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R Ray Hill 00:02

It has, I saw a prison official demonstrating it. And he took a big bite off of it's kind of crunchy and texture. Listen, he immediately spit it out because it tasted so bad. But that's that's basically Texas has, in the last several years, gone back to torture as the criminal justice policy. I'll tell you how bad it is, is you see if you saw watching documentaries yesterday, or last night, they had a feature on the chain gang from Alabama, Alabama, showing that in Texas, it's a real honor and a joy to get assigned to a chain guy. Right? Because number one, you're out of the compound. And you live in tents. They're not air conditioned. But these are the buildings where they house you in prisons, but there's there's no circulation in those beds. Well, basically, the chain gangs work spring, spring through fall within the wintertime here. And you know, how did you spend your time in prison I did five years in the park. Fixing bridges and picnic tables and things of that nature. That's preferable duty to laboring in the cotton fields under stupid labor under the guise. Of course, the only people that get to do that are people with relatively minor crimes. And the cost of it is there's no educational opportunity, but they've eliminated education opportunities for everybody else. Right now. I have to when parents call me and say well, my son tells me I need to send in money for tuition. That is true, the state will not pay your tuition for college courses anymore.

D Dee McKellar 01:47

So a transgendered person is going to go in by their genitals, right? If you're female to male, and let's say let's say your say you're three quarters of the way through the transition. So if you're a person with breasts, and you know, you're three quarters away through you're a person with breasts, and you end up in prison, you're in trouble-.

R Ray Hill 02:05

If the genitalia that they're interested in, is that lower down than breast? Yes, yeah. And whatever that is, that's the way that goes. And unfortunately, with the current administration, which is amazing, because a transgendered person just transitioned in the bureaucracy itself,

and did a remarkable job of acceptance and all that. So there is hope there is promised but it is not there yet. Inmates do not enjoy the freedom that employees apparently are to, and that is not without some difficulty. That is, you know, the person that did the transitioning has my lifetime respect and admiration and love.

 Dee McKellar 02:51

I was talking to her earlier this evening.

 Ray Hill 02:54

Because that, that that that is is to me as significant. You got to understand that I came out of closet as a gay person in 19 and 59. Right, Eisenhower was President at galena Park High School you know, I grew up getting placed nominally named chicken Park. As I came out, and and transitioning at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, institutional division in 1996, is no less remarkable than coming out of the closet 1959. And I'm very much aware of that. Just enormous amount of admiration, respect. And now on the front page of the Austin. I stayed the Austin newspaper. I mean, not the Austin but the Huntsville item. Huntsville newspaper. It just amazing. Wow. And I think they're a little bit afraid of her and I admire her for for exploiting that a little bit. At the very top. It's that's a pretty good sized egg for the chief administrators just well, but they have to deal with me.

 Sarah DePalma 04:07

Yeah.

 Ray Hill 04:09

There's no way there's, there's no way around rail to prison. They've tried for a generation, a generation of administrations, that there's no way around.

 Sarah DePalma 04:19

So it doesn't matter if you've been diagnosed as a transsexual, and it doesn't matter if you've been on hormone treatment for three years

 Ray Hill 04:27

only in Massachusetts. So if you're going to do it in Massachusetts, and you've got you've got a pretty good chance of getting treated with some integrity.

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Well, it sounds to me like the message we're hearing tonight is if you're transgender, don't get your butt tossed in jail, then.

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Ray Hill 04:43

Don't walk don't walk around with any excuses to go jail. I mean, if your friend if you're transgendered, and you've got a pass do ticket take care of that sucker tomorrow early.



04:53

Yeah. Fairly simple message if you're Yeah, you know, it's pretty simple deal. Just don't do any thing that's gonna get you tossed in jail because it wasn't-.

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Ray Hill 05:03

I mean, they did he has not done anything and she wound up I mean, if it's inevitable anyway, if if this is a process that is going to court and let me tell you, I've I sat at the table with Phyllis Frey in her first jury trial. All right, and we want she want. And, and so I've been through this, I have confidence in the criminal justice system. As far as the courts are concerned, those neutral places where we go to shoot out these issues are fine places, I believe in this country. I am a person who have actually used the Bill of Rights in the Supreme Court of the United States to establish accessible rights. I'm the only openly gay person that has ever won a United States Supreme Court decision. We don't talk about that a lot. Because I guess I could do more self promoting on that. But I hope, I hope that sometime before the end of this summer, I will have to change that too. I am the first openly gay person to have won a Supreme Court decision, I would like for us to win Romer versus Owens, which is an important case coming out of Colorado, Colorado, Colorado case. And that in that has that bodes well for us all. And I think that we're going to win that case. And so I'm gonna have to change. But as of right now, I am the only openly gay person that has ever won the United States Supreme Court decision. And it worked for me. And I am not, you know, I've got a few warts. I'm not a pretty guy. Even the Supreme Court of the United States and opinion call me a pesky, contentious troublemaker, citizen provocateur, a homosexual and an ex convict. And, but they gave me the decision, because the decision was right on principle. And I believe our integrity and our dignity as transgender, gay bi. and lesbian people is such a worthy cause. And yes, we've got a long way to go and jails and long way to go and prisons and all that. But we will get there. As long as you have the vision of getting things as if you ever give up the vision. If you ever get so frightened by religious fanatics or the value of your own closet, then we will never get there. But I know where I want to go. And there was with this wonderful guy who I quote, frequently, his name is Andre G. Who said several things. And one of the things he said is people are not sexually attracted to whole people at all. They're attracted to parts of people like hair growing on skin or the curve of a breast or the touch of another part of the anatomy. Wonderful statement. Yeah, when you think about it, that's pretty well summed up erotic. But he says, the trick is not becoming free. The difficult part is what do you do with that freedom? Once you get once again, I would like to tell all of you that you are free upon your declaration, if you declare that you are free and equal, then that is up to somebody else to try to take that away from you, making sure they mistreat you, they can abuse you, they can insult you. But once you have

declared your freedom and equality, you own that. And you have to struggle to keep it but it's up to somebody to try to take it away from you. And once you overcome that hump, all things that you dream of being in becoming shall become a reality in your experience.



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Ray Hill, when I first like candy, my very first gay pride parade. I was still at Texas a&m. And we had not yet go on to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. And I really needed to pick me up it had gotten really ugly on the campus. I have been taking bricks through my window, I had had sugar poured my gas tank, it really turned ugly. And I came to the first gay pride parade in this this woman walked over to me and she said, you know she says I'm a student on the campus and I've watched what's been happening to you. She said and I want you to have this and it was a little button and the button said no one can make you feel inferior without your consent. And I've still got that button you know I in opt in I've given this that the sermon I know D has heard me give this speech basically before that, no, you know, no one can be make you feel inferior. And boy, that's a hard message for people to get.



Jimmy Carper 10:04

While we're giving out all of these messages, we've got a lot of courageous people here tonight, I want to in front of Ray Hill, talked about somebody else who's been courageous lately. And I almost have to swallow my tongue to do it, because I know it's coming. Because this is a person that I do not agree with on principle at all. His name is Dale Carpenter. And we have bashed Dale on this show many, many, many times, many hosts available. However, I heard Dale anti recounts on lesbian and gay voices. Two weeks ago, two Thursday's ago. And what I heard was a lot of courage. Because these two men went to, to the Republican Convention, and-.



Ray Hill 11:03

It was much trouble and Oh, really, no, my voted Republican and went to the and presented a bunch of-.



Jimmy Carper 11:09

Stood up in front of a lot of religious fanatics and right wingers and said, We are gay man. And this is what we would like the Republican Party to do. That does take us that takes a hell of a lot-.



Ray Hill 11:24

Of what they found was about a third of the people in attendance supported them, yes, about a third of the people in attendance, oppose them. And about a third of people in attendance did not make any commitments one way or the other. And so I think that they discovered something very refreshing. And that is that even in Harris County, where the religious fanatics

have taken over the party, administrative mechanism, and they did not carry a single resolution. But there is substantial support out there. And I certainly appreciate their courage. I think it's time for some gay Republicans to pay dues. And as many of it was no more fun in the Democratic Party 15 years ago.

 Jimmy Carper 12:14

That's right. I know, we had to do it, too. But and so-

 Ray Hill 12:17

Yeah, they're to be admired for their efforts and congratulated for their efforts. And I think that, that your compliment is deserving. And what I would advise them, if they were listening to my advice, which I don't suspect, but if I would advise them is now that you know that there are a third of the political activist in the Republican Party, except your theory, then there ought to be a caucus of about a third of the people that attended each district conference. And you need to build that into some part some swell.

 Jimmy Carper 13:00

I'm also hoping that they'll entirely will see the importance of coalition building and maybe use that and other aspects of their lives

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to it and I don't believe

 Ray Hill 13:17

You don't have to you don't have to go outside the Republican Party. During most of my life. The icon, Mr. Republican, was an old curmudgeon, senator from Arizona. Barry Goldwater. Yeah, Barry Goldwater is exactly right on on the issues important to the listeners of this radio station, this probe. A guy who once ran the John Birch Society. Yeah, no, no, no, no, did he? Well, he was conservative, but it was John, let me tell you what he said about the religious nuts and the John birches, he said, If we allow those people into the Republican Party, they're only going to make things smell bad or merely crazy. That's one conservative conservative to follow libertarian ask conservative. Barry Goldwater was no question a conservative, you know, and, and whenever you come up with the campaign slogan, in your heart, you know, it's right. And I'm old enough to remember that campaign slogan. Linden like to have busted his eyes it goes in your gut, you know, he's nuts.

 Jimmy Carper 14:22

But Barryp.

 Ray Hill 14:27
-who's mentioned him his name was booed at a republican party here.

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Not long ago. Barry Goldwater's name was booed.

 Ray Hill 14:37
Well, because of his position on our issue, yes.

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Now tell people who you and I know who Steven Jota is streaming on to. Lots of people may not know that he might want explain how.

 Ray Hill 14:48
That's another whole show. Okay.

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Let's just put it this way. Steven Jota is the arch enemy this guy makes me this guy is to the right of Pat Buchanan that-.

 Ray Hill 14:59
If you want to see him He had all of his children and grandchildren, which is quite a brood. I mean, he was talking about my unbridled sex and he's got like seven sons or something. He's not going to be talking about a bridle. But you can go to all Britain's cafeteria on Sunday after church. And he and all of that brood are nesting in there. Oh, there's so many of them that there's not room for them in the non smoking side, they also don't smoke inside, you can go over there. And you can look at those Grinch son, and some of those sons checking out the thighs of the path and gay people. But I'll let you experience that yourself.

 Sarah DePalma 15:41
Well, I, you know, I, when I put this out on the internet, that we were going to do this topic. Yeah, I got several messages back from people who said, What are you talking about this for? We never get to end up in jail. That's what I thought.

 Jimmy Carper 15:57
No, it never. No.

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If it were saying, but transgender people generally are the most law abiding people in the world. My response to you is outstanding, weren't folks?

 Ray Hill 16:08
Well, there is there is there is there should be no shame. I mean, the way our system works, that you would be accused, by information or by indictment, and have to go answer those accusations in court. In our system where there is a presumption of innocence, there is no shame in that. And although I have every confidence in DS representation, and I know the court system is going to work as well for her as it does for other people who have aggressive defense. I mean, there is a key there, you've got to work at it. But even though I have been sentenced to 160 years in Texas prisons, and I'm a person who has been convicted for what he did, not for what he was falsely accused of doing, but for what he did. And I've actually served for years and four months in Texas prisons as an openly gay person. In the early 70s, I still have every confidence that given the wheel, the determination and enough resources for an adequate defense, the system works. So those of you who are going around in that other closet, may not want to talk about that. But I learned something about closets in 1959. And if you come to my apartment, you will find that the doors between the rooms and the closets have been removed. I live in a free flowing world because I'm a free flowing kind of person. And my gay people, my gay friends just hate it when I talk about being an ex convict. Well, that's fine. My ex convict friends just hate it when I talked about being gay person, but everybody's just gonna have to understand that I am who I am and what I am, and I'm here to him.

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Before you leave, I want to ask you about about something that DNI that we're participating in. That was a protest we did a David Mintzberg. Yeah.

 Ray Hill 17:58
I wish I could have gone but I'm waiting surgery.

 18:00
Oh, yeah. I understand that. What I wanted to ask you about was the way that Leslie get treated in the press. It seems to me right maybe I'm missing something here but Leslie did her time.

 Ray Hill 18:11

Lesley was Leslie spent many years on death row. Leslie was sentenced to be executed her co defendant before she died Carolyn Lima before she died. Expose the fact that when the actual murder of Fred Jones happened, Leslie was passed out. And Lima did the murdering and then woke Lesley up and then said let's you know dispose of bodies allegedly participated in enough there to be culpable but not enough there to be executed. Lima died of cancer awaiting execution. And Lesley Senate was committed to life and Lesley served many years in regular prison and was released on parole according to the rules. Lesley has paid her debt now Lesley is on life parole. So that means Lesley citizenship never restores. Because according to this Citizenship Act, they call it the RE heal Bill Two years after you're off paper and be registered as voting at full citizenship. Right. So the only office Lesley can run for his party chair because there are no legal requirements for that office have to be registered. And Lesley wants very much participate in political process. And that is the only avenue open to Leslie.

 Sarah DePalma 19:32

Explains why she keeps burning year after year the.

 Ray Hill 19:34

Same offense. Right. And and I you know, I think that it's kind of futile because Liberty can always get enough votes to wind up in the runoff but who votes in the runoff? The Insider insiders and they were apparently not. The Insider Democrats are apparently not comfortable with Lesley having leadership role in their party.

 Jimmy Carper 19:54

Yeah. However, they are comfortable with Leslie working for the party. passing out flyers doing all the grunt work for 20 years or so.

 Ray Hill 20:04

Absolutely. But you got to understand that the Democratic Party is really in not much better shape than the Republican Party.

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And to be fair, I won't say who told me this, but I talked to somebody who within the Democratic Party who would know this, and they have talked to Lesley before and explained to her that the reason that they are that they are have opposed Lesley running for this is not the

fact that she's a transsexual, and it is not the fact that she is that she has been a participant in the murder. They are opposed because they feel she has poor judgment. Which is something completely different.

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Ray Hill 20:41

Well, I mean, regarded to presume that Mintzberg has better judgment railroad?

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Sarah DePalma 20:45

No, of course. Anybody?

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Ray Hill 20:48

Probably you gotta realize that, that just a few generations ago, fell and then McLeod Jones was chaired the Democratic Party was running the illusion that All right, yeah, remember that. And so when he was chair of the Democratic Party, they simply wired around him without his cooperation. If Lesley gets elected to this office, you'd be so overjoyed to have the title. They wonder why around her, she'll help him. Yeah.

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Sarah DePalma 21:10

What's the point? The point I was trying, I wanted to I wanted to ask you about that was, I mean, it seems to be ready to some point, you've paid your dues. I mean, what is it like enough enough when they stop beating up a person for that?

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Ray Hill 21:21

Oh, that but you got to understand that, that there will always be people. Maybe not a majority of people, but a significant plurality of people who will never forgive me for being gay. You for being transgendered? Yeah, right. Okay, and all that. And so those people don't simply aren't going to go away. They certainly have a right to be bigots, we have a right to try to educate them.

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Jimmy Carper 21:46

But it's more of an American phenomena. I mean, there are too many people that feel that, you know, once you have done a crime and serve time, you are forever tainted. Absolutely. And we are under the system where-

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Ray Hill 22:00

The most important thing that I do everyday Jimmy, as a gay person, is I role model for younger

gay people how to share how to lead open, comfortable lives. The most important thing I do for convicts, is I role model not being done in various trades. Okay. And not going back to the joint. Yeah. Yeah, I got a call this morning. Amazing. Of all things. I got a call this morning. From a guy that I barely know, who said we have got 28,000 units of AC T. Wow. How do you get 20,000 28,000 units debating? I'm kidding. Well, it's somewhere in another stage and yada yada yada, yada. And I said, Well, Burroughs, welcome. I mean, you can't get generic AZT. Now, there's only one company. They've got that locked down. And how can you haggle with price members welcome consent to pricing anything? They won't get it? Well, I think this was expropriated stolen stuff to me. Are you out of your and I used? I don't want to talk about it. I don't know anything about it. Yeah. And the only thing I can think of is it gotta be some kind of stupid setup. Because nobody in their right mind, AC T is an important issue. I've got friends that need AC, and that they have to give up other things in order to get it. All right. But But, but the fact of the matter is, if you got some stolen crap, stay away from ratio with it. Yeah. Because I've got this role model commitment here that I going back to prison. Right. And if I as much as I care about loosening up AZT Majid, I care about my friends that need an image, I care about the way there but that's still not enough attraction for me to get involved.

J Jimmy Carper 23:59
Yeah, you're right.

R Ray Hill 24:01
That happened today. So. So don't tell me that there's no temptations out there. But it's just like whenever they took the cigarettes away from my convict friends, and all of those convicts have been listening to radio station K us in College Station, Brian and radio station KPFT. Thank you, right.

J Jimmy Carper 24:23
I've been doing radio on this for a few years.

D Dee McKellar 24:26
Oh, you wonderful people out there listening.

R Ray Hill 24:29
I really did give up smoking. I quit smoking in November. I haven't touched a cigarette. I cheated until November and then finally committed was true. And so you got to give it up. I gave it up. Don't offer me a cigarette. Don't tempt me was still a merchant. Okay. I've got to go home go to bed.

S Sarah DePalma 24:50

 Sarah DePalma 24:50

Thank you very much.

 Jimmy Carper 24:53

Now Ray Hill, I want to tell the world again and in your presence, okay, that you know Oh, that the doors are open at after hours whenever you want to come on and push something.

 Ray Hill 25:06

I'm not shy about dropping by talking about why you haven't done it in such a long I know I've been holed up with these lumpy marbles in my gallbladder, but they're gonna get cut out and I'm gonna be loose again. Good.

 Sarah DePalma 25:18

Ray, thank you very much.

 Jimmy Carper 25:19

You're not gonna die. You heard it first Ray is loose.

 Sarah DePalma 25:22

Well, I think it's time for us to go to some music. And we'll come back and we'll talk about some other stuff. Oh, okay.

 Jimmy Carper 25:27

That's a good idea. And you're listening. Well, Ray already said it. I don't have to say but you are listening to after hours, queer radio with attitude. And I'm Jimmy Carper. And with me-.

 Sarah DePalma 25:38

Is Sarah department. And before we let Dee go. Oh, she's growing. I want to I think it took a lot of guts for you to come on here tonight to talk about your rest and do what you've done. Well, yes, I really do.

 Dee McKellar 25:51

Well, that goes back to something you said a little earlier. Nobody can make you feel inferior without your permission. Right. I don't feel inferior for having been accused.



26:02

That's right. Just because you're charged does not mean you're guilty. That's right. This is still America. It's right. Just just that we would mentioned that with a C and D. Thanks very much.



Dee McKellar 26:14

Thank you for having me.



Jimmy Carper 26:15

And I think we're gonna go some music here.



Scott Lewis 26:21

Ah, it's Mr. Lewis. And they made me come all the way down here to review these movies. It's humid outside, my hair's fallen watch Jimmy what little bits left of it yield? Like she helped me that's her hair, but she paid for it. So anyway, my good friend Sarah Gish over at the landmark theaters, you know, they have that one at the Greenway and they that one over in River Oaks. And she has me down here to review a couple of films for now. I've always been a big fan of Heather Almodovar. And he's got a new film out if you're not familiar with Pedro, he did women on the verge of a nervous breakdown. He did tie me up tie me down, which was not pornographic, but I think that there was Falcon put out another version tie me up, tie me down and well, actually, I started that one. But anyway, that's a whole nother story. Actually, that was timing downtime me down. And he did. But anyway, so Pedro Almodovar very funny, very funny Spanish film writer and director. And actually where Antonio Banderas found his start has a new film out called the flower of my secret now if you haven't seen any of header Amata VARs films. This is not the one to introduce you to his work. Horrible. Oh my God. Let me tell you, Sarah was kind enough to loan me a video copy. It's in the theaters but she got me a copy on video cassette. I think she stood in the back with her camcorder. But anyway, I went home and I watched with my good friend Rob, who is Dr. Robert love doctor. He has been here with me work with me here people. And we go over to his house and we're watching the film. And we turned it off halfway through. I mean, it wasn't that bad. It was that bad. We turned it off halfway through and we're both die are just diehard Almodovar fans. I mean, not. You know, it's not enough that he brought this country. You know, Antonio Mendez, you know, when he was actually still cute. Don't go see, go to your local video store. Kike tie me up, tie me down women on the verge of a nervous breakdown. Fabulous. See those? I also reviewed a new film that's doing kind of a backwards run, which is kind of appropriate I guess for a gay film or for me either one. It is called the silent closet. And now this is a film about the portrayals of gays and lesbians in film since the beginning of time, this is a documentary that it is narrated by our sister, Lily Tomlin. And it's incredible. It's a it's an incredible education, and incredibly enjoyable. It educates you about the blatant portrayals of homosexuality. When film first began how open they were about homosexuality and women kissing Greta Garbo several films, Greta Garbo just bowled face, mouth to mouth kissing women in her films. But then came the the codes that people said the Catholic church got all upset. The films are too bad. There's all this

sexual perversion and things. And so they successfully just black blotted out homosexuality for about 20 years. But then, the codes were eased, and we got to see things like the boys in the band, which if you have never seen the boys in the band, this is probably the most one of the most powerful gay film probably the most powerful gay film that I've ever seen. I was very frustrated after I saw the boys in the band. That's how powerful it wasn't effect It did me that deeply. But I think it's a very gripping and true portrayal of what it was like to be gay in the late 60s, early 70s. Enough about that film and more about this film. It's fabulous. It played on HBO back in January and is now in kind of a reverse order going into the theaters. It is cameo appearances, I think Tom Hanks, Shirley MacLaine. Many others appear in the film to discuss the role of homosexual characters on film. I highly recommend it. It is playing at the River Oaks three, which is right here in the Montrose area, in the heart of the Montrose right there on West gray. So I can't use thumbs because that's already taken. But I will say that petrals modifiers film did not excite me. And I was very excited by the celluloid closet. It was like, I don't know being with a Hispanic man on the weekend. So those are my opinions on those films. And I leave you now with a new track. What's this called? Blinded. It's the Helen Keller story. And Mason, who was here on our show, some time ago, talking about his desire to make music as a young adult as a young gay adult. He's done it. This is his new CD. It's called blinded. This is Miss Scott Lewis on KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM and ke O S. College Station, Brian, which I think somewhere around 89. You know, we're always kind of low there on the dial. But Hi, in your hearts. I'm sure this is Mason and he is blinded. Okay, sir, what was that?

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Jimmy Carper 31:57

It was something from Scott Lewis. Oh, okay. Certainly, Scott Lewis. Well, let's see. I do want to you are listening to After Hours. I am Jimmy Carper. And Sarah DePalma is here tonight. Right? There's a couple of things we want to talk to talk about in the queer community. We talked about Dale Carpenter, and Log Cabin Republicans a little bit earlier. And I wanted to mention that the Log Cabin Republicans meet on the fourth Monday of every month at the Sierra grill on Montrose Boulevard, and six ish for drinks and seven o'clock for the meeting. That's the fourth Monday at the Sierra grill.

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Sarah DePalma 32:42

Kind of like I should call transsexual minutes for it. Yeah, it's an idea.

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Jimmy Carper 32:47

A couple other things I want to bring up. The National leather association of Houston is sponsoring an electric play workshop next Saturday April the 20th. From two to 4pm at the dais in conference room at 4640 Main Street. You must be there by two o'clock no one will be admitted after 215 now featuring West Nyberg and after hours own John Bennett VTS Who is Mr. Gulf Coast drummer 95 The toys featured will include the violent wand static electricity and the more intense Tenzin it continues hands on applications will be possible for more information contact and La Houston and at 5279666.

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Sarah DePalma 33:45

What an interesting number for that in the for the crew yes I'm sitting here going oh, tins unit. Oh goodness. It's a muscle stimulator as well. Yes. It has a very interesting feeling to it. Okay.

J Jimmy Carper 34:03

Yeah, I know I have here Yeah. A friend of mine is a massage therapist and uses that in his-

S Sarah DePalma 34:10

Oh yeah. A lot of pro football teams use it can be an upset I better get out of the subject. I don't want to get in trouble here.

J Jimmy Carper 34:20

But you know one of my favorite writers here lately has been Esperanza lavender jazz pass Yeah, yes. Pause right who writes for the voice and if you if you're in the Montrose area or close to it and can pick up a voice I think you'll be you'll enjoy her articles they're very down down to earth homey and very very clear.

S Sarah DePalma 34:48

That yes, positive. Yes, he really is.

J Jimmy Carper 34:51

Yeah, cuz she's, she's talking about the street festival, how it's her favorite holiday and all of the good that happens from the street festival because I heard people talking about well, what did they do with the money that they collect? Well, what they do is keep lower Westheimer clean your round with the money that's collected for those two weekends.

S Sarah DePalma 35:17

I'm looking forward to doing that tomorrow. What else? Okay, I brought some information with me that I have pulled off the internet. What I did is I went through some law libraries, one of the nice things about the internet to get to go through some law libraries. And I want to talk about some things that I've pulled off a couple of different subjects. But before I get into it, I want to, I want to talk about something that Ray touched on briefly. And then I just mentioned only a little bit. I must get two phone calls a week, from people who say, I was at such and such a place. And I was in the restroom and a security person followed me into the restroom. And they they put me out of this bar, whatever it was,

J Jimmy Carper 36:05

Oh, okay. I'm transgender church transgendered. Okay, would like go into like a women's restroom? Yeah, security would kick them out. Right. Okay.

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Sarah DePalma 36:13

Now, I'll probably investigated 20 of these by now. And there's a pattern that has emerged that I want to talk about. And the first one is people try some common sense. Okay. All right. Let's start with that. If you give me an example, there was a person called me just last week and complained about it and said, well, then are these people, the security people, they put me out? Well, I had a very nice conversation with this person come to find out this is a very tall person and not passable at least. To make matters worse, she had had a considerable amount to drink and was rather loud. And in fact, pretty well, everyone in the place knew this person was a male. Oh, so in fact, she had outed herself before she ever left for the restroom. Now she goes into the restroom. And the minute she does one of the female customers says, one to the OT, one to the officer and made a complaint. Now, I don't know if you know, this is a bad situation. If you're the manager of the hotel, you have to respond to the complaint. Sure. This person could have been arrested. They were intoxicated, right. They were she was intoxicated, she had you know, everybody in the place knew that this person was a male. And that is a violation of the city ordinance. You're not supposed to be in the restroom in the case like that. And we're not the ordinance says that if you're going in for the purpose of creating a disturbance. Ah, okay. So in this case, that could have been interpreted that way. You know, for heaven's sakes, if you know that you're not passable. Be smart about this. Don't set yourself up. Well, true. Okay. That's, that's the first thing. The second thing is if you're going to go in the restroom, behave? Well. Yes. It's amazing to me the number of times now that it's happened and it turns out these people in the restroom, and we're playing around, I'm playing with a water tearing taking wigs off of one another's head. What Yeah, I kid you not. Don't call me and complain that you got put out if you had if you're doing this kind of stuff, please. I mean.

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Jimmy Carper 38:17

It's one thing to do this in Charlie's. It's another thing to do it somewhere else.

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Sarah DePalma 38:22

Yeah, use your head. When I was at the tea party. Last time I went to the tea party. There were new, there were several complaints to the hotel, about the cross dressers, not the fact that they were cross dressing. The complaint was that they were sitting there with their legs open. Oh, okay. Now, that brings up another point. If you're going to dress as a female, if you're going to go out and you want to pass as a female, then learn to do it. Don't go out there and be a man and a dress and then be shocked if somebody gets complacent complains about you being in a restroom.

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Jimmy Carper 38:57

Right? Okay, and that takes it the first time you put on a dress and go on public, you're probably not going to pass it. This is a learned thing.

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Sarah DePalma 39:08

Be honest with yourself. You know, I mean, if you don't, if you're not sure that you're passing, then be careful. Now now, every once in a blue moon, it does happen that I will get a call from somebody and I track it down and it's legitimate that they were just playing hassled. But that's probably one call out of 20 where that actually happens. In most cases. There are some other circumstances