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Jimmy Carper 00:07

The following program contains language or images of a phrase or sensitive nature which may be considered objectionable by some listener discretion is advised. 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, Houston and Galveston and the world and welcome to the Saturday May 8 edition of after hours. I'm Jimmy Carper. I'll be your co executive producer for the evening.

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Chris Harrison 02:19

As Chris Harrison on the other one. Make me get out of my chair.

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Jimmy Carper 02:24

Oh, I'm so sorry. I'm so sorry. Well, first of all, I want to say hello to all my MBBS my faithful MBBS out there I I can't stress enough. How much how important. These guys are to me and to this show. I got a letter from the green eyed devil. Ah, yeah. Yeah. And and I mean, he's in a place where he doesn't even get us anymore. Oh, really? Yeah. And he's still writing, which is really, really sweet. And we

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Chris Harrison 02:54

also now have our first MBB graduate. Hey, hey, hey,

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Jimmy Carper 02:57

well, not actually their first but Well,

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Chris Harrison 02:59

first of all, it's just so that I've seen the letter since we've really been pumping up the Yeah, you're right. The MBB Wilson

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Jimmy Carper 03:05

is now out after many years.

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Chris Harrison 03:10

Yeah. But then he went through that that hellhole of Waco. Well, I

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Jimmy Carper 03:14

mean, you have to go where you have people Yeah, and and so that's where he had to go.

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Chris Harrison 03:19

And he says he's still able to listen to us. Oh, really? It mentioned in there he can still get us so you know I'm not sure if it's just it must

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Jimmy Carper 03:25

be weather conditions or the internet it must be the yeah must be the low Wilson and congratulations. And I mean, I know he's gonna do good because he's a good man.

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Chris Harrison 03:35

I did two and a half years in Waco, so I understand what you're going through and definitely will try and get your radio to get anything and besides Waco

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Jimmy Carper 03:42

and of course, Miley wrote and mono oh, let's talk about Mallanna

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Chris Harrison 03:49

Mallanna Mala you know i i Thank you again for the artwork.

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Jimmy Carper 03:57

That's Roger Rabbit. robbing

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Chris Harrison 03:58

the Roger Rabbit the rabbit artwork my name on that. I was working toward gorgeous, beautiful. That's, you know, I was needing to rotate my artwork at my house and it's huge. Well, size matters. It's a beautiful piece of artwork and I really do appreciate it. Are we still talking about our yes yeah, it's a wonderful man too. But now the I really appreciate that and I gotta get on. I was gonna say get on the stick but I was sounds like so innuendo. I gotta get on the ball. That didn't work either.

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Michael Williams 04:38

Why don't you just move on?

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Chris Harrison 04:39

I gotta I gotta get it in gear.

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Jimmy Carper 04:43

Because you quit while you're losing.

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Chris Harrison 04:46

Oh, come on when you get when you get thrown into a hole somebody's just need to grab a shovel and keep digging. But no, I need to get back. Yet in conversation somebody's MBBS early on Lonzo and smiley have really not not just for the show, but I've been really nice to me and I really do appreciate the

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Jimmy Carper 05:09

cool guys. They are cool guys. And we really, really appreciate them. Let's see. Let's see. Michael Williams is here oh, well, you're gonna let me read it first. i You should read things a little bit. Yes, Michael. Judy Reeves is here.

J Judy Reeves 05:35

Hi, Judy. Nobody cares.

M Michael Williams 05:37

You don't get calls in the middle of the night, Judy.

J Jimmy Carper 05:42

Okay, Judy is here Judy. Have the questionable last name. Okay, and I say that with I can say that you can say that. I can say that. It's a very questionable last name because you are going through a divorce.

J Judy Reeves 05:57

Yes. Well, I'm on the cusp of it as we speak. Yes. Papers are being filled out behind my back. I mean

J Jimmy Carper 06:07

yeah, they're never they're never nice. Are they? should I

J Judy Reeves 06:10

should I advertise for the divorce? What? No, you can get the horses on computer now. Yes. 95 years of your life down the tubes for 50 bucks.

J Jimmy Carper 06:25

Amazing. Just amazing. Okay, let's, let's get to some, some little things that are going on a CT report here. Let's see what if we got we just had a meeting this past Thursday of IC o h. And I've got a couple of things here. That's going on with IC H Sunday. May the 16th. a fundraiser for ring two hosted by earthquake and a lot of debris. That's happening at Mary's and of course everyone. A show on Sunday at Mary starts at what time? Five o'clock. That's right. And Thursday, May the 20th Empire eats at spaghetti warehouse. If you're a member of icy weights or want to become a member, stop by there at eight ish, we'll be there'll be a whole group of us there. Let's see Sunday, May 23. bartending for Mary's at four o'clock. They of course need bartenders to volunteers to bartender to bartender. Let's see and something going on. Of course, this is Sunday officially. First for us. It's never Sunday until you've been to bed Mother's Day. It's Mother's Day and you know what that means? It's a contest. The mother of Montrose contest which is happening Sunday May the ninth at what time because it's at Mary's what time

would that be? Five o'clock. That's right. You got it. You got it. I'm learning remember when your mother was put on crazy dresses and do really weird and sometimes scary stuff. What she didn't. Well, you bought deprive child join us and we celebrate a high camp tradition. Blanche debris is stepping down and she's ready to to jab hope pins into somebody's scalp. So the contest five o'clock, Mary's mother of Montrose. Wow. Oh, this is very bizarre.

 Chris Harrison 08:37

Besides something at Mary's

 Jimmy Carper 08:39

Yeah, why don't you explain this, Chris? Well, we're

 Chris Harrison 08:43

going to be having Beth is on the phone. Unfortunately. If we say Beth is blonde, is it a blonde moment issue?

 Jimmy Carper 08:53

It is for her tonight? Well,

 Chris Harrison 08:55

Beth made a little mistake on the calendar. You know, sometimes these weeks get a little crazy. And this is best last hurrah, but she's not here with us. But she's going to do the show. She wants to do the show. by telephone. That'll work.

 Jimmy Carper 09:09

That'll work. Get through a couple of things here and we'll get a read on.

 Chris Harrison 09:13

All right, so Beth, if you're listening you'll be able to get get ready to get the pipes ready. voice the voice Oh, I see. You know worry about your voice that you you'd like to call the fact that because you that gives you a little bit of a butch feel. Oh, is

 Jimmy Carper 09:28

that what that is? Yeah. Oh, there's

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Michael Williams 09:30

a positive thing to this. She's gonna be doing it Live from Austin. Yes. Awesome. Live from Austin. After hours live. May

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Jimmy Carper 09:38

is pause Houston month at Katz Deli. This comes from Jessica van Shelton. Then you can go to www dot pause houston.org pa W s houston.org. And there you'll find a coupon that you can take to that you can take to Katz's, deli, and, and 10% of whatever you order will go to PAWS Houston, which takes care of animals around town. Pauses a nonprofit organization that services pet owners living with terminal illness and go there at WWW dot paws. He's thinned out org and check that out. I have my goop on that Stanley's coming in Monday it will be going to catch this so it's got good. Oh man and lots of it.

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Michael Williams 10:35

We broadcasted live from the right yeah, Greg, Greg, Greg. place

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Jimmy Carper 10:39

you got to be hungry. When you go there. You better be hungry. Yeah, okay, stretching the truth. Gregory events partner Greg Davis celebrates turning 30 And he's hosting a charity benefit show from his years of hosting a makeout party. The Wonder Years to stealing Sam Malone's old black book, chairs. Greg Davis, former child actor turned Houston event planner celebrates his 30 year stretch with an evening of entertainment and fundraising for the Colt 45 AIDS trouble Fund and the Lazarus house. stretching the truth begins at 7pm. On May 19, at each A's at 2517. Brown, catering generously provided by the Chef's Table and Mockingbird bistro food. There's going to be food for this nice sometimes

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Chris Harrison 11:35

unusual chicken fare you get a DJ.

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Jimmy Carper 11:39

And you don't have to pay for it. Yes, that's part of the evening. Many raffle items have been donated and including including brunch for two at a mass rafts tickets to a performance of the 2005 Houston Grand Opera season Limited Edition artwork by Gregory additions. And much, much, much more. That is May the 19th at E js 7pm. You

C Chris Harrison 12:10

know that's cute items, or I don't usually hear in the same sentence e js and Houston Grand Opera. Yeah.

J Jimmy Carper 12:16

I have to admit, that kind of struck me too. I got an email from Misty Flores. And she says glad to hear that you're feeling better? Well, I work with the prison land collective, which is a group that hopes to portray inmates in a more positive light through their artwork. Well, we certainly know about that here. He had to after hours and KPFT because we have we've been the beneficiary of

C Chris Harrison 12:50

many we have a lovely work on official gallery ourselves

J Jimmy Carper 12:54

that yes, and we have. Some of it is gkm. As a matter of fact, Gulf Coast archive and museum for gay lesbian, bisexual, transgender history, Inc. And she's also she goes on to say my mother, Deborah and Brother Liu, head up the organization which was started on behalf of our brother, Fabian Flores, who is currently incarcerated at the wind unit in Huntsville. This is our first art show. And we opened last week, April the 30th. At super happy fun land. And so far, we have gotten a pretty positive response. I'm guessing because Victim Rights Advocates haven't gotten word of it yet. But we have collected works from inmates throughout the state of Texas in Southern California. These individuals are very talented, and we were surprised with the quality of their work and I understand exactly what she's saying. So we decided to hold an art showing and we sold several pieces the first night, the collective art show for the inmates runs from April the 30th through May the 14th. And we have a variety of items on display, such as poetry, jewelry, and some really amazing drawings from May 15. Through the 29th. We will be showcasing the work of my brother Fabian. So we hope you can attend one of those nights bet I'll get over there super happy, fun land. As far as promotion on your show. We'd be very interested in doing something of that nature. We have appeared on Ray Hills prison show several weeks ago to get the word out to inmates that we are accepting artwork. And so far, we have received about 20 new inquiries, which is very encouraging. But I'm going to refer you to my brother Liu, who handles the media for the collective so we'll be having them on and they'll be talking more about that. Let's say one more one. Jimmy will pieces Yes, it

C Chris Harrison 14:48

ends May 14, correct. Yes. That means this is the last week for it. Yes.

J Jimmy Carper 14:52

But after that. It's continuing from the 15th through the 29th was work, brother just double

check. Yes Um, the mate rally celebration mate, Massachusetts and Texas equality. Rally celebration is going to be held Monday May the 17th at 5pm after reflection poll at the Houston City Hall 900 Bagby AT walker come on May 17, to celebrate the granting of the first marriage licenses to same gender couples in Massachusetts and to challenge Texas in some way to do the same. Bring signs and banners. Oh, you know, rainbow will be there enjoying music and speakers for marriage equality. And the South East Texas legal clinic advocacy for people living with HIV AIDS. The first annual Everything Must Go auction will be held on Thursday, June 17. From six to 10pm at the key star event complex at 3209. Montrose Boulevard I don't even know where that is. That's

 C Chris Harrison 16:01

between the condom place and interfaith ministries. Oh,

 J Jimmy Carper 16:05

oh, okay. There's a there's a ticket price of five bucks. And Refreshments will be served the clinic assists hundreds of low income people with HIV AIDS every year and has had been doing this since 1992. Today, I'm asking for your help. To team bah, bah, bah, we are looking for few good men and women to donate donate their own artwork and ask your friends to donate for the silent auction of whatever they have dinners, professional services, airline tickets, blah, blah, blah. Gifts of any size. Contact. Brian Keever. That's a name that we know. Very well as 713-520-5126. That's right. Call them up right now. That is Oh, seven. Where's it from Brian? That's right. It is early for 135205126.

 C Chris Harrison 17:11

Do you have anything of the about the leadership conference?

 J Jimmy Carper 17:13

I certainly do not.

 C Chris Harrison 17:16

Okay. Well, I have to get us out because someone's called us up last week to do that one and the mate that rally and we didn't get it. Get over here. They go forth leadership conference sponsored by resurrection MCC Oh is on May 15. From 9am to 4pm. It's going to be covering financial planning for non traditional families, legal documents for setting up domestic partnerships. The family marriage amendment and the ramifications of it. Yes, local grassroots efforts to defeat the marriage amendment and other justice leadership, personal and spiritual growth issues. Gotcha. And that's resurrection MCC dot o RG is their website, and my phone number 713-861-9149.

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Jimmy Carper 18:04

Cool. And last but not least, I want to mention the music I played at the very beginning of the show. A couple of weeks ago I got an email from someone who wanted me to desperately to play the new Sophie B Hawkins CD. I love Sophie how often she's she when she first started in in music, she came out as bisexual. And so I'm very happy to play her stuff. It's very because it's very good for one thing. Her and we finally got the her newest CD here at the studio in it's called Wilderness. I started out with me on the rooftop. And the one that was requested after that was beautiful girl finally got that in and I'll be playing that again. Because those are nice pieces of music. So now we've got Beth on the line, do we?

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Chris Harrison 19:00

Well, I got a push button and this button, you have

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Jimmy Carper 19:05

to put on the pair of headphones. And that's in this button. And that should be there. And

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maybe you push this button over there. Hey, I think I might have made it. Hey, how you doing Beth? Oh, pretty good. You know, last weekend I got in the car. I drove to Houston. It was April. Yes. It was Friday night because I did all that. And must be the first Friday night in May since last Friday night was the first one that I drove or the last one I drove in April, wasn't it?

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Jimmy Carper 19:34

I'm confused, but I'll go along with you.

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Yeah, exactly. I'm confused too, which

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Jimmy Carper 19:38

is why I'm not in use. And that's okay. Because Vanessa was supposed to be here last week, because we screwed her up in April. And she didn't make it. No, I

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haven't heard to live radio. Yes,

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Jimmy Carper 19:55

I know. So. How's Austin

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amazing. It's been quite a peculiar day today.

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Jimmy Carper 20:02

What are you doing there?

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So, you know, my kids do this Irish step dance thing, right, you know. And so we were here for a big competition did all right, you know, that's all fine. But this is our very last competition with my kids being a member of the Houston school. And so it was all you know, goodbyes and all the years and all that, ya know, and making contacts up in Dallas and so we're, you know, we're gonna be transitioning everything over to Dallas and everything will be just, oh, there's that word. Yeah, you know, I tend to use that a lot. For some reason. It's in my vocabulary. But ya know, so we're getting ready to go to do the Dallas thing. And you know, we had those that they have what they call it, Kaylee in the evening, which is a dance party and we did that. And I'm I'm walking back across the street from the hotel where the dance party was to the hotel where we're staying when my when my little pocket computer goes ding and being time to get up from you wherever you're sitting and drive to the station.

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Jimmy Carper 21:09

This is the second weekend. Sure is.

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I'm sitting here for the last Oh, 45 minutes or so. You know, keeping busy on the computer in the lobby of the hotel waiting to come out here and call you when girlfriend in mind Jessica Redmond locks in? Oh, no kidding how she doing blast from the past?

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Jimmy Carper 21:28

I haven't seen her in forever.

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Well, she's been getting prepared to get married here.

J Jimmy Carper 21:34

No kidding her wonderful.

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I think so too. I really do. And, you know, of course this, this brings up that conversation we were just talking about with the Massachusetts and Texas Well, yeah, in a lot of ways. There's been same sex marriages in this state for quite some time. Yeah, you're one of them. And I'm one of them. And, and, you know, depending on which idiot judge you listen to perhaps Jessica will be one six. Because she's marrying a very, very fine gentleman. And we all recall from the Christie Littleton lawsuit in some parts of this crazy state, that would be a male to male. Yes,

J Jimmy Carper 22:15

yes. We have an interesting state where it's depending on where you live. You can get married

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to one variety of yes or another. Yeah, very odd. Very, very odd. But this has been a busy month for everybody. I think. How so? Well, you know, first we had in within the last couple of weeks, we've had the transgender community banquet. Yes.

J Jimmy Carper 22:40

And die myths that? Yes, you did. Yes. I was in the hospital. You were in the hospital? Oh, you

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hadn't heard these? I'm always the last to know. Okay.

J Jimmy Carper 22:51

Well, it was a comedy of errors, so to speak. It's you know, you talked about how different medications can affect each other. Oh, yeah. Interaction interactions. And that's how it's that it happened. And I ended up with pneumonia. Not so much fun. No, no. On top of epileptic seizure, so definitely not so much. Yeah. So I had a week in the hospital. Tell me you're better now. Jamie. I will be better. It'll be better. You're getting better after Monday? When my medication? finishes. Medication finishing. Yeah, because it makes me dizzy. Don't go there.



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I'm not going there to go there. I'm not going to go there.



c Chris Harrison 23:38

Oh, I will. I'm here. I'm already here. It's a shorter drive for me to go there. Because I'm already here. Since



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you're there, would you please do the honors? He's



c Chris Harrison 23:49

just using the medicine as an excuse. But actually, you know, he's had less screw ups last week and this week so far with taking the medicine. So hello. Oh, I see.



J Jimmy Carper 23:57

That's because I've been doing minimal work behind the board.



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Okay, so the question then becomes did did anybody read the list of award winners?



J Jimmy Carper 24:12

Yeah. Oh, yes. Oh, good. Oh, yes. Yes, we had that. And actually, I had the list before the banquet. Yes, you did. Yes. I



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did. That that happened. Thank you. Yes. Yes. The reason was is because



J Jimmy Carper 24:27

it was occurring that night. Yes. It



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was a dream that night. And one one of the things that rarely happens is I managed to get a crowbar underneath my spouse Teresa, and got her out of the house. And the two of us went to the unity banquet together. Oh my god, and I miss that. And so rather than like, go hang out at the radio station with you very fine, folks. I hung out with somebody else who was a very fine folk, namely my spouse. So I didn't get to come down to the radio station. If you'll recall in several past years, I came down and ran with Yes, so I you know, let People know that it might be a good idea to let let you know that

J Jimmy Carper 25:03

was fabulous. And you were one of the winners. I was.

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And it was, it was very surprising. And I'm very pleased and very happy and very thankful to the folks at the transgendered unity committee who voted me in, and the award was for the Lifetime Achievement Award. Yes. And, you know, when I got contacted a couple of days, well, about a week before the event, with a brief email that says, You've been given an award to be presented at the Unity banquet, please submit a biography that can be read by the presenter, I didn't, I couldn't think of anything to write because I've never been president of this, or leader of that organizer of this other thing,

J Jimmy Carper 25:49

you don't yet you don't realize all that you've done in your life. It's all these wonderful things that really add up to a wonderful life.

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And what I have done, though, is, you know, newsletter editor for this secretary for that, and, you know, human resources liaison for this and co host for that, and co chair and second fiddle and behind the scenes, and, you know, I'm really happy to be behind the scenes and let other people do all that, because that's just the kind of personality I have. So, you know, there's one of the awards, the apogee awards, getting to the, you know, the the highest, the high point of the year, and that was Vanessa Edwards Foster. Yes.

J Jimmy Carper 26:31

And I thought that was so well deserved. I thought that was so fabulous, because she started that award, as a matter of fact, and I was there the year that she started that that award,

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the Dean McKellar activist award went to Lilly Roddy, again, very, very well deserved.

Absolutely. And these were for specific things. And I didn't have any specific things. Because it's all been a little bit here a little bit there a little bit everywhere. And I guess the point I'm trying to make is that, for all everybody out there, who doesn't want to be president of this, or leader of that, or organizer of this, you know, a little bit here and a little bit there a little bit, everywhere, other places will end up getting you recognized. I was very surprised. Very pleased. Yes. So you know, everybody out there is certainly capable of going out and getting a little bit here a little bit there.

 Jimmy Carper 27:26

In fact, the only person that I know only person's name I did not recognize was vanities.

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She is she does, if you're familiar with Jules shop, yes. She is basically a competitor to Jul, been coming up in the last couple of years, does a lot of makeovers for the people doing the pageants and has been involved in in, in the court, those kinds of issues. And really nice lady, I mean, she's really, really neat person. And, you know, I had not met her before and didn't get much of a chance to talk with her but a little bit on the night of and again, I thought very well deserved.

 Jimmy Carper 28:08

Yes. People's Choice Awards. Yes. Wow. And then outsmart

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and outsmart got the organizational one very good. No, I'm doing this all from memory because I couldn't wait to meet you. We've actually managed to get them all and get them all right.

 Jimmy Carper 28:32

So now now that you're retiring from radio, what's gonna fill up your life?

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Oh, God, everything? Well, you know, I was I was gonna continue on with the theme of April here. So the week after that. And here Vanessa is, is shining brightly, and I won't steal her thunder because I'm betting she's gonna do a lot more about this in the next show. Was the national TG lobby days in Washington, DC. Yes. And, and I understand that, that, you know, these are kind of tough times to go to Washington DC or, you know, a year and a half ago when we did it to Austin, you know, the political climate right now is not particularly a friend, you know, friendly and welcoming. Yes. But nonetheless, they did a fabulous job. And I'll let Vanessa tell you all about that next time. And associated with that same weekend while

everybody was there in Washington, DC. A relatively new organization, it's only come up in the last I don't know about two years, maybe a little bit less met on the weekend following the lobbying. And it was my hope next week to get in touch with two of the people from that organization and have them as my guest, but instead, I will read an email from one Have them okay. The leader of this organization's name is Monica helms who you've probably heard before and oh yes, Keith the president. And one of the more active people locally is a certain Phyllis Frey

J Jimmy Carper 30:15

know who's that

C Chris Harrison 30:19

make the newspaper this week she was only in last week's papers. She so last week's news

J Jimmy Carper 30:25

page though I my dad,

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the group is the transgendered American Veterans Association. And I thought this was like, seriously seriously cool thing to do. They marched down the, to the tune that well, they went to they visited the Vietnam Veterans wall. They visited the World War Two veterans memorial and they went to the Korean Memorial, they went to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and had a wreath laid there. Wow. Well, I'd like to do in lieu of having them on the air next week, which I guess we're going to do is to instead read an email that was sent out by by Phyllis, okay, that that probably covers most of what we would have talked about anyway. And this is this is from Phyllis Frey. And she says, I would, I would like to briefly share my experiences this past weekend, as part of over 40 veterans who are transgendered. We met in DC as part of an event sponsored by the transgendered American Veterans Association, Baba, which can be found at [http colon slash slash www.taVAUSA dot o RG](http://www.taVAUSA.org). You may contact its president missile, or you may contact its president directly, Miss Monica hills at MFHEL M S. At Earthlink. That net in our group that weekend was a World War Two TG vet, a TG Korean vet, and two who had been in the Gulf War. The rest of us were of ages and had served our nation in uniform between those conflicts. Significantly, not all of us are white, and not all of us were male to female. Those attending reflected the diversity of our country and of our current military. On Saturday morning, May 1, we loaded up at the event hotel onto a charter bus and were escorted with sirens and flashing lights by a DC police car driven by a member of the gay liaison in the police department. It was strictly v i t treatment, I'm going to have to guess that T would be very important trans. We offloaded at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall and spent several hours with other tourists at the wall at the Korean Memorial, and at the newly opened World War Two Memorial. As we initially began to walk, walk along the wall, one of the transgender veterans that I was walking behind began to falter. I quickly came up to her and said, You have someone on this wall. She said yes, cousin, and that this was her first time here. And she did not know it

would affect her so strongly. Another vet and I took her to get her cousin's name location. When we found the cousin's name, it was high up on one of the tallest panels. The park ranger set up a ladder and took a rubbing off the wall. This transgender and veteran began to sob and I held her close for several minutes. I think the wall six times now and it's always a powerful experience. We went to the Korean Memorial and to the World War Two Memorial. While at World War Two, we sat to rest and a woman approached us saying that she and her husband had met some in our group and was curious as to the name of our group. We gave them the full story, and they sat down to visit and learn. They were very proud of our coming that day and said they wanted to attend the placing of our wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier scheduled for 305 that afternoon. Throughout the weekend, our entire tub a group shared similar stories of ordinary citizens touring the memorials, and showing respect for our being veterans. Next, we bust over to the Iwo Jima memorial for a short visit and picture taking. Then we bust Arlington National Cemetery and walk to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. If there was ever an appropriate place for transgendered veterans to be, it was here, for it's truly unknown as to just how many we are. We were asked the question by people throughout the day. We were asked that question by people throughout the day. My answer was many. And when you think of it, what more masculine occupation what emerging would an emerging FTM want to try than the military? Indeed, there were documented stories of FTM folks serving and fighting in the American Revolution and the Civil War. And for an M to F is doing everything possible to deny or trying to kill off that feminine impulse. What better way to try And that's why so many of us and S are Eagle Scouts and veterans as well as police officers, firefighters, paramedics, yes, lots of us. We watched the changing of the guard twice each hour on the half hours, and the laying of the wreath four times each hour at 520 25 and 15 minutes past the hour. For other groups. We learned that our reef had somehow been lost, but members of our transgendered Honor Guard, selected by drawing of names from a hat the previous night's reception, sponsored by Mark easylinks. oriented organization, the National Center for Transgender education, also located in DC, the honor guard would have none of that. They went up the chain of command and within five minutes our wreath was found. And it was placed. The sergeant of the guard announced in his clear and bold voice just as he'd done for the previous group. This race is being placed by the transgender American Veterans Association. I began to cry. Others did too. For those of you who did not know, I began to be an activist on August 20, of 1974, almost three decades ago, it was always a struggle to get people to give us the simple human dignity of using our name. I was expected him to short us by saying tava or TG vets or something less. But as he stood in his dress blues at that sacred site, and proclaim the words, this race is being placed by the transgendered American Veterans Association. I began to cry. And then there was a salute. And then there was tapped. After the ceremony, I went with two transgendered veterans to find markers of people that were significant to them, who were buried there. It was a beautiful thing to do. That night, we had a dinner speeches were made more healing took place. The next morning, many of us shared breakfast, and then we went our way to our homes. As much as I've been through for transgender rights in the past almost 30 years. This was different. I was changed by it. I hope that the leaders as Papa do it again, I hope that you come with us next time. Sincerely, Phyllis Randolph Frey, aka the filibuster, HTTP transgender legal.com pr fri@aol.com. I

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Chris Harrison 37:20

mean, that's, that's something amazing to, you know, to be a part of a group. And, you know, in this time of conflict in the world, that we talk about the treatment of veterans, during their service, and after their service and all that, for a group of them who could be so easily easily

marginalized, by the government, by other people and all that it's there to go there to lay a wreath, the Tomb of the Unknowns, and to be recognized by the military, I can see them I can see why there wouldn't be a dry eye in the house on that one. Absolutely.



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I have a conflict that just prevented me from being either to lobby days or to the the tava leaf reef lane. And I've never been a veteran, I've worked with the military as a contractor, and, you know, building equipment for them, you know, not like the kind of contractors they have these days that go over there and, you know, abuse people or anything like that. But nonetheless, you know, I have a lot of respect for the work that they do, when they do the work they should be doing. And, you know, to see, to see how, you know, the, the inroads that were made with the public, at places like the wall where you know, where it was, or the World War Two, Memorial, where it was described how people would come up and ask, and, you know, that's, that's outreach and that's education. That makes a huge difference. Because I



Chris Harrison 38:59

would, I would probably guess a lot of the members of tava were wearing as best they could their uniforms.



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Well, you know, I went out to the pictures as part of the tava usa.org, as well as the pictures that were embedded in the in the email from Phyllis, and most of them were wearing dress clothes, but a lot of them were wearing their, their service metals on their dress clothes. They were uniform. Exactly. And well, you know, more than just the fruit salads, all the metals to go with it. Yeah. And as I understand it, their fruit salad refers to just the ribbons portion. The whole deal is the metals on top of the fruit salad. But yeah, it was just, you know, no question about it that these people were there for a real reason. One of the interesting pictures I found on the, on the website, is that there were there were some awards given to some of the people that we're attendees of this and standing there proudly is Calpurnia Adams receiving an award this last Tuesday, something like that. Arts and entertainments American justice had yet a different program on the killing of Barry Winchell. If you recall the incidents to that it was it was in 1999 when his his mates in his unit decided that that since he was going out with a person who they discovered was transgendered, that that, in fact, made him a homosexual. And, you know, since he's in the military that was unacceptable and to save the embarrassment of unit, they decided that it was less embarrassing to murder one of their own than to have him going out with a woman who happened to be transgendered.



Chris Harrison 40:59

That story, it's, there's one thing I touched a lot of people with the incidents behind that it's just a tragedy that that came across with that incident. And



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that woman is California Adams who, you know, personal was a veteran. She was in the Navy. She served during the first Gulf War and you know, 91 as a combat medic, her job was to save lives. Well, I think that's probably caught us up with the amazing events of transgendered April 2000.



C Chris Harrison 41:38

Yeah, I think we're recovering. I think we even interviewed her once here on after I think Vanessa had her on one month, Vanessa



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had her on my phone. And I had her on last time with interviewing her live at the transgendered first all transgender cast of the vagina monologue. DE DE LA.



J Jimmy Carper 42:01

Yes, that was fabulous.



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She's just an amazing woman. I mean, you know, what she's gone through and managed to come out as successful she has, you know, Piper kudos to that woman. But to answer the rest of your question, Jimmy now that we can Okay return from the the activities of transgendered April is, it's turned out to be I've been getting a little bit more involved in the Dallas transgender Alliance. Oh, good. They have a really interesting project going they're putting together and educational documentary video of the live lives of transgendered people. Wow. Wow,



J Jimmy Carper 42:42

that is terrific.



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So that was that's, that's really an gonna be an interesting project. And they get to get through with all that



J Jimmy Carper 42:50

in along those lines. decam this month, on the fourth Sunday is having we're having Sarah director. You're talking about her history, and how where she came from and what her

uipalma. Yes, talking about her history, and have where she came from and what her experiences have been. That's part of our, our monthly history program that we taped. For posterity, we ask individuals and or groups to talk about the history of the organization or the people and get that down on tape as an oral history of our community. So we're working on that too. Not to take not to take anything away from Dallas. Well,



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hey, you know, I know of no one with with a more broad and rich, activist history than Sarah dipalma.



J Jimmy Carper 43:46

Well, someone who is right up there with Sarah and it was sitting in the studio audience right now is Jackie Thorne.



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This is true.



J Jackie Thorne 43:57

Yes. Hi, Jackie. Hi. Welcome. Yeah. How are you? Pretty good. I was listening on as I drove down here, to you're talking about the, you know, the going to the wall on the gym and the laying of the wreath and so forth. And email, you just can't express in words how emotional it is to stand in front of that wall. Particularly if there's someone there. That you know, yes. Or New, which case may be? Yeah,



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I had friends and family members served time in Vietnam, and one of them was even injured, but all of them were turned on. And I know that that is tough. Well, Jackie, somebody is even talking. Yeah, I



J Jimmy Carper 44:55

had that same experience at the Vietnam War, which is incredible. Police simple, yet magnificent,



J Jackie Thorne 45:03

yeah, that's that's the thing where you're standing there in front of that wall. And now the, the black granite polished granite new with all those names on it that extends off well, it gets smaller and smaller toward the end. And and it seems to which the artist contended

smaller and smaller toward the end. And and it seems to which I'm sure the artists contended that it gives the idea of of going into infinity but it's just it's an overwhelming emotion.



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I really liked Fish's analogy with the victim of the Unknown Soldier being completely appropriate. Because, you know, there are a surprisingly large number of transgendered and even more specifically, transsexual people who have, you know, voluntarily served in the military throughout the last, you know,



J Jackie Thorne 46:10

done most of the history of it, I have found that to be very true. And talking to members of the transgender community, the percentage of people who have been or are currently in the military is away and above the non transgendered community. I mean, it's like, you know, 30 35%, hell about a third compared to 10 to 15%, of the non transgendered community? Yeah.



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The only other thing that was mentioned in her letter was the historical a female to male serving as men so that they can that they can serve Yeah, well, your back, you know, she'd mentioned Revolutionary War. This goes back to, you know, the late Renaissance. There's, there's tales of the female sailor. Well, the reason you know, in the British Navy,



J Jackie Thorne 47:13

and the reason the reason that Joan of Arc was burned at the stake was because she was wearing men's clothes. Absolutely



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true. And because of any other heresy that they were never quite able to pin on her. But the the wearing of clothes inappropriate for her station, according to their rules is what got her in so much trouble



C Chris Harrison 47:38

as everyone takes a pregnant pause there at the same time,



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yeah. Something to think about, you know, how much trouble somebody can get in for breaking one simple rule. Thou shalt do this because of your gender.

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Jackie Thorne 47:53

You had mentioned that you were not at the lobby days.

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Couldn't make it this year. To make it next time. Yeah. Well,

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Jackie Thorne 48:02

again, I was fortunate enough to be able to attend both and the lobby day it's it's a very empowering feeling to be clip clopping down the marble halls of, of Congress there and then they cannon and long worth and Rayburn Building. Listening to your heels echo in those long Carter's there. And I had I had, you know, the funny part about it was is I went to see a number of our I went to a number of the offices for representative for state of Texas, for whom I was not a constituent, but I indicated to them that I was there as representing constituents because there were transgendered people in their districts. And the unfortunate part about it is is the one congressman that I know most of the time I got to see staff people. But the one congressman that I did get to see was John Culberson, who happened to be my congressman, and the man was complete idiot having you know, he just he was one of those, you know, don't confuse me with facts. My mind is made up. It really it was really, really disappointing.

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And but but the fact is, is that you went there, and you put yourself in his office, and you were the facts. And you were right in front of his eyes. And he may have been giving you the line that of don't confuse me with the facts right now. But I'll tell you when you walked out of that office, he may not have had more answers, but he sure had more questions. And those are the kinds of questions that the packet that that I'm sure that you are given to leave behind started answers for on his own time. Yeah.

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Jackie Thorne 49:51

Well, my you know, my, my comment to him was is you know, basically the three items that we were asking for a while to specifically was the inclusion of the language of gender identity gender expression in the local law enforcement Enhancement Act, as well as the equal not or the employment non discrimination act. Because as I mentioned to them the without that language in there, there's a loophole big enough to drop them drive a Mack truck through. And although I didn't say this to Culbertson, or his staff people, there were a couple of others that I mentioned to, you know, when they were saying, Well, you know, we really, you know, don't don't feel comfortable with that bill. And I said, Well, we're realistic enough to know that, particularly in this Congress that this this chance, this bill has little or no chance of passage, but if we can get that language in there now, when it is represented, or resubmitted, in future

congresses, the language will already be in there. And we won't have to come back in after the fact and try to add the language, which is almost impossible. Yeah. And they were they were agreeable to that,



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despite the protestations otherwise, by certain organizations that Oh, will come back for you. That's never right. Yeah, that has never happened. Yeah. And I've been in Texas with the Jamesburg. hate crime law. For those who don't know, the local law enforcement act. The LEA, is the federal hate crimes law that's being proposed. But yeah, that those provisions is, you know, oh, we'll come back to you has been called to the transgender community on several occasions. But



J Jackie Thorne 51:39

I'll bet they believe in Easter Bunny and Santa Claus, too. But no with the other the other point with regard to the league in the local law enforcement Enhancement Act on hate crimes, statistical compilations, it is extremely important that as much as possible, and that the statistics be compiled, showing hate crimes against gay lesbians, and as well as hate crimes against transgender. Now, of course, unfortunately, there's a blurring of the line there. Because oftentimes, when somebody, somebody hate crimes against a transgender, they just automatically assume that that person is gay or lesbian.



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This is the time of year where the mailing list for the organizers of the days of remembrance throughout the world are compiling statistics. And I'll tell you, it's difficult to do that because there is no governmental compilation of the statistics, all anecdotal. And the numbers of people who we remember, in November for the days of remembrance, we know is only a small fraction of the people who were murdered.



J Jackie Thorne 53:03

Well, last year, last year, we had 38, which was the most I think, that we've ever had in any year, in



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2002, November through 2003, November timeframe, we've listed 38. Since that time, since the day of remembrance of 2004, we've learned multiple dozens of people that would have fallen in the timeframe had we found out about them earlier, they would have been on the list. But but it's literally we find out more after the date of remembrance, that would have been eligible for that year than we had for the whole year. And you're right 38 was the biggest that we'd ever have.

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Jackie Thorne 53:43

And yet there were that there were more people that we didn't know about then we

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found out about since then, we knew it the day that there was, you know, 38 was a small fraction of the total number. Since the date. We've now found out about had documentation for more than 38 that would have applied for that year. More

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Jackie Thorne 54:04

than 38 others.

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Chris Harrison 54:09

I need to step in real quick and let everyone know you're listening to after hours queer radio with attitude here on Pacifica radio for the Gulf Coast. KPFT 90.1 FM Houston 89.5 Galveston, and you can always check out on the worldwide web at Kpf T dot O R G. We have Beth Roberts on the phone. Want to

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try that again? What better Roberts Roberts, Richard, Richard,

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Chris Harrison 54:33

I'm sorry. Okay, that's why that's why a lot of people who want to go to first names only. Beth is on the line, calling us from Austin. This is kind of her farewell to us show. Fortunately, she couldn't be in the air. We have Jackie Thorne in the studio over on the other side of the glass here and unfortunately, he said this is kind of best last hurrah with us for a while until we can get her to come back for a visit? Well,

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I'll probably come back to him now and again for visits. It's my face in the way that you silly people on the other side of the glass, which you will all smile, I know what you do I know what you do, don't you? Oh, yes. Well,

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Jackie Thorne 55:15

well, are you going to Beth Are you going to be at the lobby days for a and Austin are gonna



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be in the spring of 2005 when the session meets and likes to be there? And, you know, you know, you know, something, Jackie, you'd mentioned how empowering it was to hear the clicking? How would you say the



J Jackie Thorne 55:36

words, clicking your heels? As you know?



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Well, I'll tell you what this company should take let you have that sound.



J Jackie Thorne 55:46

No, it really is, you know, of course, the the other thing too is, is, you know, so many people are afraid, oh my god, you know, I can't do anything like that. I know, I could never real go to Congress or go to the state, no state representatives or state senators, and talk to them about it. And my answer to them is why not? You know, you're a citizen, you're you vote,



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you're entitled true. And even if you don't, if you don't want to walk the halls, write a letter lenti of other work that can be done to prepare for that. Last time around in Austin. It was primarily Vanessa and I but did it on our own split between the two of us and it was a lot of work. session before that it was Sarah dipalma by herself on her own, and it was a whole lot of work, which is why she's kind of you know, been a bit more retiring of late is because she's burned out. I mean, she, that woman has worked herself to the bone over and over time and time again, for our community. And, you know, it's, it's time to see other people stepping up. And it's not that hard. As we were talking about earlier with, with the award, I got, I never took the the executive director of T game that was lobby coach here, but I was never director, I never took the presidency of tach, I was secretary I was newsletter writer, you don't have to be the top dog to get things done. You come in, and you help a little bit here and you help a little bit there. It's really, really appreciated.



J Jackie Thorne 57:20

Well, the other thing too, with, you know, the organization for both Austin and Washington, you need administrative people there, you know, somebody just that's, that's willing to, you know, again, it's if someone is uncomfortable going into a senator or a representatives office, and talking and they don't feel you know, that they're that good at talking and explaining things.

Lord, we can put them to work, you know, handling the paperwork, man, man work, you know, accepting reports as they come back from the people that have gone out. And that needs to be done, you know, those



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unfamiliar with the process, typically, we find a conference from somewhere to bait to turn into our home base, as it were. And there's informational packets that we ask that, that are delivered to the representative or senator that you that you see. And there is a little informational packet for the person going to this office about who it is they're going to see. And there's a little questionnaire for them to fill out when they come back, indicating what happened while you were there. All this paperwork, just you know, it works best if there's a single person, at least a single person whose responsibility is to steward that stuff around. Because otherwise things get lost, things don't get have. It's just it's just a lot harder when there's nobody there to take that responsibility. And it's the kind of responsibility that's not particularly difficult, but it's the job that needs to get down. It



J Jackie Thorne 58:54

has to be done. Yeah. And well, and of course, the other thing, too, is is it you know, if you've got all of your people there, and they're all out lobbying, and nobody is handling the administrative, you know, a lot of things fall through the cracks, and there's a lack of communication and so forth like that. Whereas, like you say, if you know if you have a base of operations, which people can come back to and find out what's going on and any changes, you know, last minute changes and stuff like that. I know, this was one of the problems that we had in Washington and we were kind of the you know, the wayward stepchild, we kept getting getting moved around from place to place and oftentimes the word didn't didn't trickle down to all of the people. And so sometimes people did not know, you know, where they needed to go to turn their reports and stuff in.



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Yeah, this last question. And often, for instance, we did okay on that we managed to keep a room the whole time session before. We had a conference room in the morning, but a completely different conference room in the afternoon. So it took a little bit of shepherding and get things around.



J Jackie Thorne 1:00:02

Yeah, well up there in Washington say we were in a conference room in the mornings on Thursday and Friday and in the afternoons we wound up down in the in the little cubby hole in the Longworth cafeteria



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this is that that that I wanted to mention the language that you referred to add in gender

things that I wanted to mention the language that you referred to adding gender identity to the local law enforcement act and the non discrimination act, that language covers transgendered people, as we know, sexual orientation does not. And what I'm seeing is that there are a ever growing number of companies that are including this language in their own non discrimination and harassment.

J Jackie Thorne 1:00:46

Paulo. Yeah, definitely. Yeah.

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And you know, I think the most recent in Houston was about exactly a year ago now, when he'll at Packard announced it. Formerly Compaq, I was part of a team that was pitching that to Compaq. And then once the merger closed, a member of the committee that that pitched it to HP, and it was successfully accepted by the corporate management of Hewlett Packard. And what you're seeing in companies today are domestic partnerships given to, you know, same sex partners, or their medical benefits and insurance benefits and all that. And I think what we're seeing is that the private sector is doing what the government doesn't have the courage to

J Jackie Thorne 1:01:31

you yeah, they're, they're leading the way one part of the packet that we that we handed out at the Washington lobby days, there was a sheet of with a graph, and so forth, and statistics in there. And they indicated that at the state, county and city level, where ordinances and laws had been passed, including transgenders in the non discrimination, information or policy. roughly 24.6% of the entire United States population is covered because of the state, county and city ordinances and so forth. But that also means that roughly 75% of the American populace is not covered. And that's why it's important to have it at the federal level, because the federal level says, Okay, you're all covered.

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Well, like I said, at the beginning, you know, I'm really looking forward to hearing next month's show, because my bet is Vanessa is going to cover this in, you know, the full trip report for the, for the lobby days in great detail. So I didn't particularly want to go into too much detail, because otherwise, you know, I'd be taken over what she wanted to talk about. Yeah,

C Chris Harrison 1:02:52

we were, we were hoping that we could connect with her. But when was the lobby day, it

J Jackie Thorne 1:02:58

was only 29th and 30th.

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April, and the first of May was the tava friend standard deviation.

c Chris Harrison 1:03:09

On Saturday, we were hoping ever last week and probably just with all the events going on, there was not probably not able to get back with us. But we've really I mean, that's, that is something we we felt we wanted to get covered in and get around on the the news interview segment there because we because of our conflict we had with our live remote and her wanting to tell us people a telephone interview. We are on live remote, we're not able to do telephone interviews. And so we were we were really looking forward to having a good discussion that and we'll just have to wait here and use that as the kickoff to our pride month.

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You know, I'll tell you, April this month is so incredibly busy, or the April this year was so incredibly busy. For the transgender community. It was it was just amazing. surprised I didn't see you Jackie at the Unity banquet. I'm like, Well,

J Jackie Thorne 1:04:00

I wasn't at the Unity banquet because I was in Denver, Colorado representing the Royal Sovereign Imperial quarter, the single star at the Denver coronation. So and then I drove from Denver over to Washington and Tim to be there Wednesday in time for the plenary training session.

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I'll tell you folks, April was busy.

J Jackie Thorne 1:04:27

There was there was a lot going on though it was it was really a i It was a very enjoyable time because for me, I got to meet a lot of the people who previously were just named, you know, people that I that I had heard of, but had never had an opportunity to interact with. Yeah,

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I found that to be true also. Based on based on who was there, there's there's a lot of people who I knew because I did ended events like this that were that were not not specifically this

WHO I KNEW BECAUSE I DID CHASE EVENTS LIKE THIS, THAT WERE THOSE THAT WERE NOT, NOT SPECIFICALLY THIS event this weekend. But you know, national events. The one that I went to not too long ago was the one in February where, where it was the the V Day in Los Angeles, with the all transgendered cast to the Vagina Monologues. And there were so many people, so many people whose names I'd heard for years and got an opportunity to meet there were a lot of them on the program last month, well

J Jackie Thorne 1:05:28

also got an opportunity to meet some of the people that I have met before in person drain fee from I want to say Wisconsin, back she actually ran for political office up there.

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That's correct. She did. Jimmy, Jimmy over there.

C Chris Harrison 1:05:48

He stepped out for a minute. Hey,

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okay, Chris, maybe you know the answer to this. Okay. I see my chat. My little phone here is doing a very good job of telling me how long I've been on the phone, but not very good at all. It's telling me what time is it? Okay.

C Chris Harrison 1:06:02

Do I have it's, well, it's 113. You've been on for 47 minutes. So until we get Dean Becker calling in, we will stick with you.

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Okay. I didn't know whether it was 115 or 120, or 130 111 13.

C Chris Harrison 1:06:13

And change. So now we'll go. We'll keep waking up, go as long as your voice can hold out and your batteries hold out. Ya know, the towers are still holding up that sending your signal to us. We'll we'll keep going here and likes them until Dean calls in. And hopefully he'll call in this week. He missed us last week. You



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know, I'm sitting here in Austin primarily because they say the first thing you go with ages. I forgot.



c Chris Harrison 1:06:45

Hey, Jimmy can still figure out how to get to the studio.



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Last weekend was you know, last one in April. So this must be only the first one in May. Right?



c Chris Harrison 1:06:57

No, because May 1 was last Saturday.



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Yeah. But Friday, it wasn't it wasn't me yet.



c Chris Harrison 1:07:04

You don't have to make excuses. Well. We're going to pick on you one way or another you can come up with other excuses. You want to target I'm going to target we're getting for your blonde moment earlier. So yeah. So



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so the schedule looks like that. The equivalent to the Pride Parade in Dallas happens in September. I see no reason why not to come down to the Houston Pride Parade then in June because you know, what's the pride month without a pride parade? Right. Yeah. Just



J Jackie Thorne 1:07:38

out of curiosity. Beth, have you you know, have you heard anything at all on the special session that the legislature's supposedly, theoretically there? They're supposed to be working on the school districts, but are they you know, have you heard if they're doing anything else besides that?



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I have not heard that they're doing anything in particular. Besides that, a lot of times what happens is they'll say they're going to focus on one particular issue. And people will try to sneak side things and a lot of times they love work. Yeah. We'll see how that all plays out.

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Chris Harrison 1:08:14

One thing you need to step in here we've gotten a couple of phone calls. We are going to be giving a we're doing the drawing a little later on here. For those Melissa Etheridge tickets that we have. Melissa Etheridge is coming to town next weekend, it's gonna be over at numbers. And we promised we're gonna be giving away tickets, we've got the names and a hat. And we're going to be coming with that later. So for those of you've been calling and wanting to know, we're just letting you know we are we didn't forget you. We are gonna be having out those tickets here tonight to go live. And that includes the Saturday performances, Sunday performance, and those VIP tickets where you get to go press the flesh with Melissa,

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Jackie Thorne 1:08:50

Sounds like a heck of a deal. I wish I wish I could get my name in the hat. But it wouldn't do me any good. Because next next weekend, I'm gonna be out in Albuquerque.

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Sounds like a familiar problem.

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Jackie Thorne 1:09:03

I just got back from 17 days, scattered all over the United States. Very, very enjoyable, because I really wasn't in any hurry to get anywhere. And some going out to Albuquerque for the coronation out there next weekend. There's a bunch of us from Houston here that are going to go out there. So are

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you ready to give this week or this month? court report?

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Jackie Thorne 1:09:30

Not really because I don't know. I don't know. I just got back in the in town six o'clock this evening. I don't know what the courts doing. In fact, I called and talked to Stella who is the

Emperor's and they were having a wine tasting tonight. Which of course is over with now. But I don't believe there's a show tomorrow night. Of course they were involved with the opening of the undercurrent, I believe is the new name of the The Boulevard flew down in Galveston last weekend. But I was not able to attend that because Washington, Jimmy started

 Chris Harrison 1:10:08

up the show with a with a court report and other community calendar events. So if I do remember, there was a couple things for, for the court system that he dropped in there. Yeah.

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So Oh, I know what I wanted to mention. Jimmy was talking about the upcoming talk with Sarah dipalma. And I was mentioning that or her resume goes back quite a ways with activism. And we got off on the Jackie, Jackie Fred here. But I don't know how many people realize that Sarah dipalma grew up in, in the northeast, but took her first trip to the South as a Freedom Rider in the 1950s. And the in the 1960s. I mean, in the in the civil rights movement. And others, there's, you know, coming from there, all the way through the 70s 80s 90s and into the 2000s. You know, I don't think there's enough time in a day or week to hear what Sarah dipalma is activism has been like, that's that was the point I was trying to make back then. What do you think they're? You think they're Mr. Chris?

 Chris Harrison 1:11:24

I'm sorry. I got we've, I got a phone call in the secretary. I had to get some information. I did not hear that. I apologize. That's all right. I know you're talking about Sarah.

 Jackie Thorne 1:11:35

Yeah, well, so of course, I've known her for about 20 years now. Since since I came out in 82. And she has always been very active us to know and particularly with regard to the GLBT concerns

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are, you know, getting that award at the NAB banquet, I felt so much the quotes that we see so far only because we stand on the shoulders of giants. And people like you, Jackie and Phyllis Frey, Sarah dipalma. And Monica Roberts, is probably the name that Chris keeps getting up with. And of course,

 Chris Harrison 1:12:17

I'm lucky I remembered your first name, to be honest with you, I'm very horrible with names.



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These are the giants that have been in our in our Houston community. You know, since at least the 70s, for Philadelphia. And without them, I'm sure that Houston would be nowhere near as friendly a place it is when I moved to Houston in 1994. And the recruiter told me how'd you like to go to Houston? After I Quit laughing I said I'd give it a try. And in the 10 years that I've been in Houston, I have to say that I have really enjoyed myself. And it's been a really great place to be, and I'm going to miss it, I'm really going to miss it a lot, I'm going to miss the station, I'm going to miss the people. And you know, it's going to be kind of peculiar not trying to figure out how I'm going to get myself down to the station every other month in the middle of the night.



Chris Harrison 1:13:15

It's I mean, that's one of the things it's, it's a labor of love coming down here. And I know for you to come down and you know, share your experiences and all that especially, I guess was not sure it was the last time you were on here or not. But back in January, when you were here, and you brought your kids here. Yeah. And you know, that we had this great discussion that you never hear about of, you know, these are the children, the natural children of transgendered person and her partner. And it's like, you never hear about it, you always hear the titillation stories, and you can do a lot of those, you can do a lot of the activism stuff. But you know, this is real life that we were covering of, of how a family has to react, you know, what happens when you bring home when kids want to come home and come over and visit and you know, you know, kids are smart, if they're gonna they may look and go, something's not right here. And that sort of thing. I mean, other stations have started covering on that trailer, I think it was CNN had a story about that. Of a male to female transgender, and they were showing her two kids. And they're older than yours. Yeah. And it was like the daughter has issues with the son. Yeah, no problem. Well,



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you know, I guess it's yet another case for KPFT scoops. The national media, of course, happens quite frequently. Well, you know, we found a really nice place up in Plano, Texas on the north side of Dallas. And it's a couple more weeks before we're going to be actually closed and moved in on the house up there. And looking forward to that. Plano is known to be a relatively conservative little town. So it'll be kind of interesting to go through all of this getting to know a neighbor neighbors again.



Chris Harrison 1:15:11

Yeah, well, that's, I mean, that's looking at a great icebreaker you go in there, you start putting other things, you know, they start asking question will say, look, I was a radio star in Houston.



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Chris Harrison 1:15:31

radio personality. And I mean, that's, I mean, that's when you're talking about moving and all that and, you know, it's gonna you have a whole new group of people, you have to explain to explain who you are and what you're there for, rather than, you know, just, you know, Hi, I'm the new neighbor, we moved. I got a new job and all that it's another thing of trying to find those first people who are gonna willing to come up to you and go, Oh, really? Okay.

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Yeah, well, you know, the world needs an education one person at a time.

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Chris Harrison 1:16:09

And, you know, those people have been playing or they need to, they need a good shock to the system every once in a while, oh,

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every once in a while. So, you know, we'll we'll be happy to deliver, how did the friend of mine put it, I guess your job is going to be keeping the the, the average blood pressure in Plano up a little higher,

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Chris Harrison 1:16:28

keeps the blood pressure up in the property values down

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Jackie Thorne 1:16:33

the ladder, I saw I saw a bumper sticker that I incorporated into my young profile and says the gene pool needs a good dose of chlorine.

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I don't expect that we're going to be any reclined anybody to gene pool and removing any of the bacterial contamination. But but you know, like I said, it's going to be it's going to be a time of, of not just us getting settled in. But you know, it's going to be some education for the neighbors going on. I think that's really, probably the most important activism that I do. And that any of us can do is just, you know, what do they say? The best revenge is living? Well, yes. So you know, I'm gonna do my best to live well, and then they can watch it happen and understand that, you know, there's room in this world for all of us.

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Chris Harrison 1:17:35

I mean, all shades, all shapes, all sizes. And, you know, there's, there's people that have gone through the transition, and, you know, they're gonna have to learn that, you know, even you may live in the suburbs of the big city, but, you know, it's, you have to expand your horizons of where you are and where you're looking.

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Well, most of my neighbors traditionally don't know that, that that the lesbian couple that moved in down the street got to be a lesbian couple by a rather unusual path. But, you know, I'm more than happy to do my education at the level of you know what life is like with lesbian couple living down the street.