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Jimmy Carper 00:40

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 closet. 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 welcome to after hours queer radio with attitude. Heard every Saturday night at midnight, right here on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. I'm Jimmy Carper. And with me tonight



Sarah DePalma 02:22

is Sarah DiPalma. Hello, Houston. How are you doing?



Jimmy Carper 02:26

And do we have a house full of folks tonight? We



Sarah DePalma 02:30

have a cast of 1000s actually.

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Jimmy Carper 02:34

Well, we've been talking about it. This has been the weekend of the Transgender Law conference.

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Sarah DePalma 02:39

That's right. It is the last is apparently the last time that it will be held in Houston roll apparently starting next year it is going to be moving on the West Coast. It is still undecided as to exactly where on the west coast but San Francisco does seem like the likely spot. So for this is in a way this is sort of the end of an era fill Phyllis fry is intentionally slowing down now and passing things on to her board. And we're the conference is leaving Houston. This has been a great incubation spot for it. But frankly, they have outgrown it. And they needed some place bigger and with a larger facilities and so looks like to the west coast we go. Okay, so since lon many of our listeners could return to do the work. That's right. That's right. So since the West Coast couldn't come to us, we brought the entire law conference to the scene seems like most of law conferences sitting out in the lobby eating cake and having a good time and why are they eating cake? I'm not going to tell you how to tell

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Jimmy Carper 03:46

because today is Sarah Thomas birthday. Yeah, I

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Sarah DePalma 03:49

turned 196 They sound alright, I think

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Jimmy Carper 03:52

what does that make me? You're

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Sarah DePalma 03:53

younger than I am? No, actually, I turned 45 today and Laurie has finally convinced me this 45 and not 46. Right. So yeah, hell of a note when you don't even know your own birthday. Well, you know, at some points age just sort of stopped mattering, you know.

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Jimmy Carper 04:10

Oh, yeah, it boy, you're not gay? Well,

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Sarah DePalma 04:15

it's funny. I tell my female friends this male say, Oh, honey, I've been 30 for the last 20 years. But I'm not yet ready. Yeah. I don't do that. But anyway, so yes, that is true. Today is my birthday. And Laurie snuck a cake noun here. Yes, she did. And so I thought what that was she's forgotten about this. And you know, I'm gonna it's gonna go through birthday items. And

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Jimmy Carper 04:39

we talked about this last night. Oh,

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Sarah DePalma 04:41

yeah. You too. Sneaky sneaky people. Oh, okay. Well, I got it. So now I understand what happened. Anyway, so we get a bunch of people out there getting fat on some cake and ice cream. And they already have a real good sugar. But

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Jimmy Carper 04:56

listen, those women don't need it.

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Sarah DePalma 04:58

No It's funny I was telling to me last night many of the people that I know who are in transgendered leadership positions are among the most extroverted people around a Cisco say this is not an introverted group. No, if you're shy, retiring type, this ain't gonna be you know, we have got a veritable who's who, in the studio of transgendered leadership from around the country.

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Jimmy Carper 05:22

If, if you've been listening to Sarah's show for any length of time, you've heard tapes of her interviews with different people tonight, you're going to get to hear some of these people live and on the air.

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Sarah DePalma 05:35

Yeah. And I'm really pleased. And some of them were Diane's. Diane, for example, brought her family. Yeah. And we've talked about Diane Diane's family, and they are here tonight and Cecotto. And we've talked about Jessica Xavier, and she is going to be singing live in studio later tonight is I mean, we have we have just got one heck of a show workout for you tonight.

So I would say I plan on staying up till three to three o'clock tonight. Get your Sugar Buzz on yourself. Because we don't want anybody going to sleep tonight. We really do have a studio full of people. And this is going to be exciting.

J Jimmy Carper 06:09

This is gonna be a tight show.

S Sarah DePalma 06:11

Yeah, you know, and it's funny because I told Laurie so we know usually we joke about we've got a five hour show and three to do with three hours. I know Diane sick Italo by herself is a three hour show. And we've got a studio full of people out there from all over the country.

J Jimmy Carper 06:28

We may not be able to take any musical requests tonight,

S Sarah DePalma 06:31

we may not be able to get up and go to the restroom as well. Okay, so I guess you want us to start, you want to go ahead and do the tribute first and we'll we're gonna do that right away. Okay. I know that we have many people who were tuned into us tonight, from the leather community if you stand and I am not going to come here. And we first of all, we welcome you if this is your first time, tuning into after hours, where the heck have you been?

J Jimmy Carper 06:58

Listening to jump in a VT is on the fourth Saturday.

S Sarah DePalma 07:01

That's right. And if you don't keep tuning in, we will whip you so you didn't No. No, but the fact of the matter is a very dear friend of mine, by the name of Ken Papineau has passed away. Now Ken had been passed away from complications of AIDS. And I don't think he would want us to be modeling about him. Can we would talk we have talked about the Kenny isms as we, as we would call them. One of my favorites was playing with the flag is like trying to get an octopus into a bottle. That's one. The other one is you better be nice to your slaves because you have to turn them loose sooner or later. That's right. And those couple people in the community are actually going to start collecting Kenny isms and put them in like pamphlet form because there have been so many of them. What a great tribute, because he had them. That's what he would want. Yeah, we were at Kennedy. We're at Ken's funeral, which was important out there. And I realized funerals are for the family. But I kept thinking this is not what came what what can what he said, listen, get out the code. Oh drum because he loved Japanese stuff. Hear me my

sword. I ain't leaving yet. There's still time to play. So with that in mind, I do want to say the candidate had a remarkable life. He ran Liberty Hall here in the late 60s and early 70s brought some talents to town that are now musical legends. actually dated Janis Joplin for a while. Wow. Yeah, he came in I used to sit around and he would tell me stories by having John Lee Hooker over his house one of the great blues legend needs to tell me about how generally hooker we eat him out of house and home. He told the story he said that once the junior generally hooker in studio, and after the show, guy sat down, ate an entire ham by himself by himself can say that he was he was like elbow deep in him in ham grease, and had the gall to turn can and they can say that you mean there isn't more. I kid you not. And can brought people here like us like Stevie Ray Vaughan and Bruce Springsteen. Many of these people long, long before they're ever famous. So I wanted to say first of all, to the leather community. Yeah, I can certainly go on but I don't think any one of us who ever knew canners ever going to forget him.

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Jimmy Carper 09:27

No. And he was very well respected in the leather community. Being a person from the outside of it. When you mentioned the name 10 thought No. And people's eyebrows raised. Oh, yeah.

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Sarah DePalma 09:38

Oh, he'd been written up and drummer. I watched him do a demonstration with the whip one night, moving a beer key and all the way across the courtyard at the ripcord one night without ever he just he kept flicking you into the gear and all it was just the tip of the whip. Laurie tells the story about walking down the street with Ken one day and Ken took a look at some hedges Started trimming the hedges with a whip. Needless to say, the neighbors decided they would leave Ken alone in the future. And that's just the way he was. He didn't think anything about it. That was just kidding. If he didn't like it, then don't go to his house. You know, it was just that simple.

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Jimmy Carper 10:18

And I know, I've heard stories about. He didn't like people who didn't play well.

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Sarah DePalma 10:25

Yeah, it's funny. His nickname was the barbarian. And, and Ken somehow has a reputation for being this incredibly, you know, rough, brutal, sort of. And I remember the first time that I ever played with Canada's situation and because I had walked over to him and said, Listen, I hear that you're tough, but I don't believe it. Prove it. Wow. Not not to challenge but was a challenge to show me you can play in a neurotic way. Where honey he did. He did insane. Ken and I did a scene which is legendary in Houston, where all he used was a single piece of straw. And this the scene went on for well over an hour and we both ended up collapsing exhaustion. And it's just it's absolutely legendary in our community. As one of those scenes that proves that being s&m sometimes has nothing to do with pain. It has to do with racism, and can really believe that. So anyway, we are going to play a piece that was one of Canada's favorites. He and I used to talk about Janis Joplin all the time. And one of the things we used to talk about was that we

always felt that her best album was the least known. Now we call them old cosmic blue. I love that album. And the last cut on there is a song called work me lord. You'll never ever hear it on the radio is it is one of those last diamonds somewhere in our kin, I used to sit at his at his house, talking about this and saying, why don't we ever hear that? The other piece of music we're going to play and those of you who know Ken will certainly understand this. When Ken would get excited his big phrase was Ooby Dooby. And back, Laurie are in the last gay pride parade that we had here. Laurie walked down the parade route with the sign that said Ooby Dooby. Can we miss you? And people would stop and read them? What the hell is he doing? And so as I said, we're not going to be modeling about this because can wouldn't want that. I didn't want to let his passing go. unnoticed. It's another casualty of the AIDS epidemic. Another fabulous person gone, but gone does not translate into forgotten. So with that, we're going to do Janis Joplin, Laurie Orbison, and come back with a studio full of trans trans making, troublemaking Trans activist was Roy Orbison doing an old buddy holly teen ebdb And that is for Kim



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Faulkner. Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. It would be to be guy, it would be do that. Yeah.



S Sarah DePalma 13:02

I were just saying if you saw the movie, first contact with the Star Trek movie. There's a mad scientist who goes bouncing around all over the place to the tune of Uber up, crank up as loud as it can go. It turns out to be the only song he knows. So the whole movie he's working on your movie do anyway. It's if you haven't seen it. Okay, let me turn these microphones on here. Make sure that we got everybody on. That helps. See Jimmy, do I have everybody here? I think so. Okay, let's see if we can get soundcheck. What we need here is everybody just introduce yourself a little bit. Everybody go ahead and introduce actually everybody



J Jimmy Carper 13:39

introduce yourself a lot, y'all. Can



S Sarah DePalma 13:41

y'all hear us in there? Okay, well then. Somebody talks. This is Radio.



J Jimmy Carper 13:48

No visuals here.



S Sarah DePalma 13:51

Thank God. Okay, we didn't get any sound. What are we doing wrong here Hi. Well, that's a

little bit better. Okay, we're really loose tonight. We are. Okay, everybody go round. Introduce yourselves. Let's see if we get all the mics working here okay. Yeah, we're not getting any microphones here. I don't know what happened.

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I'm sorry. I'm kicked apart. No, I

S Sarah DePalma 14:29

don't think so. What is tech This is live radio folks who bear with us here a minute. Okay.

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S Sarah DePalma 14:41

Okay, you got it. Are we getting? Okay? Yeah, I think okay. We are live from Houston.

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Houston. I think we have

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had a long time. Never heard that.

S Sarah DePalma 14:58

That's original Diana. Thank you. Oh, okay, now we have Kathy and Kathy tell folks what organization you're with and who you represent.

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We're the gender identity Center of Denver, Colorado, and we're a support and advocacy group for transgendered people.

S Sarah DePalma 15:13

Okay, now, Diana, you, our audience probably knows who you are by now, because we've

talked about you so much. But go ahead and tell them anyway,



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Diana cyka tallow and I'm with a lot of groups in Denver, because I do a lot of advocacy work. I've been with the gender identity center of Colorado for over 15 years. I was on the board of directors of the gender identity center from 1987 until 1994. Currently, I'm the director of education and outreach. I'm a charter director of the speaker's project and discrimination. And I do a lot of training all through the front range of Colorado up into Wyoming down in New Mexico and out into APA, Kansas. I do a lot of work with the gay and lesbian community center without right the gay and lesbian youth group. anybody anywhere? Give me an audience of microphone a whiteboard marker pens on



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for hours. No, I'm just kidding.



S Sarah DePalma 16:06

That's it. We have Diane, we have a three hour show right there. Okay, and let me see Emily



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singleton from Indiana, director and founder of the Indiana Crosse Birch Society, known as i e. doula outreach helped found four different support groups. So got a little bit of experience in the past 12 years,



S Sarah DePalma 16:31

I would say I xe sounds like an airport.



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But it's very nondescript. So it's it can be low profile sounds like a sorority or fraternity, but it doesn't say what it actually is. So folks like that? I see. It's very vague.



S Sarah DePalma 16:48

Yeah, that's true. Uh, Kathy, why don't we start with you. A lot of our audience may not have the slightest clue what gender disorder is. And so why don't you give us give us give the audience a thumbnail sketch of what it is that your organization is involved in? Well,



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one of the topics that I write and speak about around the the Rocky Mountain region is on the psychiatric classification of gender diversity as a mental illness. A lot of folks might remember that sexual orientation was removed from the American Psychiatric Association's list of mental disorders in 1973. Unfortunately, gender diversity in the form of cross gender expression, or cross gender identity remains listed as mental disorders, with all of the accompanying stigma, and stereotypes legitimized by that classification.



S Sarah DePalma 17:43

Okay. And now, the point that I want to make to the audience is that I think when you hear this explanation, people think, Oh, this is strictly a transgendered issue. But one of the things that you talked about at the conference is how this is being used, particularly against gay and lesbian, you



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know, that's absolutely true. Phillipsburg, an author came out with a book last year called Gender shock, which really was shocking. And in bringing attention to the misuse, of psychiatric diagnosis for for gender nonconforming children, who were very often suspected of being and this was a, this was a term that was that was been invented, pre homosexual, pre homosexual, whatever in the world, that means



S Sarah DePalma 18:25

what the hell is pre homosexual



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a presumption that a child might be gay or lesbian, by by virtue of the fact of being gender non conforming, even though even though there is no scientific evidence, I mean, the research does not support the conclusion that that gender nonconforming children are likely to, to necessarily grow up day and there's certainly no what no evidence that medical intervention, basically children have of intolerance. Parents, who are brought to intolerant medical providers are incarcerated in hospitals and subjected to pretty scary treatments. Primarily, because their parents think that this will prevent them from growing up gay.



J Jimmy Carper 19:14

This is like being a queer won't be a thing. Not only that, but there are a lot of clinics that feed on the spear with the parents. Oh, absolutely true. Tell the parents Oh, yes, we can help your child not to be gay. You know, we

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Sarah DePalma 19:29

written an article about this. I think what clinic was in Utah that we talked about this on the year that was there was no tourists visiting their website. Was it Utah family?

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Yes. Yes. In fact, one of the one of the cases that Phyllis describes in her book was from Utah, and this particular individual, they literally had to escape in early teenage years and as an elder, there was a minister growing up in California and a much more affirmative environment. There was a clinic in

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Jimmy Carper 19:53

Houston that was attempting to do that right and since closed down, we can only hope so yeah, but that it's pathetic. This means pre homosexuals is just like pre med and you have to go to college or some.

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I'm not sure what the entrance exam exam,

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Sarah DePalma 20:09

you take two straight pills and pull them in the morning

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recent recent textbooks and publications that from the psychiatric community which is which is not necessarily diversity Affirmative. Right, I have admitted that that there is no real evidence that medical intervention will change the course of a person growing up gay, lesbian or transgender. But for intolerant parents who feel a compulsion to do something, there are intolerant medical providers out there, who will feed on their fears at the expense of these children here. Now, in fairness, there are a lot of wonderful supportive, diversity, affirmative care providers out there, sure. But

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Sarah DePalma 21:00

where there's money to be made a doctor and a lawyer will come in, that's not necessarily that order.

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Jimmy Carper 21:06

Now, here, we have the Montrose Counseling Center, which is gender and sexual orientation diversified.

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Yeah, and that's important, it's important for people to know that, that there really are two treatment paradigms out there. And, and, and for people to know what they're what they're getting into. They're not alone, there are care providers that provide a supportive affirmative paradigm with a goal of helping people, whether they're children, adolescent, or adult, and coming to coming to terms coming to accept who they are as human beings. And then there are people who will market and approach we can fix you, we can make you into into something else, or even worse, you know, sell that pitch to their parents, where the where the consumer is not in a position to have any any choice at all. And that's what's tragic.

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Sarah DePalma 22:00

One of the things that we've we've talked about in the show several times, as we said, I've always said in the year, if you go to sit down with a therapist and therapist says to you, I can fix you do not walk run out of there, do not do not let them see the door slam as you go. This is trouble on the hook. So well.

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Jimmy Carper 22:19

And you have said those exact words

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Sarah DePalma 22:21

we had, I had a very good friend that went to a therapist is having been in California. And the therapist sat down and got out the Bible and said, Well, now let's discuss this. And my friend Sam said, No, I have news for you. I'm out of here. She saw the Bible came out and said, I'm out of here gone.

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I think that would be a bad side. I wouldn't hit I think that would be that would be a hint. But but the problem is that that the list of mental disorders, and there actually is such a list is published in a book called The the DSM for the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders that's published every so many years by the American Psychiatric Association, and the current one is so ambiguously worded with respect to gender disorders, that virtually virtually any child could be considered diagnoseable, depending upon interpretation, which is mighty convenient for people feeding upon the fears of homophobic parents. And that's what's sad about this, because you know that this is not an issue for, you know, caring responsible care providers out there. But it is easy to be misused. And it's not just an issue for people who go to the medical professionals for help. It's also an issue for people who find their their civil rights at stake in court, with medical care providers who are working as professional witnesses

for lawyers on both sides. Now, this ambiguity and this breadth of interpretation that this fuzzy document provides is it can can be a real danger because it's it's horoscopic it can be read pretty much any way you want to interpret it in some in some instances.

 Sarah DePalma 24:11

So any of you damn pre homosexual sounds there. You have been warned.

 Jimmy Carper 24:18

I need to remind you that you're listening to KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station. This is after hours queer radio with attitude. And Sara dipalma is presenting some show tonight. I'll tell you

 Sarah DePalma 24:33

those of you who tuned in thinking that you are going to get the Christian Broadcasting Network that is one station to the right and occasionally, we do get people who tuned in to us thinking they're gonna get in they'll call and say what happened to my station we said are we prepared to Don't worry,

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sir, sir, don't understand. They talk about homosexuality don't darn near as much as we do.

 Sarah DePalma 24:58

Well, yeah, except their purpose is to To raise money there. I've always said that if Abbie Hoffman was reincarnated, Abbie Hoffman would have moved to Colorado and Ben Diane zicatela.

 Jimmy Carper 25:11

What an intro

 Sarah DePalma 25:13

and that is that is the highest praise I can give anybody. I actually was with Abbie Hoffman when we tried to levitate the Pentagon in 1968. And I don't know if I've told this story in the air, and I don't think it did. But there was where they went down where the whole idea was, if we figured we could levitate the Pentagon and we couldn't spacey, the Vietnam war would be over. So it was a great, it was a great concept. And there were 50,000 of us who went it was a great idea, but it was worth a try. So we're all holding hands, right? And we're surrounding the

Pentagon. Well, Abbie Hoffman brought a shiny Indian medicine man with him. And this guy is doing incantations around the fire and he throws these sparkly things in his fire and goes put you next thing we know the National Guard is coming over the hill, right? With the maze and clubs, and they're beating the hell out of us. I mean, you know, I got a broken nose out of the deal. And next thing we read in the paper, they said, the reason they did this was because we were using explosive devices. Yeah, that Shawnee, innocent, and boy, he was sure a threat to the Pentagon. I mean, anyway, that has nothing to do with Diane, it was just another poof. They didn't tell folks who you are and exactly what you do in Colorado. I mean, besides raise hell all the time. Well, you



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know, it's grounded and raising hell. But really what it's grounded in is changing awareness. There's, I think the model that I like working with the most right now is grounded about 500 years ago, the world was in going through an awful lot of turmoil. There was a scientist who proved to other scientists work there were there were an astronomer called Kepler and astronomer called Copernicus, who have been studying why planets seem to back up every so often as they cross the sky. There were several 100 years of calculations and developing higher mathematics trying to understand why the planets would ever so often appear to go backwards. And Kepler and and Copernicus said, you know, maybe what the problem is, is that we have assumed that the earth was the center of the universe, and that everything else is going around the Earth, maybe the Earth moves. And nah, nah, that's heresy and a Canberra that really be like that. Well, then a man named Galileo came along and invented a thing called a telescope. And with the telescope, Galileo proved that the earth was another rock that was moving through space. And that it was just perspective that made the other planets appear so every so often, to go backwards. But when Galileo published his work, he violated rule one. And for his efforts in proving the truth, he died in prison penniless. Well, now it's 500 years later, and we have a new rule one on the table that we need to challenge. No rule one is this, we assume that there's two kinds of people in the world men or women and we base everything else we do on the assumption that there's only men or only women. And we've tried to modify it this way. And we've tried to modify it that way. And we made Sigmund Freud and all of his followers very rich people trying to force people to live up to the stereotypes of this is how a man supposed to act that's how I'm supposed to act. But rule one has a flaw in fact, rule one is dead because Tada brains are on the other end of your body from your genital



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Thank you very much. Well



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I was one of the one of the other speakers said this afternoon. Why don't we in fact I think it was Kathy said it it was Kathy that said it this afternoon and her presentation she said we spend all this money going to doctors to to work on what's between our ears. Then we cut on what's between the legs. What's wrong with this picture?



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Why are we hacking on the wrong are



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we talking on the wrong end?



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Hey, sir, did you hear about the by gender baby born the other day at the hospital? No, it had a penis and a brain.



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Oh my god



S Sarah DePalma 29:20

audience doesn't know it but they have fallen into a group of thieves. Crazy.



J Jimmy Carper 29:26

That's what they tune in for



S Sarah DePalma 29:28

if I if you are in the Chris, if you are one of the Promise Keepers out there tonight, honey, we got a show for you.



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So fundamentally, what we're saying is, it's time to separate sex from gender once and for all. It's time to tell the world gender is not the polite word for sex. The way that I go about this now is sex the noun that's what's between your legs. Sex The verb is what you do with sex the noun. Thank you and gender is the other 23 hours and 59 minutes



S Sarah DePalma 30:12

our programs record that they're having a hard failure right now. But it's true, every gender. And how do you make it less? You make it last that long? What am I doing wrong?



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Gender is how you act in the world. It's how you react, it's how you respond, gender is your soul. And you can't change that the soul is what makes you and I sitting here laughing with each other different from one of us in a box in the ground, which will keep this up as we're one of us on probably. But the soul is that thing that's inside of us that makes us human rather than just a collection of chemicals, and so is gender. And we can change that we can change our gender roles. Society has these gender roles. If you're born with outdoor plumbing, this is the role you have to fulfill. If you're born with indoor plumbing, this is the role you have to fulfill. And we can change that. But we're now at a position where we can ask the next hard question that says, Do I have to change my body to prove to the world that it's okay for me to live in that other gender role? And that's a hard question. And I want to really ask those hard questions of society over the next couple of years, you've put us in a position where the only models we've had are male or female. If we can't live up as a male to female transsexual if we can't live up to the male role, we've made an assumption all the way through that, therefore we had to be women. Why can't we be caregivers? As a male? Why can't we enjoy wearing dresses and makeup and long hair and being who we are, whether that's hand gestures or voice, or the way we use our mouth when we talk or how we wear her? Why can't we just do that? It's still okay to have sex reassignment surgery if that's necessary, but it shouldn't be required to be accepted as a woman. And then the other piece that goes behind this is a realization that came to me several years ago to presentation I did at the University of Colorado and that's this 52% of the people in the world are born female. There's nothing about being a female, there's disease that needs to be cured. There's nothing about being a female is perverted and needs to be cured. If they find a way to cure me as being a female, and I always can find a group of women sitting together in the audience now indicate toward them with my hand, I said, they find a way to cure me of being a woman, y'all are in trouble. That's right. There are two systems in the world. And then the most amazing revelation of all came about six months ago, because this incredible revelation came to me while I was reading Genesis, think about that for a minute. While you were reading Genesis, I got this revelation of God, I want to go there twice. I think we're one station to the right. But what the book, you know, what the Bible says is we're all created in God's image, male and female, right there in front of us in the book people are using against us, was the answer, that we needed to move ahead. The next step says we're all male and female. All we have to really do then is sort out how much of each? Are we 70%, male and 30%? Female? How we 90% female and 10% male? What is the mix that's in within each one of us? And then just let society let us be who we are intended to be? God, what a concept.



Sarah DePalma 33:52

No, it's funny. One of the things that I was talking about somebody today is that we know there are a lot of transgendered kids. I say kids, maybe that's not fair. They're teenagers is more like, we know there are a lot of transgendered, young people who are listening to our show. And one of the things that I have always endeavored to do on this program is to be a role model. Because I've often said, I've wondered how my life would have been different. If just once, once in my life somewhere, I could have met a transgender person who felt good about his or herself, and could have said to me, it's okay to be who you are. And the fact that that role model never existed, has made a huge difference in my estimate a big difference in my life. And what I hear you saying now is exactly I think the same thing is that that one of the

most important things I think we do as activist is be role models for those million people out there and save them. It's not like when we grow up, we are trying so hard to make sure you have the choices we never have.



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Yeah, but I don't want it to fall into what my daughter's says Tell me about the old days,



Sarah DePalma 35:03

which was what last week was. Now,



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what's a mess, introduce



Sarah DePalma 35:07

your daughter.



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This is my daughter, Laurie. My daughter, my daughter Laurie is graduated from Hastings College. She's my little girl, but she's six foot two. She graduated from Hastings College three years ago. And she got the number one dream job on her dream job list. I am so proud of what she just done. I am so proud of what she's doing in the world today. She's She has a group that's called take cots. What she's doing is being there for kids of transgendered parents so that they can have someone else to talk to. She found out about me when she was 14, it was the worst possible time in her life to find out about me, but she can talk about that if she wants to. I'm just really, really proud of what she brings to the world and how many lives she's touched. Actually, I



Jimmy Carper 35:56

wish she would talk about



Sarah DePalma 35:59

Yeah, me too. I think that's fascinating.



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Oh, thanks. Yeah, I found out when I was 14, and I've been as I've gotten older, I've gotten more accepting of this. And I'm doing a lot of education to people as to what, you know, the normal illness, normalcy of being in a transgendered family is a lot of people still think I mean, you know, at work, I managed to, you know, help change some some major policies around how we handled transgender issues. And, you know, I really think it's, you know, we need to show people it's not a fetish. It's just something normal, it's, you know, it happens. And, you know, it's kind of, it's kind of unusual, because usually, I don't wind up talking to people's children as much as I talked to the parents, because the parents seemed to be, they want to keep the guard for the, you know, up for their kids. So, the message, I mean, I have to be very clear on what I say to the parents, so that they can relate clearly to their kids. Because, you know, so often I meet parents, you know, at these big conferences or whatever, and in order to, you know, to talk to their kids, I have to talk through them, which is kind of unusual, but you know, I, I'm very proud of of my Diana, and, you know, I joined I joined harmony this year, is gonna tell you what to expect that harmony is is gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender friendly chorus, and Denver. We had a we had a concert with Holly near