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## SPEAKERS

Jimmy Carper, Sarah DePalma, Roy McCarthy, Chris

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**S** Sarah DePalma 00:01  
History is based on being anti gay. That's all they do.

**J** Jimmy Carper 00:06  
You know, and when your religion is based on, in effect hate, that's not a religion. See,

**S** Sarah DePalma 00:13  
they that's the sad part about this. Jimmy is we say what they do is hateful. They see what they do is attempting to save our internal soul.

**J** Jimmy Carper 00:24  
Why don't they just worry about their own soul?

**S** Sarah DePalma 00:26  
Because they are called to they believe that they are called to minister. I'm not joking. I mean, they believe that they are called to minister, they are called to save us from ourselves. That's the whole missionary. It's that whole. Exactly. Right. So you so if we it's for anybody out there that things we're going to negotiate with these people, that we're going to find some compromise with these people, that there's anything that we're going to do to change their minds. I'm sorry to say, this is one case where that's not ever going to happen. You bet they have they are unchangeable. They, even worse is there. They're like the old communists. They believe they're right. And they're willing to do whatever it takes to prove it. I mean, I'm sorry. But that's that's the truth of the matter. I was just reading the other day, there was going to be

a meeting of the gay European gays in Rome. And they were having problems over in the in the gay community there was fighting them. So Jerry Falwell sent them a copy of the 1998 Gay Pride parade, and told the Romans, this is what will happen to Rome. If you allow gays to come in and have this convention. Brother, you see how they use the Euro against you? Sure. And it's again, it's another example of having unlimited funds. The one thing they like to talk about is they have what they call representative therapy.

**J** Jimmy Carper 01:56

Oh, yes. Representative therapists. Yeah.

**S** Sarah DePalma 01:59

Now, the American Psychiatric Association, flat out says, doesn't work is likely to lead people to extreme depression or suicide, and is potentially dangerous. Yep. The fundamentalists believe that they are bringing you back to God. Now, here's this huge gap again, here we go again. And the American Psychiatric Association is finding that there is no negotiation with the these these fundamentalist groups right now we turn a person today at Dr. Cole, who told us that she attempted to go through the relative therapy. And the result was she attempted suicide, she cut her wrist all the way down to the bone. So much for this record of therapy stuff. But in they would say, Well, you know, the devil was simply too strong. The devil my ask the devil, I'm sorry, the devil did not cause her to attempt suicide. These right wing fanatical nuts caused her to attempt suicide. The Reppert of therapy is well, actually, it's a whole host of things, okay? But primarily, it's biblically based their version of the Bible, they understand. Yes, not not a more liberal or moderate view, they take this fundamental approach that you can change. And all it takes is more prayer, you will have to want to change, you know, as but it's like saying, Well, I'd like to change being white, or I'd like to change being black. If I pray hard enough, it'll happen. I don't think it's gonna happen. You can there are some things that simply cannot be changed. And they are you Well, the Bible cannot be changed. If they will not ever allow more education into it. If they're never going to allow more interpretation into it, then nothing will ever change. Right. And I just, I just think that it's really interesting. As we come into Pride Week, that that happens. The one group that I really wanted to talk about for a minute, is called North Kane. And this group I'm seeing I'm trying to find the exact is it's north. I can't find it. I'll find it in just a minute.

**J** Jimmy Carper 04:05

But why don't we Why don't we take a break here, have a couple of news things and then come back and finish you up. Okay, is that okay? Yeah,

**S** Sarah DePalma 04:12

that's fine. What's going on? I see.

**J** Jimmy Carper 04:16



Jimmy Carter 05:12

There's big Roy and nobody in there. Oh, Chris is in there. Isn't there? Okay. The there's going to be a guest but now we're going to have a special team coverage of pride events. Because, you know, folks you need to know about this stuff. We will be right back. And I'm going to play a song and no, I'm gonna go right into it. It's, we're gonna go right into the news, because I need to fall back and then shut up. Have you heard it right? That's right. You heard it right here. I KPFT Houston, get yo escalas stay. It's time for news interviews with big Roy and Chris.



Roy McCarthy 05:12

Yes. Welcome to this week's edition of news and views. Well, we're gonna be doing all pride stuff tonight. You already know about the Big Three auto manufacturers and you also know about the 2106 ruling. There are other things that you do not know about. And that's happening right here in Houston. We're gonna start off with talking about some things that have already occurred. For instance, yesterday we had the pride kickoff party over at the love it in the for the Gay Pride Month, Mitchell Katyn was there and so wasn't the honorary Grand Marshal, the former world the retired Minister of bearing Methodist church and I forget the guy's name. Sorry, folks. But it was a wonderful time was there and then today we had the Pride Day at AstroWorld and that was fun I was there, which is my voice might sound a little funny, a little hoarse. But that's because I was riding on all the different rides and we also had a truly fabulous show. That coffee, who's miss everything and the show that was put on shows why she was miss everything. She just performed her her guts out she was just flawless and everything. And it was a fantastic show.



Chris 06:48

Hey in the lobby, the phone's ringing.



Roy McCarthy 06:51

And anyway in spite of the phones, it was a wonderful time that was it was very well attended the theater at the Astrid at the AstroWorld was packed. It was absolutely packed. And those of us that are ticketholders will have a chance to go to Waterworld tomorrow I have my Waterworld pass and I shall see you there at Waterworld as a studio falls apart around us.



Chris 07:24

I think what happened is the the the traffic and phone system monitor had an image of you at Waterworld in your speedo and it tried to kill itself



Roy McCarthy 07:37

well you were at some of the clubs you're covering the club seeing what's going on.



C Chris 07:42

Well a lot of places are celebrating the banners are up along Westheimer and some banners are up and now I've been on the rainbow five banner new rainbow flag banners and a lot of places are it was a little late to get in the the bar specials they're doing for the the fight of 2106 but several of the bars are having little extra celebrations for that and upcoming events with pride. I know a couple of bars are having are naming people in their for their Mr. And Mrs. PJs is coming up. I know I believe

R Roy McCarthy 08:23

I can't remember whatever. Mr. Gay Texas is

C Chris 08:26

Yeah, several of the pageants are coming up in here. And it's it's an interesting time to go out to the bars. I mean, that's where our history began. And that's where our our lot our lot of our funding comes from, or a lot of the funding comes from and where you see a lot of the activity coming.

R Roy McCarthy 08:42

Also, I wanted to point out that riches there. People who went to astral worlds there have used your ticket stuff and are attending another party over at riches. And

C Chris 08:54

I think I didn't get over to riches there during patrol tonight. But there was a lot of people out this weekend. Celebrating the streets hasn't been this packed out there in a while in the Montrose area. A lot of community a lot of people coming out to the to the neighborhood. The Gay Men's Chorus of Houston will be having a second annual Gay Pride interfaith worship service with Reverend Dr. Janie spar, the Gay Men's Chorus will be performing and music worship leaders from many congregations will be joining them. This is a combined effort by Lutherans concerned more light Presbyterians, reconciling Methodists and other gay religious organizations recovering Catholics. Well, they didn't say dignity in there. This is going to be held at bearing Memorial United Methodist Church 1440 Harold, it's on today Sunday June 11 at 7pm and the cost is free.

R Roy McCarthy 09:58

All run can't be the cause. Also over at Jr's Bar and Grill does a official Pride event and I know it's official because it's in the official pride booklet that got put up by the Houston Gay Pride committee. Over at jazz bar and grill is a benefit show to raise money for the 800 Pacific street employee emergency fund and a local charity. The shows will take place on Monday at the

Santa Fe side at 9pm. And Jr's Bar and Grill in Santa Fe is located at 804 and 808. Pacific street again, the cost is free. And once again I kudos kudos kudos goes out to Jack Valinski and the rest of the pride committee for doing

**J** Jimmy Carper 10:48  
such you can say that, again for doing such

**R** Roy McCarthy 10:50  
a fantastic job. This year, I think they have really outdone themselves this year. I am so happy that I got my ticket and went out there to ask the world to see all the stuff that's going on with the kickoff party. That was wonderful, isn't it and all these other events that are coming up.

**J** Jimmy Carper 11:11  
Jack has already said he promised to come by parade night and just kind of debrief everyone and we can kind of talk about. Yeah,

**C** Chris 11:24  
Peter is going to be here I know debriefing of Peter.

**J** Jimmy Carper 11:30  
You've got a point there. And I want to remind people about the Gay Men's Chorus is going to present Broadway babies next weekend, June 17, at 8pm and June 18, at 3pm at the Kaplan Theatre of the IWM marks Performing Arts Center at the Jewish Community Center. 5601, South Breezewood. We've got tickets to give away and we're going to be doing that right after the newscast. So, get ready, write down the number it's 7135265738526 Kpf to write that down because we're gonna be giving those tickets away.

**C** Chris 12:08  
So use your dialing finger up until we say goodbye. Yep. Okay, well remember for the 2000 Pride participant mandatory meeting is going to be on Tuesday, June 13. All Groups participating in the Pride Parade are required to attend this meeting. Except for those located outside 50 miles of city of Houston. The meeting is also the deadline for all entry applicants submitted with a late fee. This meeting is at the Metropolitan multi service center 1475 West grey, from 630 to 830.

**R** Roy McCarthy 12:42


Okay, and on Thursday, it's the Gulf Coast archive and museum preview Gala. And the the archive folks will host a preview gala for Houston gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community museum with wine and cheese provided. All right, the museum's grand opening will be the next day. Friday. So go watch for their preview gala for the wine and cheese the

 Jimmy Carper 13:13

preview Gala, we're asking a they are asking a donation of \$15. And Friday, and Saturday and Sunday is free, free, free free, no matter what you may read

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Friday, Saturday and Sunday,

 Jimmy Carper 13:27

Sunday, Sunday, Sunday. And I do want to say I mean there's this is a warehouse that has been transformed for into a place for our gay museum or queer Museum. Let's go for that. Because of downtown. Yes. And people from all over have helped Sarah Jane from the transgender community was there. He had no building walls and all of that kind of stuff. It's truly been just all community involved. And we want to keep it that way. Oh,

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it's also a temporary location. Oh, yes, it

 Jimmy Carper 14:03

is a temporary location. And

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is that 2507 capital? That's right.

 Roy McCarthy 14:07

Now, how is it that you wound up in downtown Houston and not in the Montrose

 Jimmy Carper 14:12

because the 2507 capital happens to be the home of Bruce and Judy Reeves, who, who head up this organization. It was their idea a couple of years ago that they would buy a hat by

warehouse and then create their own space rather than buying a house and where the rooms already existed. And so they're in the process of doing that and then the archive and museum came up and they graciously are donating some space for the opening all wrong.

**C** Chris 14:47

Also on Thursday, June 15, a non official private event, Q patrol is hosting a membership rush reception at the lesbian Houston library In a gay community center at 803, Hawthorne, we are trying to recruit new members and bring some new people into the organization. We'll have light refreshments, it is free. Come down, meet some of the people in the patrol myself, some of our, our all of our members who are going to be able to attend. If you haven't had an opportunity to see the community center, this will be a great opportunity to see the positive negative art exhibit that's going on and get some information about the community center itself. And that, again is Thursday, June 15th, from seven to nine, at the lesbian and gay community center, 803, Hawthorne,

**R** Roy McCarthy 15:41

and what is a rush reception.

**C** Chris 15:43










That's kind of using the college terms of when you want to pledge to a fraternity. Rush is just being we want people to rush in and join up and get people to come out and walk the streets and ride the streets. And if you want to even pogo stick down the streets, we just need to, we need people to come out and keep who are committed to watching over their fellow citizen. The following day on Friday, June 16, the Gold Coast archive museum will be oak will have its grand opening at 2507 Capital. Once again, that event is free. It's going to get more information on the Gulf Coast archive and museum you can go to their website at [www dot Houston gay web.com/gulf Coast archive](http://www.gulfcoastarchive.com).

**R** Roy McCarthy 16:32

Okay, coming up is outlaw queer like Ray Hill. And what this is another stage play and what it is. It's the history of the from the early 60s to 1977 of the gay lesbian, bisexual and transgender rights movement here in Houston was Ray Hill's involvement in it. And it's a one character one man show and believing what a character Ray Hill is. And this performance is about early activism. Again, so plan to attend. The show runs June 16, through 18th and the 21st through the 23rd at the Ashland street theater at 2600. Ashlyn and if you'd like more information call 713 14 63019 or you can email email Ray hill at [Ray.hill@econet.com](mailto:Ray.hill@econet.com).

**C** Chris 17:37

The Houston billiard open is

-  Roy McCarthy 17:39  
yes the Houston billions if whenever you go to the clubs, there are a lot. The pool tables are one of the most the second most popular place other than the barstool.
-  Chris 17:53  
Oh, what do you expect when you can handle a stick and knock around some balls? This pool tournament is held each year to help raise money for local community organization and they
-  Roy McCarthy 18:02  
say and they say I'm a pervert I love this guy.
-  Chris 18:07  
If you can see the look of Syria is giving me right now that's this tournament is an amateur event open to everyone the rules are BC A were probably bill your conference of America probably is starting at 12 noon at slick Willie's 1200 West timer from Hollywood Video. Yes and right next to the lesbian triangle.
-  Roy McCarthy 18:32  
Yeah, where you go,
-  Chris 18:33  
the cost is \$10 phone number is for more information 713-524-4190 or you can check their website@www.ib I houston.net.
-  Roy McCarthy 18:48  
And all this information is coming from the official the official Houston Lesbian and Gay Pride 2000 events booklet that came from the Texas triangle. But this is the official book. It used to be a little pamphlet thing.
-  Chris 19:07  
Yeah, that you can fit in your pocket and carry around with you wherever you fool tabloid size.
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Roy McCarthy 19:13

That's right. Now next up on the agenda is a hatch prom. And that's going to be on Saturday, June 17. At the lavet and 501. Love it because it's free for ages 13 to 20 \$20. For adults. The attire is formal, formal being tux. And if you'd like more information call 7139427 Double O two. Now in regards to this hatch, prom patch being the Houston area teen coalition of homosexuals. People in hatch realized that there's many folks, especially in my generation who were not able to tend a prompt

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Chris 20:01

are not able to attend the prom with someone who they really wanted to go with.

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Roy McCarthy 20:04

Right? People are the same gender. And this is an attempt to

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Chris 20:10

the adults are invited to come there. And it's it's going to be a large event there. I've been driven by it several times in the past several years on patrol, plenty of cars there. And we'll hopefully be able to get a good report about how it all went. Home one of the Hatchling, well, considering the fact the second half of next week's show is the hatch segment, right as the third week. Hopefully they will be not too tired from their prom and be able to attend here. And so we will have some formally. We'll go from nude radio, and then two weeks later, we'll have formal radio,

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Roy McCarthy 20:45

right? All these boys and tuxes Oh,

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Chris 20:49

so when they talk into the microphone, their pinkies will be up. There you go. Among other things Broadway baby, the annual pride concert focusing on the history of Broadway with selections from the 1930s to the present. A concert will be held on Saturday, June 17. And Sunday, June 18. At the Jewish Community Center at 5601, South braise what this is the Gay Men's Chorus, from this show is from eight to 1030, the Jewish Community Center, the cost is \$15, advance \$18 at the door or free if you call once we get off here with the news segment, right? For more information you can call 713-521-7464 or the website@www.gmch.org.

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Roy McCarthy 21:46

And folks, if you have not been to the year, the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston, this is a must. They are really a fabulous group to listen to. They're very entertaining, and they are very, very

professional. This is popular entertainment, the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston, Broadway babies, a lot of showtunes stuff that you tell them. I know you, you yourself know. Oh, yes. And the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston. I went to their show last year. And let me tell you something. It was phenomenal. In fact, Jimmy and I both win. And I can still remember, I mean that their show is so good at something

**J** Jimmy Carper 22:33

incredibly professional. was good.

**C** Chris 22:38

You could tell it was good because Roy has trouble remembering yesterday.

**S** Sarah DePalma 22:41

Yeah, not what

**J** Jimmy Carper 22:42

we're talking about the Gay Men's Chorus because their annual pride concert is next weekend, Saturday night at 8pm or Sunday afternoon at three and we have tickets giveaway that we're going to be giving away right after this event the

**S** Sarah DePalma 22:57

money go oh yeah, spend the money and go they are worth every penny.

**J** Jimmy Carper 23:01

You bet they are.

**R** Roy McCarthy 23:02

And I guess want to say agents salutes gay pride and they invite you to join them before and after the parade.

**C** Chris 23:10

I wasn't telling you to read the Atlas to look at the picture.

R Roy McCarthy 23:13  
I know.

S Sarah DePalma 23:17  
Intellectual staff is here.

R Roy McCarthy 23:21  
We are getting the wrap up. I got tickets to give away that's right or they kicked me away.

C Chris 23:30  
staff is here to serve your needs. Well, it just depends where our brains are located or where they're located.

R Roy McCarthy 23:37  
knows what we're going to be reporting on next week. Stay tuned. I'm sure we'd

C Chris 23:41  
like to contribute to next week's mayhem please email us and with news information stories, tidbits, pictures, whatever at nudes after hours. kpft@hotmail.com.

J Jimmy Carper 23:54  
Okay, now I'm gonna play a song and it's by it's kind of it's different. It's a new artist, David Alan Moore's he's very country. But this is a non country tune that he that he's doing and it's some of you older folks will remember it and maybe some of your not so older folks will remember it's a very pretty song. And while that song is playing, you can give a call to get those tickets for Gay Men's Chorus next week. You You need to tell big Roy whether you want Saturday night at eight or Sunday afternoon at three. The number is 71352657385 to 6k P F T Yes, that was David Allen mores a very country artist doing chances are it's off of his brand new CD, where I'm free and And

S Sarah DePalma 25:00  
was that yeah, I was just melting in my chair.

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**J** Jimmy Carper 25:05  
So give him a holler on email at WWW dot cyber wolves.com/david Alan Moore's David H L A N. Alan Moore's M O R S. Nice. That's probably, I hope that's gonna be over at Lobo because that's on a record label that trolley Paseo has started up so, and Charlie CHEO has moved to Houston.

**S** Sarah DePalma 25:38  
Oh, is that right? Would that make you Yeah. Oh, you

**J** Jimmy Carper 25:40  
bet. You bet. You bet.

**S** Sarah DePalma 25:42  
Jimmy just just with Jimmy, we jumped his bones.

**J** Jimmy Carper 25:46  
He is a sweetheart. Oh, Francisco Sanchez is here and Sandy is still in the lobby. Doing something with coffee. I don't know.

**S** Sarah DePalma 25:55  
I didn't know coffee was here, but I guess.

**J** Jimmy Carper 25:58  
Oh, that's good. There you go there. Yeah. Okay. Ah, there, Sandy. There they


**S** Sarah DePalma 26:04  
are. Okay, now I can see you, for instance. Oh, there you are. And during


**J** Jimmy Carper 26:07  
your segment, I see that I've got some music by Devin that I'm going to be able to pull. Yes, we're


**S** Sarah DePalma 26:14

 Sarah DePalma 26:14  
gonna play that. Speaking of entertainment entertainers.


 Jimmy Carper 26:18  
Anyone you want they're all on?

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For the larger one.

 Jimmy Carper 26:26  
Have you seen coffee? So see, I told you. Well, at two o'clock, you need to probably have a little cup of coffee. When you're listening to after hours on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station. This is the Latinos said segment hosted by Francisco Sanchez and Sandy. And I'm gonna hang in here. I'm Jimmy and Sarah is going to hang in here too, because she had a couple of more things. And, and actually, Sarah being the political that she is, is probably going to get into a nice long conversation with Francisco about the happenings in Fort

 Sarah DePalma 27:02  
Worth. Yeah, what has happened in Fort Worth? All kinds of exciting things. We had a couple of transgender delegates that attended our state convention, Mr. Foster, and Jessica Redman and

 Jimmy Carper 27:14  
two actually wonderful people, a couple of other folks

 Sarah DePalma 27:17  
actually someone, I think, male to female. I don't know that's married, that's married to female. Yeah, there are transgender participation. There are actually a number of transgender people from Austin that were going in at least two from Dallas, and I knew that were going so there were actually a number there. They were not all out of the closet, but they were there was only ones recognized for the ones from Harris County and here and he shouldn't have been involved. But I was very pleased with that. We had I think I would venture to say probably 90% of the transgendered people are probably Democrat. And I put me in kind of an odd situation, because as a lobbyist, I feel to work with whichever party is in power, right. So I have to be real careful about what I say I am. But I don't think it's any big secret to anybody. I just have to be able to work with both parties. Right. And that makes sense. That makes sense.

 Jimmy Carper 28:12



Jimmy Carper 28:13

I have a little note here talking about Bob Smith, the wonderful gay comic. He has a definition of gay Republicans is white squares with pink triangles. That works just thought I'd throw that in there. That's that's about all I contribute, you can contribute to a political conversation.



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Say you were representing Karis County,



Sarah DePalma 28:37

I actually took a backseat this elect to this convention, oh, and just sort of did background work and tried to enjoy it more than ever. I didn't serve any committees I didn't enjoy for boring. More exciting, but we made fun of it. We had our own parties. As a matter of fact, I would venture to say that just about right now the last parties are beginning to wrap up for me, because rainbow was there who's here with us and he said it ended up around seven so and and I left earlier than that, to get back here. But it was a good convention. We elected Sue local, who's a lesbian activist here to the Democratic National Committee. by one vote of the nominations committee and then approved by the whole floor, she succeeds a legend. She does Bill it for the for the audience who may not know she succeeds Billy Carr. And Billy Carr is a legend not only in her own time, but beyond all belief. I had an rare opportunity Francisco several years ago, we were as I was invited to participate in a group of lobbyists in Austin. And I got to sit next to Billy Carr. And I wish honest to god, I had had a tape recorder because all the way up and all the way back. She started talking about the people that she has known through the years and the people She has worked with and and you know, why told Dolph meaning Governor Dolph Briscoe here? Yeah. You know, or I told John meaning John Connolly, you know, or as a bill clinton intern in her office when he was in college, for God's sakes. Wow. I mean, so Billy Carr has known Bill Clinton for years. And she told the most wonderful story. She got invited to go in, stay at the Lincoln Bedroom. And she said, Well, you know, that was kind of nice. She figured it with Bill Clinton paying her back. But she comes to breakfast, and Rosa Parks is sitting there at breakfast. If you don't Billy car Billy car could talk the hide off of an animal. And Billy Carr says that for the first time in her life, she was utterly speechless. She sat down next to her and said, Excuse me, I know you must get this a lot. But can I just touch you? So I'm Sue level is succeeding Billy Carr. She has more than her hands full. She's got to succeed a true legend in Texas politics in national politics, the Democratic Party changed because of Billy Carr. The convention system started in the 1700s. And is so evolved, I mean, up to up to the 1960s Convention in Chicago. It was really, there really brokered conventions, and there were really only a few people had a say in what the party did. And over the past 25 years or so, the party has been changing the rules to sort of it was abilities impetus that we had a convention process where the goal was to give every constituency in this party, equal access to the convention process. And over the past several conventions over the past latter part of the century that finally happened. So I think we're very Billy car I think was probably one of the first people at the national level to take transgenders under her wing. Phyllis fry, new bill and had a discussion Billy car more than 30 years ago, in Billy card been working on behalf of transgenders ever since. And whoa, that's those are big shoes to fill. I'm glad at SU, but boy, I don't envy your I see I say happens. I served with Su, we're both on the board of directors of the Texas Human Rights Foundation. So I wonder if Sue will stay with the Human Rights Foundation? Because she's gonna have her hands full. Now. She is here. I hope so. I hope you'll stay on the board. Okay, so



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since you're behind the behind the scenes at the convention over there, how did you feel about the, you know, GLBT community? They are, you know, were they more stronger, more united? were commenting last time, about, you know, how sometimes different political issues, you know, the community sort of separates a little, and you know, how it would be good for us to, you know, start getting back together and, you know, supporting each other's issues. And, you know, just really wondering how that went over there.

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Sarah DePalma 32:52

It went really well. We've always been fairly inclusive of, of gay and lesbian issues in terms of the Democratic Party. This ethic was especially so it's Alaska, at the last national convention in 96. In, in Chicago, I think you really saw that when you had, you know, Jim Sweeney from the AFL, AFL CIO, saying the words gay and lesbian and losing that. And from the President's speech, and I think I think you're gonna see that again this year in Los Angeles, 2000. In terms of our state convention, I think we made a tremendous amount of progress. The door has always been open for our participation. We made some significant steps this time around. We finally officially created Texas Stonewall Democrats, which would be the statewide organization it's officially recognized by the party to handle and work on gay and lesbian issues and made a huge step and try and secure for that organization to state Democratic executive committee seats. Not quite there but I think we put enough pressure we've got a good number of galas, we delegates that were appointed out of their senate districts to go to national delegates in Los Angeles. And, and several more at large, does go and I I don't know who they had a good representative of Houston, I'm hesitant to say because I didn't see the final report. I don't want to say someone became a delegate, not a case, you're driving home and then we say might not know, still, I still don't know about my Netlog delegate, I was assured that it was very likely. keep my fingers crossed. So we did very well.



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Well, I'm really happy to hear that because you know, a lot of good things started to happen to our community and the whole country and also in the state of Texas. I was really happy on Thursday, actually, when I was looking at the product, like no more stuff than me a lot like it's

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Jimmy Carper 34:41

just incredible to

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Sarah DePalma 34:42

considering that now with this like that. We're just within a few hours of that being legal. Does that mean no matter like who you are, now, we're all barely legal. Nicely. That's very, very nice. Oh, yeah. And so how do they did assess their, their chances in November with George Bush

running? It's, uh, the chair was very candid in saying at the start of the convention that the state had been written off. And it was the, the reality is we're not going to win Texas and our challenge is to keep our Democrats working or activists out there. And, you know, the fact of the matter is, you know, it's whether we're not, you know, my biggest fear is that folks aren't going to go vote because it's not going to make it's not gonna make a difference in terms of presidential politics, that drives me crazy. But then as somebody who works at the state level, which is where my focus is, they're really wrong about that. Right. The real concern is, for example, for our groups, Jimmy, is that the Democrats will lose control of the House in the Senate, as it is now they only have control of the Texas House, I think it's by three votes, something like that. So that if there's a huge Republican sweep this time, it's not so much that there will be a huge influx of conservative people, because in many cases, you can deal with philosophical differences. The real issue is who has control of appointing committee chair Yeah, that that's the big that's where the power in the legislature is. And they're really wrong. If they think that their votes don't count. They need to get out there in it no matter who they vote for president. They need to vote lower down the ballots. And one of the big problems is that they don't do that. Sorry, go ahead. Oh, no, I agree. We that's sort of I mean, we've got the state Senate of the we have the opportunity to take back if we get out or get our our voters and we can definitely keep the state house, they can go out and vote and straight party ticket, your Republican ticket and leave. And this is particularly critical, not only because it's a presidential year. But this next session of the legislature will be redistricting will be redrawing lines for new districts. And, you know, Republicans control the House in the Senate. And chances are they're going to make sure we have any control of redistricting, which means for the next 10 years, the Democrats would be less effective than they could be or should they? Right, yeah. And so that's sort of what's going on at that. And so I mean, I know we're all throughout the convention, we're really well, we had a good galas, we participation.

 Jimmy Carper 37:26

It seemed it from from all that I read over the Han that, yeah, this was incredible.

 Sarah DePalma 37:33

It was it was really great. It was really great. And in, like, I continue to stretch this community, how important it is that people will just pay the process and whatever, whatever whichever party it is. We had my race run for Secretary, two months ago, in May, when I had my election, I won by 12 votes. And Sandy was there it took an hour and 45 minutes to get through my race alone. And it was three and a half hours. And I get and as I sat up there, I was like, you know, I can sit up there, I can count 12, openly gay or transgender people that are sitting here in this room, and my bass was slipping and sliding. And Sandy can tell you about what there were some people I wasn't staring down, I wasn't gonna get through the road. And this is the only community that I could count on and not have to worry about. We had in ensues race, when she just replaced building on the DNC, she won by one vote on the nominations committee to be the nominee for that for that seat. And we had, fortunately, some folks on there that there were committed to, to get sue in there. And but it's important to participate in the process.

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It's very critical that we all you know, start doing our part, you know, a vote will count at the



you know, when the time comes. And we just have to make sure that you know, it's different. I don't

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Sarah DePalma 38:52

think people understand the importance of down ballot racing is honestly part of the problem. I've said this before, and I've actually discussed this with other state legislators, state legislators will tell you that anybody can win their race because they're all anonymous. Still, people have absolutely no idea who their state legislator is. And they have even less of a concept that a state legislator does. So that you can actually run a race with a fairly small amount of money with by political terms. With 15 to \$20,000, you can run a race for a state for a state representative position and have a good shot of winning. But whether you win or lose often depends on what happens with people further up the ballot, because people have a habit of going in hitting a party lever and leaving. And if they're gonna go out and vote for George Bush Well, and that's what they're gonna do, but they need to not just punch party. They need to become educated about the races down ballot. One of the things we talked about today, for example, it was a transgender community. They're finding it more and more difficult to getting their name and gender changes done in courts in Harris County. Why? Because they're all ripped. Wilkins and they were all put there by Stephen hosts it. Yeah. So the importance of those races that were down ballot now that we're going to find out what that meant. They need to learn not go pull party ticket, but find out about these judges, races, legislators races and vote. Right.

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But one of the problems is that the parties and longers I don't I don't see the party as an issue anymore is the fact that you can be a Republican still have, you know, political, you know, ideological issues with your own party.

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Sarah DePalma 40:28

Not in Texas? Well, not. Nationally, yes. In Texas, you don't walk a conservative Christian line, you're out. And even they don't like George dope, you know? It's exactly right. They're gonna vote for George because he's the only person available. Yeah. So they would prefer somebody far more concerned. Yeah. They want somebody who use a litmus test for abortion. They want someone who's going to use a litmus test for gay and lesbian issues. And they want that litmus test to be the Christian right view. So to speak. Yeah.

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Jimmy Carper 41:01

Are you know, are there they're really on the ads. The man who's running against I got to meet the man who's running against Deborah Dannenberg. Why he wants to run against her. I don't know. But he is a Republican. He has a lesbian sister,

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Sarah DePalma 41:15



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and he has a lot of money. No. Well, I mean, he, he's got a lot of monolayers, where he's gonna run a tough race as he will. So you know, it's like, I don't get it. Just because he's never Danbury, I'll tell you, if you talk to politicians, they'll tell you, there isn't a person that thinks they've got a safe seat this year. They all know that the George Bush running is going to be bigger Republican sweep in Texas. And they could very easily be taken out just on the basis of people voting the party ticket.



Jimmy Carper 41:44

I've never done that. I've never voted, you know, done the party thing. I like I like, you know, pushing those little holes out for all the different names. I want to read all the names I want to do that's part of the voting thing finally



Sarah DePalma 41:57

did at one time, and I'm gonna show my age. I did that when Richard Nixon ran against George McGovern. And I could no I could I could have voted for Khomeini before I could have voted for Nixon. That's the ultimate. Okay. Maybe not who me but I want those people. I'm still mad at Richard Nixon and he's dead. So what else happened to the convention? That was what kind of resolutions to the past that we should know about. We passed and rainbows jumping up for joy over there a resolution. And for those of y'all that are driving home from the bars right now? Yes. Just closed. A public public intoxication. And he's gonna come here very quickly explained that.



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It's just the resolution that probably the legislature will closer to the mic, dear. Okay. The resolution was, if you are arrested for public intoxication, and you don't think you are publicly intoxicated, I never even drank a drop, like I did in 1994. June 19.



Jimmy Carper 43:16

We've heard the story.



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That's why I'm giving up. Yes, I know that. If you wanted to take a test, which they never gave me. You could request a test for public intoxication just like the DWI test just like that they read.



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Is that like right on the spot like, I'm not trying to give you a ton less.



Roy McCarthy 43:41

That's basically what I did five years ago. I said, Give me a test. Give me the same test that Rudy Tom Jovovich refused the week before.



Jimmy Carper 43:54

Don't ask I love it. I've been waiting all my life to



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22 hours and 45 minutes I spent in jail.