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Michelle Meyers, Sarah DePalma



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The transgendered newsletters, the yes, this is far and away the most public writing I've ever done in my life. And basically, it was something that I felt compelled to do by the subject matter, simply because we have to correct these misconceptions and errors. If we don't want them to be perpetuated, that the this is really our future that we're dealing with. We have to be proactive in getting the proper information available to the world. You're right.



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You're absolutely right.



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You know, Jimmy, I gotta say,



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she was so eloquent.



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We set the studio four and a half years ago. And I think I was probably it's time I was one of what maybe three openly transsexual people in the state, pretty much now you look around, and there are open transgender people all over the state, and I gotta say, it feels damn good.



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And in such a short amount of time, it's just overwhelming. I've seen this Genesis.



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community grew up and go off on its own. Yes, serious. Yes.



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That's what getting pissed off will do



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women and men.



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Yes, yes. I have to say, Marty, as I read this today, I'm sitting there and I'm thinking, Damn, she's eloquent?



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Well, I think that, you know, words are one of these things that, like any tool has two sides, they can be used to improve the lot and build, or you can use them as a sword, that to cut things down. And we're so much better off if we use them as a positive tool, rather than as a hammer to beat opposition with.



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Well, yeah,



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that's exactly I never I never understood the cutting down part, because. But then



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again, sometimes it feels good, though.



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Well, you know, it's easier to cut somebody else down to make you feel good than to actually improve yourself. Oh, yeah.



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Yeah. And I have to say that I have this thought about it. If Dale is right, and the Republicans are going to have a huge sweep in the election, and I'm sorry to say that in that it's not a matter of the fact that these are Republicans, it's a matter of the fact that they are arch conservatives that bothers me. If there were Democrats and still large conservatives, it would be to say, I feel the same way about this.



Michelle Meyers 02:43

They were all clones of Ernest Collings sent the allegedly Democratic senator from North Carolina, I'd be just as just as opposed to him. Yeah, exactly.



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Right now, but if he's, if he's right, and I believe that he is, we are all I mean, everybody I don't give a darn whether you're gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered. We are going to be under serious attack in this state. Yeah, I mean, serious aterial included. Well, but you know, Dale doesn't believe it. You know, I just read it. And in here, we're, they're going to have a guest speaker. And this guy was the leading proponent for doing away with affirmative action California. This is their star speaker. Now, you know, I can't help but wonder you remember there was an old an old poster that was supposed to take place in Nazi Germany?



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Oh, yes. I came for the one group and



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shoes. And I stood quiet. Yeah, came for the blacks and I stood quietly came through the day, and I stood quiet. They came from me. There was no one left to speak.



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And I think Dale could be the person who wrote that. I don't mean that he's a Nazi. But I mean that ISIS, I think Dale is in for a rude awakening. He could just as easily been the guy who wrote that, because he's going to wake up and find out that his support of those people not only did him no good but made him a mark man. These people like no one except themselves. They will sell Dale down the river. They will sell every day we're down the river.

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Michelle Meyers 04:21

every heartbeat every everybody out there everybody out there who has no company specific job protection. A state can do away with that. If they want it



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with a gun line of legislation. They can they

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Michelle Meyers 04:36

can make an they can outlaw that as being against public policy. And do not think for one minute that all the nice, obnoxious conservative Republicans coming sweeping in from East Texas would not love to do something like that.



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Anybody who doesn't believe that? Just take a look at yesterday's paper, where you saw the State Board of Education dump all the Disney stock Yeah, why did I saw that? And why



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did you not believe for one minute? It was because of all the cuss words and Miramax pictures



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nothing new with Miramax. It had to do with American fact that the American Family Association, Garrett Bauer in his group, put so much pressure on the board. They dumped it was a flat out anti homosexual attacks, sure nothing and just as pure and simple as that, and how anybody, I don't care what party they belong to how anybody could support a party that would have people like this is beyond me.



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Oh, well, it's always much easier to rationalize about these things than it is to face the hard facts of the reality. You know, they can say, Well, we did it because there was too many cuss words. You know, these are all rationalizations to hide the hard truth. The hard truth being that, you know, it was an anti homosexual move.



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Yes. You know, and it's hard for me because on one hand, I really respect Dale, what he is trying to do within the Republican Party is not easy. I really has courage.



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I have said it many, many times on this show. I respect him for the courage he has to stand up in his party.



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I just thoroughly disagree with everything he believes. That's all good. I



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just, I just don't. Yeah, you know,



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I have to say, I think that this is really courageous of both of you, Marty. I read that and I was so impressed. And I felt like this is really good stuff. In Katrina it now yes, it's gonna be going on for how many months?



Michelle Meyers 06:29

Like I start probing until, till one of us opens up a column saying, you know, Dale, you ignored slot or cat slot until it until it converges into that I imagine they'll let us go at it. Okay. I hope I'm certainly hope it lasts until the elections. So help me to, you know, obviously, I hope it goes along.



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I'm really looking forward to this. And I have to say, there was a time when that I can remember, you know, when I was the only one who would ever write to a newspaper. And when I did, I took all kinds of crap from people within my own community, who basically wanted me to shut up because I was threatening their closets. It is so nice not to have to be the person to send the letters anymore. I can actually, but what it does is it frees me up to call the Terry Murphy's and to get some stuff done behind the scenes view. I don't have to dress that stuff anymore. There are many people far more eloquent than I who could do a far better job. In editing, I gotta tell you, it feels good.



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Well, um, I want to thank everybody who's been in addition to Marty, all the other folks have sent in Senator letters to that.



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There was a page full, you know, again, imagine they had a whole lot more that they couldn't print. Well. Yeah.



Michelle Meyers 07:46

Again, I don't know if Spencer has ever been on the show. But I know Gwen has. I let her I let her know about it when the thing was in the Washington blade. And I said, please send it into the voice.



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I've invited Spencer several times. We just never could get a time scheduled together. He's extremely busy.



Michelle Meyers 08:02

And the I guess the second leather came, so he's someone I know solely from online. He's a straight male. But but he converses with a lot with the with the transgender people. He's just a very nice guy. I let him know about the article. It annoyed him as much as it did anybody and he wrote wrote a very nice letter. And I don't know the other two people.



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Okay, it's from it's time Ohio. Yes, that's it. I thought I thought you said the name. I thought oh, I know this person. Yeah.



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Well, when you're talking about the gentleman, the straight man yeah, I've said it before and I've said it again. We will never achieve anything without the help from our straight friends. We don't have the majority to pass anything



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collected the nice way we got to write I mean, I mean, it had to be right. And these could not have won election with only the gay and lesbian more



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and more and more straight people are realizing they have transgendered people in their

family they have gay and lesbian people in their families. And and we're not a mystery anymore.

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Michelle Meyers 09:13

And until we add more I think more and more straight people realizing that this is a psychotic agenda of the Gary Bowers the pat robertson's James Dobson's they will it's that's that agenda is going to affect homosexuals and transsexuals first well they're the ones will call it off that they'll call it off to the concentration camps first. Well maybe when they will Yes their agenda will get anybody who does not think exactly like



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them will maybe when Dale finds out that he's got somebody gay in his family, help loosen up.



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Well I have a love that. When that's one of the reasons that I have said that when we do it when it's time when It's Time Texas when Texas gender When we decide to go when we go to Austin for a Transgender Day, a lobbying day, I'm going to make it a special point not just to lobby our friends, but also to lobby the people who have never seen us before, but hate us anyway. Right? Because that's how we're going to change minds. It's going to take time, we're going to have to go to see them over and over and over. But it is an absolute truism in politics. It is very difficult to pass anti anything legislation, if the people you're passing legislation against have names and faces attached.

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Michelle Meyers 10:35

This is Michelle. I just want to add to everything that I've been listening to here, that between now and November, we have a chance to do something, because in November, we have the chance to vote. Amen. Let me tell you, there is a person who is our state representative from the Montrose fundamentos. Crofton area heights, a starboard damper. Let me give you an example. She was running in the primary this year unopposed. She got a total of 11 132 votes. I know people don't vote in primaries, but think of it. 11 132 votes?



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Well, no one turned off for the primary. That's just that's

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Michelle Meyers 11:23

nobody turning out by No. And if we don't turn out and we don't vote, that's the one thing that everyone almost everyone, at least those over 18 listening to us can do. Yeah. And there's one thing that the Dale's probable predicting incorrect prediction about the Republican landslide

will perhaps due to some people, and we can't let it do to us is is a style of voting philosophy, which was told told to the Houston area listeners on Election Day 1988 by one of the heroes history a DJ is my least qualified to give election advice, namely Moby. And what he what he said was that because the polls said that George Bush was going to win by a landslide, it was everyone's duty to go ahead and vote that way anyway, just to make him feel good. Oh, yeah. And if we, if we start believing that the Republicans are going to win by a landslide, they probably will. But if everybody, then not only within the sound of my voice, but within the sound of the voices of people who hear me can go tell people vote against them, we might not be able to keep the Republicans from getting a majority. But if we prevent one, one district, one state senator shop, even one of the statewide offices for falling into the hands of one of the theocrats, it'll be a success. Not a great one, not the one we've applied. But it will help.

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Sarah DePalma 13:07

My concern is if there is a big sweep of conservatives into office, that the sound of thunder that you hear is the sound of people running for their closets. And that will be absolutely the wrong reaction. There is a big sweep. That is the time for us to come out not to run away and hide. There's

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another aspect here too, of just blindly voting democratic. Because we have had friends in the Republican Party. That's

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Michelle Meyers 13:33

my personal view is straight ticket voting should be outlawed is the most the one of the things the most damaging to legitimate election results. There's always there's always a nutcase on either side of the ticket, who is totally against what most of the party stands for? I

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voted for some Democrats that I was sorry, I did. Yeah. And the idea is to know who you're voting for, and if you don't have the opportunity to do that, do it through the HDL, PC, the caucus, the League of Women Voters, there's any number of groups out there who give wonderful information.

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Michelle Meyers 14:09

During July, the HCI PC or the caucus, the screening. They were doing, they will be doing their endorsements at the first on the first Wednesday in August. And so it's it's upon us. The endorsement process for the gay community is right upon us. We're in it. Yeah, there are two other things. To be sure. Be sure to keep in mind when you're in the voting booth. Don't just vote for the glamour races governor and the congressman or whatever. The judges are where the where the rubber hits the road,



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like, like Ray Hill has always said you are more likely to meet a JP than you ever will a senator Right. Absolutely.



Michelle Meyers 14:59

And also and out but along those lines once you get down there beat, do your best to get informed about those lower ticket races. Yes, it. I hate saying this but if you're really totally completely unsure about two people in a race Yeah, I hate saying totally abstain but sometimes sometimes a misinformed vote is worse than no vote and don't certainly don't stay home. But if not just to see if there's if there's 100 If there's 100 races on your ballot, and there are one or two you don't know about, it might be a good idea not to cast the vote, right.



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This is KPFT 90.1 FM in Houston, Texas. Actually, it's



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it's KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station, we are the queer sound of Texas, to Aggies on the air right now as you will hear just just immediately



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the sound of Texas KPFT Houston of Pacifica radio network station 90.1 FM 89.1k EOS College Station.



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What times can EOS join us?



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Ke O 's joins us right at midnight for after hours. The rest of the week. K e os joins us at 1am



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Okay, see I didn't use K us I thought well they don't even join us yet. So



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yeah, so say do I found



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that out so they join us just in time for all the the Aggies just stumble out of the chicken.



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It's interesting. They got to transsexual Aggies under here right now.



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This is what monitoring across the campus up at a&m will do to you to protegees



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it Phyllis Frye and proud of it.



Michelle Meyers 16:41

Yeah. Yeah. In fact, I talked to Deborah Dannenberg on she said, I think she said she knew or was on fairly good terms with like six Aggies, and three of them were transsexual.



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Oh, that's pretty good. I like that Phil Gramm.



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Thank you very, very much. This is this has been great stuff. When we talked about being community to rate community radio. This is what we're talking about. In in, I think that this is this is terrific. Marty. I hope we're gonna see more writing from you because I was really Oh, well, you



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can certainly count on that. And I have one last comment I'd really like to make. And it goes in tandem with Katrina's comment that in informed voter in the local elections is the strongest tool we have in influencing how our lives are administered on a day to day level.



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Yeah, absolutely. Already. That's



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right. That's exactly right.



Michelle Meyers 17:43

As for my, my series and the triangle, if anybody wants to drop me a line, you know, love mail or hate mail? My My email address is TXKTR i na@aol.com. That's text katrina@aol.com. I might not be very responsive for the next two weeks, because I'm studying for the Texas bar exam. After that, I'll, you know, I'll try to reply that little Oh, yeah. Good luck. Yes.



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And Lordy, if anyone would care to send me an email, my email address is Marty girl at geo cities.com. Okay, and comments are welcome to be said. Positive and negative. I'd like to hear from you.



Michelle Meyers 18:36

I'll take a poll from the two hosts, I know Baron, devotees email address, should we give that out and ask people to respond to her? Sure. Okay.



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You don't want to? I don't feel that would really contribute anything positive. And



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the reason I'm with you, I think, generates something we don't want to be part of. Oh, I actually



Michelle Meyers 18:55

tend to agree with Marty on that. Because I know of a couple of people who have responded to her and I've been carbon copied on her responses back to them. I have a feeling it wouldn't. Yeah, she doesn't really seem to be all that responsive.



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Now it's best just to leave that alone. I think.



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Cooler heads have prevailed. I guess I'm an old radical.



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There's always room for fire. But there's also room for consideration and we need



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both. That's right, Marty, thank you for coming on after hours.



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Thank you for letting me be here. Katrina.



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It's wonderful as always,



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microphones, microphones open anytime. Yes. Okay.



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Thank you. And we'll be back in just a few minutes. You are listening to after hours. Queer radio with attitude.



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Oh, this is State Representative Glenn Maxi and you're listening to after hours on KPFT Houston. 90.1 FL



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Tomorrow's a big day. You've heard us talk about it all week. It's worse palooza. 98 Hi, I'm

Mary. Join me on the other KPFT Arab personalities starting at three o'clock as we throw open the doors to a great evening of blues. First man hits to stay starting at four o'clock checkup lineup of great blues acts that will be performing sunset Hi Terraplane J hooks, sweet monocot and the tweets. Sandy Hickey on the sole providers the high Taylor's and Hamilton went door prizes including passes to the film buffalo 66. With every admission was blues 98 is the place to be, there's a \$10 donation fee at the door to benefit your community radio station, pay P F T, Bo's blues 98 tomorrow starting at three o'clock at Billy blues bar and grill on Richmond and fountainview to benefit your home of the blues. Here's Cincinnati point one KPFT the sound of Texas a



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couple of weeks ago, got a letter from Gary the Gay Christian who writes to us often I've met him a couple of times a really nice guy. And I read it over the air because he talked about losing his dad. And it was an incredibly touching letter, because he talked about how when he first came out years ago, his dad wasn't too thrilled, but had warmed up over the years, and had even come to the point of fully accepting Him. And then the last days of his life, some of the advice that Gary's dad gave him was, you know, find a man who will love you as much as you love him. And really touching, isn't it and it's incredible advice. And when you think about it,



Sarah DePalma 21:43

that's a long way I can really empathize with this. I just received a birthday card from my father. It is the first time that my father has ever used my first name on anything he has ever sent to me.



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And usually in the past has just been De Palma de Palma.



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And I was shocked. I was really shocked and it felt so good. Because I've really felt like that was a direct result of a trip that we took we're always gonna had a chance to sit down and talk to my dad for sure person. So to Gary Well, I really empathize with this. Thankfully, I've not lost my dad, but I understand how you feel.



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Yeah. Well, he wanted to, he had a music request, and it's a beautiful song. It's by Elton John. And it's off of the Versace album, actually, it's called the one and it's called the last song you all know it. This is for Gary



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an ad was really beautiful, beautiful piece of music.



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I love that album. Or just love it. And it's beautiful to look at too.



Sarah DePalma 22:54

There's a yeah, this is another song was done by I can't do something in the mechanics. And like in the mechanical annex about a father. Yes son. That's also a beautiful, beautiful piece of music. That is really enjoyed that. Well, we're gonna get ready to go to our first piece of tape. The last show that we did we featured to Sylvia Rivera. And Sylvia Rivera is as you all know, by now is quite revered is really the the person who if she didn't directly incite Stonewall, she came darn close.



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How long is this?



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About five, six minutes, okay, but it won't it won't delay with it what they're doing okay. And there are took these are two cuts that we did not use in the original interview. Oh, so it was the first time that we've aired these. The first piece is Sylvia just talking about Stonewall itself. But the second piece is when she is she ends up talking about her daughter's her passion, which is the street kids. Yes, since she was a street kid herself.



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Now this is Sylvia Rivera, who is a trans gendered person who threw the first stone at during Stonewall exactly



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right. So let's go to that right now. Okay.



Michelle Meyers 24:23

people fail to realize that it was the drag queens, three people drag queens transcend the people that were always put in their lives up in the front of their of their line. Because another thing I wanted to say is that when the Gay Liberation Front of New York proclaim our

community you Drag Queens transvestite. So that's how we're a drag queen size. We were the vanguard of the revolution. We were the front liners, we were the ones that would go to jail. We were the ones that would lay in front of police cars, we were the ones that were getting our assets be while everybody ran the other way. People say because we didn't have nothing to lose, no, yes, maybe we didn't have nothing to lose. We gave the public for years and years and years. Beauty as far as entertainers straight people were going to add to, to jewel box review, they wanted to see a bunch of free, according to them in plain English. But if the rest of us as far as I'm concerned, under the name of Marsha P Johnson, I've been volunteering at all the other federal fighting alongside with me, we would not have what we have today. I'm gonna continue to say what I have to say. And that's the way I feel bad. It really hurts when your own people turn away from you. I never forget when I first thought in this movement, and I was working in a warehouse as a dispatcher, nothing to do. And all these men loved me. And all of them kept on saying so via Ray Ray. Do oppressed becomes the oppressed. And that's like has happened in this community. But I refuse to give up. I refuse to give up. That's,



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that's, that's, that's the ultimate indetermination.



Michelle Meyers 27:29

A Well, I really have to continue to struggle ahead. Because if we allow them they're going to be here, day by day. Today as gay men and women are going to oppress us because we're Transcender and drag queens and whatnot. And know the movements for it as one. We were all one. I remember sitting there many years ago. We all take consciences racing group. We talk about what happened in our lives, we will all want to be beauty of the movement what a first fight it was said we were all why



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Sylvia, you're an amazing and amazing person. Where do you go from here? I know you said now that you're staying Transy house and that you're, you know that you're off of crack and that you're you're getting your life together. Where do you where do you want to end up ultimately? What's what's next for somebody as extraordinary as you are?



Michelle Meyers 28:49

All right. Now that I'm out on unemployment, because I just finished my thing. I mean, my not my sense my way I was working at about employment. I don't want to go back into full food service, which I did for 2530 years. I think I'm going to find a niche, taking care of people that are dying. And people that need health care what not. That's what I'm looking forward to. And also I got to continue doing my work for my homeless people out here. Where you from Transy house and myself and we we go out and we every couple of weeks we take food and clothing out and we want to make sure that whatever their day was Trey, we want to make sure that people are fed, because I'm not taking care of these people. So we have to take care of them. We don't have much on our own on our end. But we try to help everyone, everything.

Everyone, not everything, I didn't mean that everyone that we can help when we have the fourth concern you on my politics, you know, travel to Washington and Albany, you know, whatever tests I get, you know, I just go up there, I let my board be out. And you know,



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well, I have to tell you, I genuinely I consider you a national treasure in, it's just been an amazing experience, we get to talk to you, you were everything people had told me you were in then. So



Michelle Meyers 31:03

can I just make one comment? To the younger community thing out there, to our younger community. My care, you may you may not know my name or anything. But



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do yourself one favor. To not, do not crack and do not dip at all, any of them drugs, because



Michelle Meyers 31:38

for your mind, the only way that you're going to be able to change our communities, as gay people, transgender people, by being yourself. Take care of yourself. Don't be a fool, because you will destroy your whole life and go home. Let's talk about this. That's



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wonderful. Is that? Is that clear enough? Yeah.



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Does she lays it on the line?



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She does. She talks it in the middle page, she talks about how in the beginning the transgender movement and the gay lesbian movement, they were all one. But this last piece where she talks directly to the kids, it was obvious throughout the entire interview, that straight children were the passion of her life, right? In this last play at the end that maybe is moving a plays we have ever aired on the show.





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And because this is a woman who's been there, kids, she knows what she's talking about. She



Sarah DePalma 32:41

was a street kid and 11 years old. mazing amazing. Okay, so that is the those are the last three pieces that we aired from Sylvia Rivera. And for those of you who wrote to me and said, Well, you know, you didn't appreciate stuff because she didn't know what she's talking about.



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The hell she doesn't



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get a life. And there's no response to that. Thank you. You You're



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now it's time for after hours news with big Roy and Michelle.



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Good evening, Michelle. Good evening. And good evening, all your listeners out there in radio land and glad to have you for this week's edition of after hours news. We have lots to tell you tonight. And I hope you have pens and paper ready because we do have information that you can use. And and we're going to start off the News Tonight with Michelle and Michelle. I believe you have some information regarding recent hate crime meeting that was held at the city hall



Michelle Meyers 33:41

are Yes. On July 9. That's this past Thursday. Council person Jew Don Boney and Senate Senator Rodney Ellis had a hate crimes panel are hearing at City Hall. It started a little later this was started seventh and started about 730. But it went to about 1145. It was only supposed to be two hours. It went forever. But it was great. The federal government has been looking and specifically the Senate Judiciary Committee has been looking at amending the current federal law to include sexual orientation, gender, and disability to expand the federal law enforcement jurisdiction as far as hate motivated attacks are concerned. And so what council person Boney was trying to do is gather information and gather testimony from a lot of people so that Houston could lobby the Texas legislature next year when they back into session to make sure that the Texas laws are changed in a way that will help prevent hate crimes. There were about 2025 people who actually were a part of the panels and testified. In addition to many of the council persons like in East Parker, Chris Bell Karole Robinson were there and a few others. Deborah Dannenberg came by it was just a jam packed place. They had overflow seating, they

sent some people up to watch it on TV up on the second floor. The concentration of the meeting was primarily on enhancements of punishment. Um, so that's what most of the discussions were about how to enhance the punishment for hate crime within the state of Texas within the state of Texas, okay. There was very little presented on the talking about prevention. That, to me was a little disappointing because the actual prevention is what we want to do not just go out and getting people after the fact.



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I believe that the prevention part comes from education, and educate educating people. Like Sarah was just talking about meeting people ahead of time meeting those who are opposed to us and talking to them putting our name and a face to this issue. And most hate crime legislation, whether it's on a state, local or national level, is usually done. As a peut. For punitive measures. Yes,



Michelle Meyers 36:50

yes. The thing that I found very moving was three of Mr. James Byrd Jr's sisters were there. James Perry, Jr, is the gentleman who was brutally murdered in Jasper a few weeks ago. And they came and testified. And it was very, very moving testimony, particularly in the way that they were not out for vengeance, not talking about punitive measures, more talking about how to deal with the community. And that's what they've been working on. I think there are three remarkable women. Let me give you some statistics. For nationwide, they're almost at 100 reported cases in 1966, according to the FBI report, over 1000 of them, or almost 12%, were on sexual orientation. Sexual orientation is the third largest target targeted group of people in terms of hate crimes, the first being raised. But the one thing that stood out and was mentioned at the panel is that if you are gay, then the possibility or the probability of you being attacked because of hate crimes, is twice as great as someone who is African American, just because of the numbers. So although we're third in the ranking, we're first in target in terms of targeted groups. There was another very interesting, a bit of statistics that came out that we haven't had a chance to follow up on yet, but let me just mention, the police department was there. Specifically the Criminal Investigation Division that handles the hate crimes hotline number. And they mentioned there about tracking Maesters number of acorns. Acorns this year so far, run around 13. Last year, it was 31. So it's about the same as last year. However, they did mention that on the sheets that the officers check, and where people say, I think this was a hate crime. There were 600. Check. Oh, so when they talk about hate crimes, they're talking about ones where they really think they have a case. And it's solid. Oh, so right. So the numbers that are getting those of those cases that get put down? Yes. And so the numbers that are reported, are as we thought they're not as high as we've been thinking, you know, we think, hey, there's got to be more, as we know, they said they should be Yeah. And in fact, the police have the information. It says that's why this succeeded so far this year. So I found that very interesting. The one thing that is Ah, Jew Don Boney said, and I'd like to repeat, and then finish this off with is that let's not forget about what happened in Jasper, and what's happened over the last few years, even here in the Montrose, let's remember and be able to bring that forward to the legislature in such a way that they will do something. So it was a real interesting and very informative meeting. I had an opportunity to speak for about one minute, myself. And basically what I reminded them was that hate crimes and domestic violence, both have the same character, and that the crime is the crime of escalation. But each time the perpetrator

does a crime, he does a little more than he did last time. Violent little more violence. And if we report the small instances of violence, we will not see the large instances of violence. So one of the principal ways that I believe we can prevent hate crimes is by reporting them when they occur, even though they're small intervention early will stop the escalation and will stop the majority of the violence. Okay.



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Moving right along, I have a little bit of bad news and we pass on Leland masters who was the first openly gay precinct judge here in Houston, while he died on July second at age 76. Mr. Masters was also the Guardian columnist for the Houston Post for several years, and he retired back in the mid 70s. Mr. Mast has presided over elections for the Montrose 34th. Precinct, one that often large, high number of voters from 1970 to 1998. And although Mr. Masters was a Democrat, he always hired at least one Republican clerk. He was a very fair person. He was also a decorated Marine officer from World War Two, and he did teach at the Texas at Texas a&m. Mr. Mathis was an active participant in scores of political campaigns and was given the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus. He is survived by a brother, a sister and a niece and memorial services are planned for September, and he will certainly be greatly missed.



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Let me tell you about hatching about a success story. All right, Houston, area team coalition of homosexuals recently announced that it had raised over \$30,000 That's 30,000, not 30,000 for the scholarship fund. Now originally hatch and MP flag, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and gays. Were working together to get a scholarship fund. And PFLAG pledged about 4000 and hatch was trying to get through the \$4,000 to match that. And lo and behold, a anonymous donor stepped forward and dropped on them. 27