going to I'm going to talk about the whole idea of transgender in marriage, because quite honestly, I'm a little tired of hearing people talk about gay lesbian, bisexual marriage. And somehow, the, the T part just gets left out. And yes, transgendered people do get married. So I thought it was about time we talked about that. Well,



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unfortunately, there are a lot of the mainstream gay civil rights organizations that you know, have a problem with the T word. And you can, and you can tell them that, you know, they're a part of the community and they can always give you face time and you know, Oh, of course for T inclusive. But you know, when it comes down to brass tacks, you know, Well,



S Sarah DePalma 1:01:41

I'm glad you said that, that brings me to the Human Rights Campaign. People who've been listening to the show for any length of time, have heard me rail, and rail against the HRC. I have said some very cruel and unkind things, none of which I plan to take back because they were all true. Now, I have this to say to the HRC, thank you so much for letting us into a bill that's completely dead, and he hasn't got a snowball's chance in hell of passing. It was very kind of you to do that, after 10 years of our beating you up. And we're truly appreciative of the fact that you're now going to let us participate in the bill, so that you can later come back and blame the failure of the bill on us. Gee, thank you so much. You are ever so kind. Do I sound just a little cynical here, just to Cisco? Sure. Yeah, yeah. Well, that's because after 10 years, and going on 11 years of dealing with the HRC, and various directors that have come and gone in various vice presidents, I've learned not to trust the Human Rights Campaign as far as I can spit, and I can't spit too darn far. So ladies and gentlemen of the of the Human Rights Campaign, it is nice of you to finally recognize, after 10 years of being picketed, stormed, had terrible things said about you, Ben metalline, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera, is so kind of you to let us into this bill, particularly now that you know, it's dead. Assuming that bush wins the presidency, live in the end hasn't got a snowball's chance in hell. So thank you. Now you can go around saying that you are truly inclusive, when in fact, you couldn't care less. Okay, I feel better I get that off my sister.



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That wasn't planned. planned. But since you since I opened up the door, you know, I've been rude for you to not walk through



S Sarah DePalma 1:03:30

the waiting a month to say this. You know, ever since I saw it, and and I know there are transgendered people who would say to me, now, Sara, shut the hell up. After all these years, they're finally taking us in here. Isn't that nice? They it'll take me a sin, when we can't do anything for them. And when it's dead, thank you for bringing us into a dead bill. Here's a better idea. Rewrite a bill that has a chance of passing and include us in that. And I'll be a lot less cynical.



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I you know, there's a lot of topics in this community that you know, people telling you to shut

I you know, there's a lot of topics in this community that you know, people telling you to shut the hell up on it anyway. Oh, I



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get that all the time.



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You're used to that. So I get I



Sarah DePalma 1:04:11

get told to shut up by my own community. I tell Shut up by the gay community. And put, you know, I learned a lot of what I know from Ray Hill, and people tell him to shut up all the time. And he never He just ignores them. So I'm here if it works for him. Hell, he's got 10 years on me. I'm still learning. I'm sorry. I don't mean to imply you're old. I'm just passing it along.



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Don't say pass along and Ray. Okay.



Sarah DePalma 1:04:36

Well, we've we've done many interviews with Ray sitting over there. And we after 20 minutes, we finally get one word in sideways. About the board part. Well, that's the right right. I can't help it. Well, anyway, I promised you I was going to talk about transgender parenting. And so let's start out with some basics here. As you probably already know, Since you are an intelligent audience, and since you've been listening to us for all this time, you know that there are different kinds of transgender people. There are cross dressers there are transsexuals, there are drag queens, there are all sorts of different categories that transgenders fall under. And I want to start out by talking about married cross dressers. Okay? Okay. Now, here's the deal behind this cross dressers, since most of them are closeted at the time they get married, get married, just like everybody else. The problem in their marriage typically comes about when after several years of marriage, the wife finds out that the husband is a crossdresser. And that's when I tend to hear from cross dressers who call me and say my wife is divorcing me. And she's saying mean ugly, nasty rotten things about me. And I will say to them, I did you tell her you were married at the time? You you tell you're a crossdresser? At the time you got married? No. Did you tell her you were a crossdresser? After four or five years of marriage? No. Did you tell her before you had kids? No. Did you tell her after you had the kids? Well, yeah, kind of when she caught me wearing her clothes? Well, you're in for a really nasty divorce. And you set yourself up for it.



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Unfortunately, that, you know, that sort of thing was discovered that far and into a relationship. That's it's hard to recover from that something for a lot of people.

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Well, the real issue is not the cross dressing and medical dress is the dishonesty. You know, the wife says You mean you don't all of these years, and you hid it from me all of these years. And now you're telling me this? Okay? I'm not saying that you deserve what you get. Okay? That I mean, but the fact of the matter is, if you're dating, if you're dating a straight one, and you know, you're a crossdresser, the time to tell this woman about this is before you get married, it is better to break up a relationship before there are legal documents in place. If you wait until afterwards, when she takes you to court, and she takes you to a judge, you're going to be raped, and you're ever taken to the cleaner, you're gonna be lucky to escape with the money that's in your wallet, the day you leave. I hate to say that, but that's just the case. Now, I know I hear cross dressers out there saying well, who does she think she is? And she's just you know, she's, she's not she's not being nicer kind to us. No, I'm not being nicer kind. I'm being practical. Get smart about this. Now, I'm gonna say a lot of things tonight about marriage. And cross dressing is just one of them. If you would like to tell us your story about being transgender, and being married, or being transgendered, and having child custody issues, or being transgendered, and having divorce issues, whether you're transsexual or a crossdresser, give us a call our number here is 7135 to 65738, we will not put you on the air, okay? We will not not not put you on the air, what we want is your story, we would like to know what has happened to you. What is going on in your relationship, what has gone on, if you if your information lives looks good, and it's solid, we'll use it on the air, as much background as you want us to use. So the number is 713-526-5738. That's 526 P KPFT. Again, we will not put you on the air, we'll just simply take your information, we don't want your name, you know, just tell us what's going on with the library. Now. Just find out your story. Yeah. And if it's in if it's, you know, worthwhile, we're gonna put it on the air and make use of it.

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Sarah DePalma 1:08:44

Oh, yeah. Okay, so now, let's go ahead and talk about this. If you're if you're a crossdresser, you already know that when I told you is true. My question, my question for cross dressers is, why do you willingly surrender. So many cross dressers get involved in a marriage and I hear them say, I'm going to give up on it. I'll give her anything she wants. I just want to escape with my clothing. Throw yourself on the mercy of the court is dumb. Especially if you can get a good lawyer. And if you can make a reasonable case. The real big issue in divorces, typically, is the children. What do we do about the children? How much do we tell the children? How do we explain a divorce to the children? Yeah, okay. I brought a story with me. It's a short story, but this is taking place in Steubenville. Ohio. I'm sorry, I haven't got the smallest idea where Steubenville is.

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I've heard of it was it's one of those medium sized towns out there. It



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must be in I'm sure it's a perfectly lovely place. But this is not a perfectly lovely story. This takes place Common Pleas judge Joseph so and so. Heard initial testimony Thursday in a custody battle that could change a child's residence or gender. A Jefferson County woman and her ex husband who lives in Collier, I guess that's Ohio, are involved in a custody battle for their nine year old son, who currently resides with his mother. At the heart of the custody case is the boy's desire to wear women's clothing, at least when he is with his mother. You can see how the you can see this fight coming. The boy's mother has taken the child to doctors who diagnosed the child with gender identity disorder. Then the father also took him to a different doctor and got a surprise, different diagnosis. Now we have dueling experts. Okay. The father who wore a male bathing suit after a doctor diagnosed him with gender identity disorder, said the boy didn't mind. The father also said that his son, I love this. The son enjoys football, baseball, shooting his BB gun wrestling, woodworking and other stereotypical male pastimes. Surely he must be a boy. They don't know very many butch lesbians do that. Just



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know my niece.



Sarah DePalma 1:11:12

I I'm one of those people. I can barely use a hammer a nail. Okay. So like we call it our lesbian neighbors. Because



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it's, it's, I just think it's an amazing statement for a father to say, all right. And he says that he's the father says My son loves these activities. The boy has even told his father about a girl he likes his school. And his checkout girls he thought was cute. So obviously the boy is heterosexual right? Now shopping for clothing, right? The father says his son's problem is only behavioral. And it's only when he's with his mother. Gee, what a surprise that he is blaming she she's blaming hated divorce and the kids caught in the middle. The mother's attorney says many of the activities of the men on the father mentioned are also enjoyed by men and women. The father said he was only trying to show that his son enjoyed doing what he did when he was in his custody. What he does with the mothers custody is entirely a different issue. All right, we can go on and on and on here. And here's the point. These people knew when they got married, what what their, what their life was going to be like to take it and put this kid in the middle of this and make this case a bouncing ball. While the parents fight it out, is cruel and unusual punishment. It blows my mind that you could get dueling experts when gender identity disorder is a very clear diagnosis. Now



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who had that? Who was diagnosed with the gender identity disorder kid, the kid was boys, the boys only nine years old. That's what's trying to figure out is that's all there. So you got two parents. One, the mother takes him to the psychiatrist and psychiatrist.



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psychiatrist says he has gender identity disorder and they dress and like a girl. The father says, I'm going to take them to a different expert who gives a different diagnosis and they dress him as a boy this nine year old has got to be tearing his hair out



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because he is you're throwing this into this kid. And you know, majority of cross dressers are heterosexual most of them are that's right yeah already are. So you're throwing into this kid who might be straight just happens to like women girls clothing or may not maybe it's just the mother trying to invent pose she or what is it project that she has little girls that have a little boy. But still, you're carrying this nine year old apart trying to figure out his identity.



S Sarah DePalma 1:13:40

There's for listeners who don't know, there's an organization called the Harry Benjamin society. And the Harry Benjamins society sets the standards of care for transgendered people. They won't see a client until the client is 1818. So this kid is nine years away from being able to see deceive and see



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a therapist about this issue. Now putting this kid in the middle, is it this is one of the worst stories I think I've ever come across of cruelty to a kid. I feel my heart just goes out this kid he can't possibly know if he's a boy, or girl or something else in between. In and



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the downside is when you start confusing a young child like that, and definitely, it's gonna be at some way, it's gonna work around that, okay, since you're dressing as a girl, you're gay. And you get their sexuality issues at such a young age and all that, you know, the the end results can be horrible. I mean, when you look at what's you know, the report of that the doctor who was shot by his 10 year old son, that supposedly There was sexual abuse in there. That's a weird case that, you know, if that comes out to be true, you can see where that event led to this horrific wave out for these kids. And you No, it's the bad part is how this is going to affect that child and what's going to happen to him that hopefully, you know, someone in legal profession, you know, it's a strange thing to say we hope the the, the judge has enough sense, you know, get the kid out of both those parents house and get him straight before so that you know, he'll definitely see a 10th birthday whether it's in women's dress or in men's dress.



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Yeah, on July the 27th. After the last custody hearing, the boy made a video and sent it to his father. The video depicts the boy telling his father he wants to be a girl and live a normal life. Okay, before this video, the father was sent another one depicting whose son who said he wanted to be called Christine, the boy's mother has been taking him to a support group for transgenders. This kid's got to be going in. I'm saying, now he's, you know, the fathers as well. Obviously, he plays football, he plays basketball. He likes to shoot a BB gun. So clearly he's a boy. The mother says the mother makes a tape where the kid says he won't. He's really girly wants to be called Christine. Next thing you know, he's gonna be telling me a horse is a horse. Of course, of course, this kid is God, I screwed up.



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I hope I'm like said hopefully. And the judge steps in and gets that kid out of there into a neutral setting. So we can work through the issue because this is



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the thing. The thing that caught my eye about this is typically when there's a divorce between in cross dressing is involved. The ugliness is between the husband and wife. And usually they really strive to keep the kid out of it. Here's a case where there's a two supposedly straight parents who are fighting among themselves. And this kid who had through no making was own gets caught in the middle using the kid as a pawn using the kid as a pawn. And and I even straight divorces I know that happens where the kids get caught in the middle. And it's probably wonder that more kids don't commit suicide during divorces parents, but I just saw the story and I had to share it with the audience. Because it's sweet. It's one of those things that you look at and you say, A plague on both their houses. Whatever that kid turns out to be. He's gonna be screwed for life. And I feel so sad.



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I never thought I'd say that. Newt Gingrich was right on one thing that kid needs an orphanage and get away from those parents.



S Sarah DePalma 1:17:15

I always wish the courts would take the kid away. Yeah. Yeah. I never thought I would live to say that in my lifetime. But I almost wish the courts would take the kid away.



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No, no, we're not really we're not saying that. Someone can't know that they are a crossdresser or transgendered at age nine. Are we?



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At age nine, Jimmy, that's I. I guess it's possible. I mean, I was five years old when I went to my mother and told her that I was trans trans, a transsexual. Of course, I didn't tell her that I just wanted to wear her clothing. But But yeah, okay, I was five years old. What if honestly, if you had come to me and said, you know, well, really, you're a little boy, and you like BB guns. And what happened here? I think I would have been even more screwed up than I turned out to be. You know, I mean, this kid is going to be candidate for electroshock at their weight, the rate that they're going,

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because I knew I was gay at a very early age. very early age. So but but I know we're talking we're talking about two different things. Here. We're talking about sexual orientation. We're talking about gender. Cat, kids get screwed up enough. Just from the way society looks at gender in the first place. boys play with BB guns, girls play with dolls. So to confuse him any more, just like you said, He's See, he's gonna need more than the therapist, I think

S Sarah DePalma 1:18:46

I think this is genuinely cruel and unusual punishment to this kid, nine years old. If the kid is transgendered, fine, if not fine, but to force it on this way the parents are doing Yeah, the parents are the ones that she ended up in jail here.

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Because one way or another one of the sides is forcing it. If he actually is transverse, you know, when he goes was was Father's house, he's being forced to do the stereotypical boy thing. And you know, anything he shows of a sign of femininity, you know, the fall is gonna go ballistic. Yeah. And if it's the fact that it's he's not really transgender, and his mother is forcing this on him, you know, that's going to create issues for him as well.

S Sarah DePalma 1:19:26

I got called into it into a situation. The child the child was from New Orleans, and he was she had just turned 16

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The father was a firefighter in New Orleans, and the mother was a teacher. And this This child is this 16 year old said that she was a transsexual and wanted to go for surgery right now. Oh my God, no at age 16 on so I was asked if I would go in and and talk to this person. And I said, Yes, I would. And in talking to this person, the real reason that she was in such a big hurry, was she was afraid that she was embarrassing her father by being neither male or female. And so she felt like she needed to make a choice now and hurry up and surgery now, so that her dad wouldn't be in a bad situation. Oh, that is not a reason. Yeah. And no, absolutely not. It's,



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I'm sorry. It's all about yourself in this



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well. And eventually, what I did is I called both parents and had them sit down at along with another therapist, and he probably wouldn't appreciate me giving his name. So I won't but but we've been sat down. And we talked to these people for about an hour. And the bottom line is that first of all, is Benjamin society won't do surgery unless the child is 18. Plus therapy for at least a year. Yeah. And what they decided to do was move this this child to a different high school, because she was getting the crap kicked out of her. Yeah, they're getting they moved her to a different school. They moved her to a totally different environment, the father decided he would seek professional help. That's an ideal situation by this. I mean, that's, that's probably the best you can hope for. But it's rare. It's really rare to say it had worked out because that husband wife had a really good solid marriage. And they had great communication. If in, in most instances, that's probably not what you're gonna find. In the ugliest divorces that I've ever come across, are usually not the case and usually not transsexuals. But a divorce. Often, there's been a lot more communication there. It's the cross register divorces, they get truly ugly. And I can speak from experience. As I told you, me once before, when I went through my divorce, my ex wife actually sued for my female wardrobe, and got it



S Sarah DePalma 1:21:50

and got it. Every last ditch is incredible, and then probably gained 30 pounds, so that not one piece of it fit.



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There's a little bit of revenge in there you have,



S Sarah DePalma 1:22:02

I think she was a little pissed off. I think she was feeling just a little bit mad at me. Yeah. Yeah. And you know, that was too bad. Because that was the case, I was one of those stereotypical entry cross dressers that we talked about. I was talking about, I used to basically do my hair up my hands up here, sit here, right, me, but let me out of this marriage. You know? Yes. And basically, she took me took everything. Yeah. And that's very common, because typically crossdressers feel much more guilt about what they do. I trade for a transsexual typically is going to start seeing therapy right off the bat. And although there's a lot of guilt and shame, they're usually getting professional help for it and hurry. Yeah, in a lot of crossdressers cases, in fact, in most cases, there is no professional help at all. And it gets especially ugly if the if the wife is objecting on religious grounds. Oh, yeah. Because once that gets to a court in Texas, every court in Texas is going to agree with his wife. That's, that's a terrible shame. But anybody thinks there's separation of church and state has never sat in and court hearings in Harris

County. That's true. They call it the quote the Bible regularly. They keep the 10 commandments and find them on the wall. If you really think there's separation of church and state stepping into one of these judges, these these courts, and you will be really amazed. Plus, that all conservative Republicans, there are no Democrats on the courts and in Harris County.



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That's why it's getting so difficult to get a name change or gender change. It's



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getting hard. If you're transgender, it's getting hard to do anything in Harris County. And these judges would like nothing better. To take you over the coals. Yes. So that my word of advice to you is if you're a crossdresser. And if you have not been honest with your wife to this point, and you've all been married five or six years, I wouldn't have a clue what to tell you. Because sooner or later, she's going to figure this out. Yep. If you're



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lucky, all she's going to do is is fine. The women's clothing around, I think you're cheating on you, but that you're cheating on her and gets upset for that rather than because I think you know, the adultery issue. You're still gonna go through the divorce, but you're probably not going to get as bad in Texas until they find out that those pennies were yours notice,



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I would suggest probably that they contact an organization called the Trius sorority. Absolutely. The Tria sorority is an organization of crossdressers. But more importantly, cross dressers and their wives. Yes. And this it's, I've sat in on many of these meetings and it's a wonderful thing to watch. You can always tell the wife who comes to one of the meetings for the first time because she's looking for a hole to crawl into. And instead what happens is the other wives come to her and put their arms around her and you know, welcome and it's gonna be okay. And I've laughs listened in these conversations into so often the wife starts out with, does this mean I'm a lesbian if I'm in love with, with a man that's a crime On stressors oh, it



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just means your wardrobe doubled. Yeah. Well, for those heavy days you your wardrobe,



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my ex wife's wardrobe doubled. And what did it do for?



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She doubled.



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But there also there are, as I recall, from years ago, there are a couple of books out by a Houston author,



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you read Yankee Red Cross dressing with dignity is probably the most well known. Yes, yes, yeah. And it's a wonderful book, What It Is, is a series of daily affirmations, mixed in with some very sage advice. And it's an excellent book, and I would strongly recommend it. But if you are, if you are a crossdresser, and if you've been married many years, and you have not told your wife, I don't know what to tell you. Because sooner or later, she's going to find out. And it's going to be a trust issue.



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That's right. It's not going to be about the cross dressing. It's going to be about you kept a secret from me



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that and that's, of course, that's the biggest mountain in I think if I were in her shoes, I'd feel the same way. Sure. You know, what do you mean, you've been cross dressing for 12 years? And you've never told me? What else have you never told me? And what have you been doing while you're cross dressing? Where Where do you go? And there's a host of questions. And what do we tell the kids? Well, you know, you've got a son, what are you supposed to tell your son? Do you lose your manhood? And the questions go on and on and it gets worse and worse? So I don't know what the answer is. I would say probably start by talking to the people that try your sorority and find out what they have done. That's worked. But they will be the first to tell you that there are lots of cases where it doesn't work. If you end up in a court in Harris County, get yourself a transgender friendly or gay and lesbian attorney, somebody who knows something about transgender rights because family law in Harris County, if you are a transgendered person is not pretty. And



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there's a brand new law office in town. Just for that one with Phyllis Frey. You won.



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Yes, John net.



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That's been Jerry simonneau. Yeah, right over here, in that is that they're just looking at Montrose. Yes. There's a name for that building. I don't know. I don't know across the street from Kroger. Yes.



S Sarah DePalma 1:27:12

And 3400 Montrose, you can't miss it. That's right.



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We need to step in and let everyone know that you got your radios turned into listener sponsored commercial free KPFT 90.1 FM Pacifica radio for the Gulf Coast 89.5 in Galveston guys check the worldwide web at Kpf T dot o RG. This is after hours queer radio with attitude and



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a little a little public service announcement here about an event going on by one of Kp FTS own shining stars as a DJ DJ Joe Montez Joe's Roadhouse, which is, of course right here on KPFT every Sunday, and he's now holding the first annual Roadhouse Music Festival. It will be a live radio and Internet broadcast on Saturday, September the 18th and it's presented by Jos Roadhouse and KPFT 90.1 Houston proceeds will benefit KPFT and of course, 89.5 in Galveston, they're having SugarHouse a loss, scar knollys JB money. Tracy Canova, Trudy Lynn, Tommy darter, and All Star Jam Session, raffles, food, all kinds of good things going on there. And that's the rhythm room. 1815 Washington Avenue, right here in Houston doors open at 1pm. Show time is two to 8pm. And there'll be \$1 donation of about 15 bucks. Of course, that's since the fundraiser we can we can say that. But, folks, 15 bucks, you get food you get six hours of music. And you get Joe Montana has



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it by the way, if you've not listened to the Joe Montana's Roadhouse, he plays the neatest urban blues knows he, it's an urban blues show, I guess, would be the easiest way to characterize it. And it's good stuff. So if you haven't played very, very few haven't listened to get with it. This guy's good. He's



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very good. Yes. So that again, that's next Saturday, September the 18th at the rhythm room, 1815 Washington Avenue, and I'm really proud to be able to give that PSA because Joe's just a cool guy. And he knows his stuff. He does

cool guy. And he knows his stuff. He does.



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Yeah, it comes across on the air. We'll hit the card a couple of times during the show, tell who  
Okay, we're gonna take a little break. When we come back. We're gonna start talking about  
transsexuals and transsexual marriage. And it's a much more interesting topic than you might  
possibly imagine. We're gonna throw lots of combinations at you and see if we make your eyes  
glaze over.



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We're gonna play a little bit of music break here we're gonna go to just maybe we were talking  
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of love we'll be right back



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Yes, Hedvig and the Angry Inch. And that was the origins of love a really

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good movie but I didn't understand the last 20 minutes



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Great, great. It's got great, great music. The



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music is fabulous. The plot was great, right up until the last 20 minutes.



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Yeah, then it gets real confusing. And I don't know what the ending means. I walked out



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and I thought this is like 2001 Space Odyssey. I'm gonna see this movie two or three times, and I'm never gonna understand what it is.



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I, when Jimmy got found a CD back there, you know, of the songs. And there are several of them. I just really like playing.



S Sarah DePalma 1:36:13

It's a great CD. And it's a great movie. It's funny. We just watched it on DVD the other night. So we had the stereo cranked up and stuff. It was great. But then the movie sort of takes this left hand turn somewhere exactly in the last 20 minutes you find yourself scratching your head going. Wow.



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This doesn't fit. Backdrop. Tell me again. What the hell are you doing? So it was very strange. Yeah. We're just talking about good transgender movies. No, saying the best one I've ever seen is my life as a rose. Yes. If you've never rented that, go get it. If you've never rented it go down and rent out my life as rows. Absolutely the best transgendered film ever. It's French, right? It is Princeton live. I love V and I'm terrible with them. Love



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vs rose, something like that. Like that. But it's a one of my fi.



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It's a mod V. Yeah, Ma, dah,



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dah, bah. It's interesting because we were just talking about kids in transgenderism. This is a movie but a nine year old kid or maybe 10 years old at the most in France. And his troubles where he becomes obsessed with the doll like a Barbie doll decides he wants to be her. For chimps to be her. Doesn't he



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know that it's impossible even for the women to become Barbie dolls.



Sarah DePalma 1:37:26

We have Jimmy will tell you we have a postcard right on our wall as you walk in. And it's this nude Barbie. This is a completely nude Barbie and underneath it says there are 18 women in the world who are supermodels in 800 million who aren't. So, welcome to our house. That's right, and don't start with us. Well, okay, I was promising to talk about trains, transsexual marriage, and I guess we should probably start with the basics here. I'm assuming that people know what transsexuals are. And that may be an incorrect assumption. So let's start with that. Okay, in the transgender community, there are various



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I'm not sure you know, how to call various divisions or various types of transgender. Yes, yeah. Transgender spectrum of gender is just an umbrella term. Yes. And then underneath that are specific names of various groups of one kind or another. transsexuals are people who are uncomfortable enough in their body, that they actually want to have it physically changed. Now, that one end of the spectrum at one end of the spectrum, and I'm very careful, Now, you notice I no longer say they didn't necessarily want to have surgery. That's right. Because actually, fewer and fewer people are having the surgery. It's expensive. It's dangerous, and it doesn't always work. Yeah. And you know, you don't get a refund on this. You pay off 15 grand in advance and American money. So you know that, but that's one end. That's one end of the spectrum. There are many transsexuals who are who are like myself or like Phyllis, who have chosen not to have the surgery, and we still aren't as bitter still transsexuals. We just simply chose not to ever had the surgery. And now there are people who don't who will tell you. Well, well, in that case, are we men or women? My response is, yep, yeah. That's right. That's right. I'm one of those take your pig. What's it's two o'clock it's time for me to be the the A in it. Three o'clock. I'll be the meat. If you don't mind.



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Pull out a coin and flip it and go. Yeah.



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But in your mind, you're always a woman. Oh,



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anybody who's ever seen me knows. Yeah, you know, I mean, there's not a way that I was ever meant to be a guy. My body was just not smart enough to know the difference. Bad hormones early on, I guess



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something like that. Yeah, the right chemical didn't get squirted in at the right time.



Sarah DePalma 1:39:49

And they were supposed to have been progesterone and they put it in testosterone and that's a mistake.



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Actually, I have to say I went out and spoke to a group at Rice University called ally and And I want to say hello to them very nice people, they treated us very well and invited me to go out and speak to them again later in the month. And I'm going to do that folks at Rice. I gotta say, what a nice experience it is to go to Rice compared to going to speak to Texas a&m. Oh, well bet, especially the world of difference. Yeah. Especially since I'm an Aggie, and they don't care for the fact that it's such an open transsexual. Yeah. Oh, of course, what the hell do I care? I got my degree. They can't take it from me now. So let's talk about let's talk about this idea then. And I'm going to start off by we're talking about Beth Prichard, who was a co host here for a long time. Yes. And she's probably a good starting point. And then we're going to talk about my case, because there are two very different, very different situation. Okay, okay. Beth, Richard was married and got married long before she had any children. Okay. And long before long before she was actually bet. She actually had a male name and I'm not going to use it. I



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never knew it when she showed us her ID in January. To see her a picture of her as a male. She made sure she covered over the name at the bottom. I've never known it would not your



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you won't get you won't get it from me either. I don't want it. Yeah. But Beth, Beth and and Teresa were married. Legally, of course. Yes. And one of the largest cathedrals and the oldest cathedrals in Philadelphia. And so here's a situation where this is, by all outward appearances. This is a heterosexual couple. Sure. There is a male and a female, and the outside world all of this looks like, Hey, this is a heterosexual



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couple. Now, Theresa knew about the cross dressing before the marriage. No,



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I don't think so. I don't think so. I don't think so. My understanding is that that came after. Okay. The The important thing here though, is that whenever it took place that was open about it, yes. This didn't occur 10 years after the marriage. It wasn't too long afterwards. And the cross dressing started almost immediately. And like so many transsexual or transgender people, she swore she would stop or attempted to stop. And it didn't work. I can tell you from my own experience, I said I'm not going to cross dress 100 times, and probably burn him half a million dollars worth of clothes. And he said and walked away from it and said, I'm never going to do it again. And of course, I did course, of course. So here's the case, though, where Beth is very open about it right from the get go. And Teresa chose to stay with her. Now then, Beth is post surgical. So she is now a transsexual is legally a female is post post surgery. And by all to all standards, all of that to the outside world. They look like a lesbian. Couple. Absolutely. Okay, now that's that's the best of all possible situations is when a when a transsexual or is able to sit down with their spouse, and they are able to work it out. And for the good of the children or for whatever reason choose to stay. I will tell you, honestly, Beth, and Teresa, two of the best parents I've ever met. And I'm not just saying that because they're friends. It's because they really are great parents. Teresa spent all kinds of time with the kids in various activities. Beth did the same as us. She used to drive me crazy because I say we're best let's go do something this weekend. I can't go camping. We're going to the Girl Scouts this week. And we're going to the Boy Scouts next week and we're in shoes, just great parents. Okay, so there are a lot of people out there I'm sure who say well, how can you possibly be transsexual and be married? Well, Beth and Teresa one example that. Okay, let me take the example of Lori's case, not Lori and I have been together going on almost going on 14 years. But we are not legally married. And fraught and probably never will be. The reason here's where it gets real tricky. I am, I am a transsexual, but in the state of Texas. They have this weird thing where they say if you still have your genitals, you're male. Okay, so technically, I probably could get married to what DeLorean? If I chose to technically you could I could get down to San Antonio in bear County. I could declare myself as being a male. I can get married to Lori and we would legally be husband and wife. Okay. Now I don't mean to confuse the audience here. Because I hear I can see eyes glazing over what that you said you people were transsexual? That's right. I am. But Texas has a very odd thing, thanks to the Christie Littleton case. Right. And the story there is Christy Littleton is it's a long story but the bottom line is the state of Texas said if you have male, if you have male chromosome male chromosomes, then you're a male whether you have surgery or not, right, a truly stupid ruling. It is but the result of that was you could get legal same sex favorite gym, in San Antonio, all you had to do was just show that your birth certificate and show that. Okay? Now that's that's very that's great a few people took

advantage of that and they're still taking advantage, I'm still getting emails about that all of that is fun and well and good. We do not have any children, I do have a child, a child from a previous marriage. But I was hesitant called say she has child because she's in her mid 20s. And we have not spoken to each other for five or six years now. She has chosen to leave my life and that's fine. That's her right to do that. The point though, is that you can that to be trained to be a transsexual means that you have options perhaps that gays and lesbians might not have. Here's where it starts to get tricky. Let's say that one of the partners dies. Okay, let's say in our in our, for example, in my relationship with Lori, let's say that I passed away, Lori does not get any my Social Security benefits. Because because we're not legally married. If I had life insurance, it's possible that that would be disputed. That happens all the time. If I owned a property, that would be disputed. Now I can go in fact, Lori and I have done this. We went to an attorney. And we had legal documentation of made up so that we have I have a medical power of attorney for her of legal power or attorney for her. I have access to her account our accounts if she becomes ill, and we need somebody to be able to do that. And of course, she has mine. So in effect, we would be we became a legal couple, because we went to an attorney to have this done. And I would strongly say this to anybody that whether you're gay or lesbian, or if you're transgender, if you haven't done that paperwork, you're nuts. You're nuts. How many stories have you and I heard over the years, Jimmy, of people who went to the hospital to their lover who was dying, and they wouldn't let him in? Exactly. Because he had no legal standing. Right?



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What is the downside is you have to be able to produce those papers at a time of duress. Yes, rather than just walking in, flashing your ring finger on your left hand and go, that's my, that's my spouse. Yeah. I mean, you have to have enough forthright to go to the lockbox and pull out the paperwork, so that the doctor has to let you in. Right?



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Well just find the a doctor. I mean, just just finding a doctor who understands anything about transgender people is quite an issue in itself. Um, but it gets it gets real complicated, because on top of that, no, am I male or female. And the courts sometimes have decides I was just telling Jimmy, I had kind of a knockdown drag out with the Harris County hospital system here. Because they want to list me as male. And I said, No, just look at me. Do I look male to you? And he said, Well, no, I said, then you need to put down female. And we went round and round. And he finally did put down females. And I think it had something to do with the fact that I kept mentioning the words, lawsuit, that kind of thing. I think that had something to do with it in because his face kind of went to colors or drained out of space. And he decided he was gonna put down female. So that was pretty much the end of it. Shouldn't have to do it, though. And most transgender people wouldn't do it. That's right. Most of them wouldn't do it. In my stage of my life. He could take me public but that's not that's that's like old news.



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Cover it. You've been out forever. Who had Coming Out Day you have to find someone to come out to



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you go down to the nursery at the hospital and find the newborn? Yes.



S Sarah DePalma 1:48:31

Hi, would you be my person? So I can tell you that I'm transgender?



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Because everybody else in the world knows.



S Sarah DePalma 1:48:39

Investing in batteries that could never be blackmailed? Who would they call? Who doesn't already know? Exactly. I'm gonna call your parents you want the number? Yes.



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That's that's one of the upsides of being out no matter what



S Sarah DePalma 1:48:51

we're gonna tell the military. Oh, please do? They'll love me and my pumps. You know, I don't know if I ever told you the story, Jimmy. But during the Vietnam War, I actually did get drafted. And, in fact, I remember to this day, the wording of the draft notice is that Greetings. Greetings. Greetings, Your fellow Americans have chosen you to become a member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Stop next sentence, failure to the report result result result in the following penalties. And there's like three pages of penalties if you don't show up. And I went down there and they measured me. And they said you're five three and I'm like, Yeah, I know. So now you're really five, six, wait, hold it in my heels. I'm not five, six, okay. There's not a chance in the world but I'm five, six. So this went round and round and we finally had to get a hearing and I had to get an attorney and bring a minister and they sat there they called my minister a liar. When my minister said listen, she's unitary. He you know, Unitarians are legal, conscientious objectors. You exist. So we went round and round and actually I was married for several months before we found I only got a notice from the Pentagon that they had decided to simply drop the matter. Wow. Wow. Now of course, this was the Vietnam era. And yes, there's this there was used to joke about in Vietnam during the war, about this guy who is into the military doctors office, Doctor says Sit down, he does and doctor says you're in. He says, Wait a minute, you didn't check my heart or my lungs or anything. The doctor said, listen, stupid, you saw the chair, you heard I said, You did it you're in. And it was pretty much like that, it was pretty much like, I actually had packed two suitcases. And both of them for it were for in case

the army decided that they were really going to make me go to the army. So I can go to candidate, I had made arrangements through the liquidity friends, the Quaker services to go to Canada, I had no intention of ever going to kill anybody.



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Where you didn't have a dad who could send you off to the Air National Guard. No,



S Sarah DePalma 1:50:50

but you know, if I had been thought about it afterwards, I should have offered some blow jobs, that probably would have gotten me out a lot easier. And



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I was just gonna bring that up, because we're the we're close to the same age. And I was a teenager during the Vietnam War, and when I went in, I did what was known in the community at that time as sign that you sign the box. And that is the question, do you have homosexual tendencies? And yeah, remember that? Yes. And a lot of straight guys were doing that because no one wanted to go to Vietnam. You know, and actually, George Bush, we find out and they made a big deal about it, how they're going to maybe have people come and check me out. Well, they follow me around. After all of that kind of stuff to make sure I was telling the truth about being gay and, and how horrible it was gonna be. And you know, you could never have a civil service job. Now that you've done this, and blah, blah, blah, blah. Yeah,



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they threatened from the first word, it's like, yeah, well, whatever. There's a very interesting case going on in Florida right now of a transsexual, who went through one of these nice new detectors, where they can actually see through your clothing, oh, my God, they can see your genitals and all sorts of stuff. Oh, how rude. Well, this woman was going went through the these these, she was just, she was a transsexual, but she, she went through there, and they stopped her and pulled her out of line. And what she ended up she missed her flight. She couldn't prove to them that she was a transsexual, she finally had to call her therapist and wherever this was, the therapist then had to fax them a letter explaining that yes, this person was transsexual and preoperative and bla bla bla bla bla. And I thought, this is a prime example of how scary it is to be different to be gender different, or in this society.



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Yes. And obviously, it's becoming even more serious. A



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problem? Well, I didn't even know there was such thing. But these machines apparently see right through to your underwear to a roof. And I thought that's just what I need. You know, I've known that I would have worn prettier panties.



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Or how do I sign up to get that job?



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Yeah, but I mean, I thought that was pretty amazing thing. That's one of the things that we should, we should probably talk about when a transgender marriage is too, you should make sure that you have all kinds of you should all have your medical records for each other. And that you know where they are. And be prepared for the fact that when you go to a doctor's office, that they may say, oh, no, you're not a blood relative, we won't let you in. And be prepared to exert your own, you know, be assertive about this stand up for it. It is unfortunately, still a common thing in Harris County, in in Bend top hospital, that transgendered people are treated like crap. Now I can truthfully say that last time that I was there, I was treated very nicely. In fact, the nurse made a special point of coming over to me and saying we understand your situation, don't worry about it will take care of this for you. And I was that now I heard all these terrible stories about Yeah, and I don't know if that was done on her own individual, you know, um, based on your own individual ease, or if that's a policy within within Harris County.



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Are they got your file folder fly? Be extra nice to this one.



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You know why, you know, why actually why I got drafted, I sued under the Freedom of Freedom of Information Act. And I had been arrested 45 times between 1967 and 1970 in anti war activities. And I was one of the disciples of of Abbie Hoffman, you know, so that made me a communist pinkos by faggot, you name it, you name it, so the FBI had like it.