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SPEAKERS

Sarah DePalma, Jimmy Carper



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We had a, we had a concert with Holly near a few weeks ago,



Sarah DePalma 00:05

I'm impressed.



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So but I did that out of out of respect for Diana, because I, you know, I love her and, you know, I want, I want people to have a respect for family and see the, you know, families can stay together through this, there are a lot of therapists out there who will try to break families up. And I don't think that's necessary, you know, and I and I really think that, you know, when the family does break up there, in the, you know, the parents tend to lose their kids, because their egos are so inflated, that they just kind of push their kids out of the way. And I think parents need to be very careful to say, you know, yes, I'm working through the gender thing, but I love you so much. And I'm so proud of what you do, and, and really make sure that their kids know that they're loved. And I think that's so important. And I you know, and I think I think keeping a sense of humor about things is very important, too. Because I think if people get too serious and too bogged down about it, then you know, you have a tendency to go over the deep end, and you can lose your whole family that way. So, you know, I think those are the two big things that you have to keep a very strong love in the family, and do anything that you can to keep your kids with you. Make sure you know what's going on in their life, you know, don't just say, Oh, well, you know, how a school, get involved with your kids. And, you know, go out here, and I just think that's the most important thing, because I've seen far too many kids who are just willing to say, Dad's freak, blowing it off, and I'm out of here. And that's terrible.



Sarah DePalma 01:41

I you you had no way to know this. But for the last three shows we have I've been doing a series with Jimmy called being positively transgendered. The first show that we did was about shame and guilt. And the phones in this place went nuts. And we heard about it for like three months afterwards, we're still hear people saying, When do I get a copy of this show? The next show we did was based on the transgender Bill of Rights, which came from law conference. The very last show we did last last time I was here was on the importance of having a sense of humor in order to survive being transgendered. And I'm sitting here now I'm thinking and I'm glad to hear her say this suddenly, I sound like a genius. Emily, let's get you on the chatbox who you are where you're from all that kind of stuff.

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I'm just signed by person I don't talk very well.

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I'll baloney. I've heard you talk. You're Oh, come on.

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Again, I go like sound bites. And I not articulate and have all this wonderful experience with my great teacher next to me years. I'm sitting here Miles is going slack and going,

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Yeah.

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The one message I get is, you're different. It's the message. It's not okay to be you. And that we ingrain that and we take in that shame and guilt. And in this world, we're depreciated for being different, instead of being appreciated for my deftness. So I would like to see a change in that.

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I wish the audience could see you. I know I mean that sincerely. And here's why I say that. And I know Diane has had this experience to you go and you speak to a class and you walk in the door. And the first thing they say is, you don't look at all like I thought you would write. If there's anybody in this room who doesn't look at all like they would think it's got to be Emily. Emily looks like the quintessential, I wish she was my grandma honestly couldn't listen, I mean that in the best possible way. And I look at you and I think they're here is this wonderfully

loving person? And is it the kind of people that will never get on Jerry Springer. But folks, if this was television, you'd be looking at her saying, I could swear I know her from somewhere. You just have that look about you. And I think you're like the ideal role model. I really do.



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I get called and DM and our meetings at the M. I'll do



S Sarah DePalma 04:20

well click your heels. We're not here.



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Hey, you hate Kansas taking the dog Dorothy?



S Sarah DePalma 04:28

Yeah. Dan, I want you to I want to take a couple seconds and talk about it talking about your last experience you and Laurie, first of all by testifying in front of this. And then also once you talked about what it's like to speak to 55,000 people in one place.



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Well, we've had an interesting spring and we've stretched the family agreements and we've stretched the family compromises quite severely over the last six months. Colorado once again, introduced legislation to ban same sex marriages. Last year Governor Rauner vetoed the same sex marriage ban but the you know, the religious right is made its home in Colorado Springs, 70 miles south of Denver. A lot of people call it the new Protestant Vatican. And they they own an awful lot of the legislature legislators says, there's this new bill that came in the spring, once again, to ban same sex marriage. Only the way the bill was written this year was a lot more hurtful to me specifically than any of the legislations written before. You know, there's a there are laws in every state that say two people of the same sex cannot get married, there has never been a law that says two people in the same sex cannot be married. While the law that was there was proposed this year in Colorado said that two people are the same sex cannot be married. And that really troubles me because as I said earlier on the show, my spouse and I celebrated 28 years of marriage 29 years together earlier this spring,



S Sarah DePalma 06:04

how many straight people out they all use three people out there now who can say even married 29 years, raise your hands, we want to see them,



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you know, and you know, and we live in a society where the average marriage does not last as long as the submarine sandwich shop franchise. So we put things you know, and I transitioned to female 12 years ago, March of 1985. And my my wife stayed. So we went to battle and I've been relaxing within the gay and lesbian community anyway, so the leaders of the gay and lesbian community in Denver very much know who I am, they very much know my situation. And they invited me to be part of the legislative battle this year. So my, my first taste of this legislative battle was being put in front of a house of representatives committee that's chaired by one of the most radical religious right people in the Colorado legislature, nine people on that committee. And I testified before the committee, I testified first of who I was that I've owned a home. in Aurora, I was born in Aurora that I've got a college graduate daughter that I've been married 28 years I've been, you know, I went through this whole list of things that I'm the the precinct committee person in my neighborhood that I've been elected to the state assemblies and in caucuses over the past several years, I made myself look, you know, damn near normal. And then I gave them the rest of the story. I'm here today before you because I already have a legal same sex marriage. And as their faces went on to the table with how I said, Because I'm transgendered, and then their faces went, Oh, my God, it's one of those. And the woman who sponsored the bill, who's sitting at the table next to me, because it's her bill, and she's required to is trying to slide off the edge of your chair, because you know, it might be like cooties or something. Next thing, she'll be wearing a dress, I don't know. But what was really interesting was in the horror of this, I wasn't like the stereotype that they expected. And while they're trying to realign their stereotype, they're seeing this, as normal as a person like me can be, you know, and at the end of the testimony, two things that happened, two of the representatives came to me and said, Please get a hold of me. I want to learn more about this. And the other thing that happened, will Perkins who was responsible for Colorado's amendment to was in that room to testify for the bill. So we'll had to listen to my testimony. And another part of my testimony was, don't tell me this is an issue of biblical morality. Because if you were truly interested in biblical morality, you would stop this nonsense of divorce and remarriage which the Bible calls adultery, adultery punishable by our adultery in violation of the sixth commandment from God and punishable by death. You allow that don't use another part of the Bible to tell me what we're doing is not correct. So we'll Perkins went through his he testified after me. He went through his prepared speech. And then he sort of battled his way through an answer that tried to respond to this divorce thing and said, Yeah, we have sort of screwed up and let's put it that that was really interesting. Then a few weeks later, I was in front of the Colorado Senate Judiciary Committee, headed by the most powerful woman in the Colorado legislature. Over 100 people in the room Laurie took the day off. I basically went through the same presentation again, but I was you know, now I knew what to expect and I was a little bit stronger. And I asked, you know, I called out adultery again and I said, you know, we just found out that Peter Jennings is ready to enter into his fourth marriage and adultery, and you're getting a knot in your underwear over whether homosexuals can get married one. Well for my efforts, the not in the underwear, quote, and a four by six photograph of me appeared on page Nine of Denver's largest newspaper.



Sarah DePalma 10:02

No, the media does that. I don't know why I once gave a talk and I and after the talk was over, this was happening at a Texas a&m Hello Aggies, by the way, we broadcast live on their campus. So I gave a talk at Texas a&m And somebody in the in the crowd said, well, they were asking about gay and lesbian youth committing suicide, and I said, Do you know what

profession leads the country in suicide? It's dentists. Why? Who the hell knows? I gave a one hour talk. That's the only quote they use. I swear true stories. The only quote they use was about the dentist. And I was like, No, how did you manage to extract that is the most important thing in in our discussions. Amazing.



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Well, what happened was this off the picture on page nine at Denver's biggest newspaper, my spouse cringed and ducked for the next week, in the world of follow on her head. It didn't happen. Although for the next two months, every store, every restaurant that we went into was, hey, saw your picture in the newspaper. Great picture. So obviously, there's no closets not that I expected one. But there's obviously no closet. We we continue to work and continue to work. Governor Romer vetoed the bill. There's only two governors in this country who have been strong enough inside to veto a same sex marriage bill and Governor Romer has vetoed the bill twice. Now all of that is background to come to the question that you asked me about. week ago, Sunday, pride Fest was in Denver. Denver is the second biggest pride Fest in the country, about 55,000 people. I was selected to be one of four podium speakers. And my daughter Laurie, and my wife, Mary went on the podium with me. We spoke right behind Kara LaBelle, the Executive Director of National Gay and Lesbian Task Force we are right behind Lee we heard today we spoke right behind Keith Boyk. And the the head of the gay of the black and lesbian caucus. What an incredible group of people to share the podium with. When I started out, Laurie came to the podium with me, Mary came to the podium with me. I briefly introduced the two of them, we linked hands, and I said, Hey, Colorado Springs. I've got your family values right here and we put our hands in the air in front of 55,000 people and that's an experience that I'll never ever forget.



S Sarah DePalma 12:32

We have to take just one second. This is KPFT 90.1 FM, and KEOS 89.1. College station. Okay, now we'll leave we'll go ahead.



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Okay, can I unwrap this? Yeah.



S Sarah DePalma 12:48

She's putting in some headphones so she can hear? I think. I think that's the theory. Yeah. The audience doesn't know we are basically broadcasting out of a glorified living room that has been split in half. And we have a little teeny tiny studio on one side and a little teeny tiny studio on the other side separated by glass. So this is not always the easiest way to do it in the world. I'm sorry, go ahead.



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Very likely. It was difficult in this booth/basket in the Center of Denver, Colorado. This Denver

YOU KNOW, IT WAS DIFFICULT IN THIS AMPHITHEATER IN THE CENTER OF DENVER, COLORADO, THIS DENVER CITY AND COUNTY BUILDINGS ON THE WEST END, THE STATE CAPITOL BUILDING OF COLORADO WITH HIS GOLD LEAF DOME IS ON THE EAST END, IN THIS BEAUTIFUL GREEK AMPHITHEATER, WITH A REFLECTING POND IN ONE END AND THE STAGE IN THE OTHER END, AND ALL OF THOSE PEOPLE AND IT'S JUST IT'S AN EXPERIENCE, IT'S JUST AN EXPERIENCE THAT I'LL NEVER FORGET. BUT KARA LABELLE SAID THIS NOON WHEN SHE GAVE HER SPEECH, YOU KNOW, WE'VE CHANGED THE WORLD FOR 55,000 PEOPLE BY SAYING, THIS IS A FAMILY AND IT'S A FAMILY THAT STAYED TOGETHER AND IT DOESN'T MATTER IF ONE OF THEM IS TRANSGENDER, IT JUST DOESN'T MATTER.

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Sarah DePalma 13:57

Well, and that's absolutely right. We, for the audience may not realize this Carrie Labelle who is the National Director of the National Gay Taskforce spoke to a very impressive woman and it has been really something for you to be following behind her because she is so impressive. I was telling Diane before cameras, you know, here that I thought that was a big deal because I had spoken to a crowd of 18,000 and she goes as I talked to 55,000. Well, obvious I'm nobody.

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You know what I'm thinking two years ago up at the University of Colorado, an instructor told me there's 200 people in this class. Is that a problem? I thought well, not now. I'm ready here.

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Sarah DePalma 14:41

And you know, the funny part about it is now people say are you afraid of public speaking? Now it's a little late for that. It's a little late to need to be afraid that I'm really sorry. Well, okay. We have got a bunch of other folks outside in the studio. They don't want to get in here want to get the audience to meet. But we have used Diana As quotes on the air, we read the story about Lori and the state legislator in Colorado and how she backed away. I just want to leave with the story because something you said reminded me I happened to be at a, a breakfast for at the League of Women Voters. And so I'm sitting next to this lady, you weren't having a wonderful conversation. And she found says me. Who are you representing? And I said, Well, you never told me who you represented. So I'm with the guy with the Coalition of Christian women. And I said, that's good. I'm with it's time, Texas. We're an organization of transgender political activist. And just exactly like you did, she literally got up from the table, move two squares over to get away from it. And I truly wish that I use my deodorant today on us.

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If I can share one more story, yeah. Jane FY was in Denver. You talking about Jane between

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Sarah DePalma 15:54

you and I who knows she tells the audience the Jane.



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Jane Fi is an incredible transgender activist in Minnesota Jane fee is the woman who spent over 20 years of her life fighting for its time Minnesota and the Minnesota protective language there were also fond and working so hard to try to include and other laws around the country. Jane is a retired Air Force officer she gets to go anywhere in the world that she wants to six, seven months ago, she showed up in Denver on our doorstep one evening stay for a couple of days. We took her to a restaurant in Aurora and we sat down next to a family mom, it looked like it was inherited family mom, dad, three kids, we sat down they stood up moved over on. You know, my wife said on the way out if you weren't so damn bigoted, you could have had a comfortable breakfast.



S Sarah DePalma 16:48

Anybody who looks like the quintessential grandma Jane Fi is yet she has the most gorgeous gray hair. And she's such a soft spoken human being. Of course, you're getting near Jane, people will feel the energy emanating from her. I mean, she's just really amazing. But I it's amazing that people would do that. I was telling Jimmy, I had an experience. It happened at work. There's a mall next to where I work. And there's a little lunch here. And it so happened that the Baptist Convention was here in town. And there was a group of I guess, maybe six or seven people, several which were African American. And they used the fad word once and I kind of let it go. Now use the bag word the second time. And I thought that's it. I'm not taking this. So I get up and I walked over to him. And I said, first of all, I want to know I heard what you said, you all should be ashamed yourself. I said I don't know where you're from. But this is not Podunk. In this city. Gays and lesbians aren't going to stand with that starting with me. Long was their turn to the African Americans during the said you especially should be ashamed. There are some words that you would never want us. How dare you do that to us? And then turn you to sit basically, well have a nice day. To their credit, the African Americans came over afterward and said, you know, we hadn't thought about that. But you're right, and we apologize.



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We had a function in Denver. 10 years ago, it was the 10th anniversary of the Gender Center. We had some people very special people from the gay and lesbian community came one of whom is a man, a very gorgeous man is six feet seven, he's built like a football player. He was kind of sitting in the bar away from the convention. Several of the girls who are part of the convention wander back and forth pass the bar. man sitting on the barstool next to this huge guy said I can't believe how many faggots there are in this hotel over this great big guy turned to him and said you know, I we need to have a clarification here. Those people out there are not faggots those are heterosexual crossdressers I'm a faggot, however, doing have a problem. You know, education is a wonderful education is a wonderful thing, no matter how big your two by four is.



S Sarah DePalma 19:03

WELL I DON'T THINK THAT'S A PROBLEM

Well, I think that sums this section.



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Sir, thank you so very much for everything you're doing for the community.



Sarah DePalma 19:12

I realized that this is late for everybody. And but I just I just felt like this was an opportunity. We're never going to have again to get folks in here. And one of the Oh, we've talked about these folks, for so long. We wanted to get you in here. Let's audience find out your honest to god real people, you know.



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Thank you, Sara so much. Me What piece of music do



Sarah DePalma 19:33

we have queued up here? I don't even know.



Jimmy Carper 19:35

We had to say goodbye a couple of weeks ago to Laura and Nero. And then in the meantime, we had a we've had a new CD come out of music of Laura Niro done by other people. And one of the people on this album is Jill Sobule, who has finally come out as a bisexual woman. And she does Well, you know, because it's your birthday and this is just kind of reminiscing. Jill Sobule doing stoned soul



Sarah DePalma 20:11

picnic. That's ideal for me.



Jimmy Carper 20:18

The flirtations from there live out on the road ought to be a woman. You're listening to it on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. This is after hours



Sarah DePalma 20:30

in boy is this after hours tonight. Are we doing a show here are what

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Jimmy Carper 20:34

we're doing a little bit of everything tonight. And coming up next is something very different.

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Sarah DePalma 20:42

Right. We have talked we have had Jessica Xavier on the program before and we have all gotten a chance to hear the political JESSICA Yeah. So night you are getting to hear the musical Jessica Xavier. Jessica is preparing to cut a CD. And we are lucky enough to get her live in studio. We have got her music queued. And with that, we're going to go to Jessica Xavier. Jessica exuviae repin. Oh,

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I don't know how that sounded. But

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Sarah DePalma 21:20

it sounded just fine. Really. Just because sounded dreary. And this from one very exhausted read a very, very full few days. Jessica, thank you very much. I know that you can't get going but out but I want to give you the chance. Thanks. Hey, thank you, hon. Appreciate the opportunity.

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And Jimmy YEAH. Jimmy. Are you my Jimmy?

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Jimmy Carper 21:45

I am yours.

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I'm today. I'm Dell. Jimmy. Do you remember me? Do you remember me from the Crying Game? Jen? Jen a Jimmy. Do you remember me? Are you imagine though?

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Jimmy Carper 21:55

Sorry. Is this the same woman we had on tape? It was all that serious? And

 S Sarah DePalma 22:02

you know, we don't go on transgendered activists. We have no fun. We have no sense of humor. We absolutely have no clue what it means to laugh. I mean, it's just revolting. Oh, well, yes. Okay. Jessica. Thank you. Okay, we're going to switch microphones, I guess. Are we Yes. Okay. We just switched microphones, folks, this is live radio, and this is chaos in here tonight.

 J Jimmy Carper 22:34

All we need is KEOS College Station. You know, all we need is

 S Sarah DePalma 22:39

Donnie Adams, and you're speaking into his huge would be complete.

 J Jimmy Carper 22:42

No kidding. No kidding. That was a beautiful song.

 S Sarah DePalma 22:46

It really was. It really was like that.

 J Jimmy Carper 22:48

We've got some other stuff coming up later in the show. By skip would a song he wrote and I saw he and he and Jessica tonight His Jessica and they're gonna they're home listening. They couldn't make it to the studio, but they're home listening.

 S Sarah DePalma 23:15

Well, that's the way it should be. You know, one of the things that really amazes me about the about our this law concert, is some of these people are just utterly amazing. They are so courageous. And they still managed to laugh their way through life and enjoy things in I always end up coming out at not feeling insignificant, but feeling sort of humbled, I guess. It's just, it's an exciting experience. Yes. Okay, who's next? We have some new folks in the studio. And Wendy, I want you to come on up to the mic first. Well, first of all, we have to turn them on. Okay, hang on. Let us turn the microphones on here. Okay, now, Wendy, first of all, say hello folks. People get a chance to hear your voice. Hi, there. Okay. Now Wendy has a very unusual responsibility. How many people get sick get to see the results of what you do every day. Every day about 5000 5000 people. Now tell people what it is that you do.

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I coordinate and organize the transgender community forum on America Online.

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Sarah DePalma 24:28

Oh, okay. Now all you AOL listeners all you AOL subscribers out there. When do you go ahead and tell me your full name and what do you have a title exactly. I mean,

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actually, I've got a couple of them actually. But my name My full name is Gwen or Gwendolyn Anne Smith. You usually online you'll find me as onqueuegwin@aol.com. And gosh, it's find me everywhere.

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Sarah DePalma 25:00

You were telling me today that you that that for a transgender person that was on and they wanted to get into AOL and they wanted to take the look, they will what kind of archives? And did you have available now? There was what what kind of archives would you say are now available for transgenders on AOL alone.

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They're currently about 2000 different files on key issues available on the

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Sarah DePalma 25:22

system. 2000 files, just on TG issues alone, there are online, and we're in Gwendolyn is the is the person who is responsible for most of us that right? That is true. There's a lot of people involved, though. Okay. Now you also have something that's called a protocol for him, I guess, is that what you call it?

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We have, we do have a chat, regular, dedicated 24 hour chat room, which we host both just casual drop in chat. And we also have topic chats and protocol chats when we have guests on.

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Sarah DePalma 25:54

Okay, now, for the folks out there who are not, not into computers, they may not have a clue what you're talking about that. So in laypersons terms, tell them what it is that you're discussing here.



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laypersons terms. Basically, it's where you have a place, it would be like the best analogy in the real world is going to a group meeting or going to a seminar in some cases, and interfacing with other people.



S Sarah DePalma 26:23

Do you know so? So but this is done, all done? This is done basically in real time? Exactly. Correct. Exactly. So so as I understand, I've never I'm not a subscriber to AOL. But as I understand it, people you have you have a guess, basically, and people from all over the country are able to ask them questions about being transgendered or transgendered issues, or whatever it is that the guest is that they are specializing That is correct. Okay. Now, the reason I say that is because, as we were saying earlier, why know for a fact that we have a lot of transgender youth who are listening to our show, because we hear from them, they're 14 1516 years old. And they're listening to us on their Walkmans. And I wanted to let them know that this was a resource that's available. And you were telling me that actually, there are use you suspect there probably are a lot of transgender youth who use this right?



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That's correct. We in fact, we do have a regular weekly conference, specifically for transgender youth issues.



S Sarah DePalma 27:23

Okay, how would that how would folks that if they if their computer, you know, they, they know what the internet is about? How would they access their



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AOL subscribers can get to it by entering your regular system, keyword box, they can type in regular TCF, which is transgender community forum, or they can type in crossdresser, transgender, trans TG, just about any key any buzzword that you know, and get right there.



S Sarah DePalma 27:53

Okay. And the reason I point this out again, is I'm very well aware that you are out there are young folks, I hear from you. I get your cards, I get your letters, we I've always tried to make it a point to let you know that you are not alone. We make a special effort on this program to make sure that you know that we're aware of you that you're on our minds. At the law conference today, there was again, a lot of discussion about this this exact issue. And we wanted, I wanted you to know and hear it firsthand from when that there are resources available for you if you're not an AOL subscriber, I know Jimmy and I have talked about it that

just just pull up your pointer, and you're just got a gap of just more information, you can assimilate and being transgendered. If you don't have access to a computer, and particularly if you're afraid your parents are going to see you doing this, there is such a thing as the public library, they still do have books. And of course, listening to the show. But I wanted you to know that while you're sitting out there tonight, and you're listening to these folks, that yes, these are role models. Most of these are folks who are who are out in one capacity or other. But you are not forgotten. We care about you. And we wanted you to know that. Okay, I want the rest of the folks who were in the studio, just let's just go around, introduce yourselves. Let people get used to your voice. Tell them who you are, where you're from, and what organization you're representing. Yeah, start anywhere. It doesn't matter.

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Okay, I'll start. I'll start since I will always start. Yes. Yes. I'm Danielle McLean.

S Sarah DePalma 29:38

And in Where are you from?

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I'm Ivan here in Houston. And well, I'm not really representing an organization per se.

S Sarah DePalma 29:48

But what are you what organization do you belong to?

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Well, I'm a member of tans. Association for transsexual support. And I also am a frequent A visitor to the transgender community forum on America Online. My screen name is Cosmo Shiva because I'm the queen of the universe. Oh geez.

S Sarah DePalma 30:13

This is a resident Mae West folks. Okay, and who's next? Okay, next, who's next?

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My name is Katrina rose. I'm also one of those weird creatures called a native Houstonian, also an Aggie. And I'm also a frequent inhabitant of the gazebo and pretty much changed my life once. Once I started prowling around on AOL. I was able to meet other folks even though I, I

knew about myself early on and had read enough to know that I wasn't alone in the universe, but I never really knew how to contact anybody. And I started prowling around on AOL and met lots of wonderful people, several of whom are sitting in this room right now.

 S Sarah DePalma 31:09

Okay, Nancy.

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Nancy showed up from New Orleans Louisiana law conference. This is my sixth year.

 S Sarah DePalma 31:25

Okay, now, Nancy is. She is. She said she's from New Orleans. Nancy is this year's recipient of the pioneer, the transgender Pioneer Award, who law conference. What is going on here? All of a sudden, we got music going on. Okay, I hit the wrong button. I thought I know that Ringling Brothers live from KPFT. Student We are

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carnival anyway,

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I thought that was my oh Lord here,

 S Sarah DePalma 31:57

Lord have mercy. Okay. But Nancy is the recipient of this year's transgender Pioneer Award. And tell folks what it is that she did that, that you wouldn't have won this award for?

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Yes. What we did was, we put together a coalition of people within transgender, gay and lesbian community, some of the quarters for the transgender community to get a revision to the city charter. And to get specifically to get a revision to the Bill of Rights, the non discrimination clause within the city charter. And this was a fairly big effort, because the city charter had not been changed since 1954. And it goes to a public vote. So there was a general election to approve the city charter. But we were able to get the approval from the public to have non discrimination based on gender identity.

J Jimmy Carper 33:05

That is pretty amazing.

S Sarah DePalma 33:07

You know it. Jimmy, I'm not gonna think

J Jimmy Carper 33:11

people think of New Orleans is a wide open town, but really, underneath it's very, very conservative.

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Yes, that's fairly conservative. It's accepting and tolerant. It has a large, gay lesbian community. But it's still very conservative. Quite a bit of various city.

S Sarah DePalma 33:32

This is a person Jimmy, this is a person who has come has come farther, faster than just about anyone that I know. I just said today at the law conference, when I first met Nancy, but three years ago, I guess about three years ago, Nancy? Yeah, that's probably right about right. Well, I'm here. We met her at the law conference, and I walked over and said, Hello, and introduce myself. And she jumped back about two feet. And everyone that we come near Nancy, she was sort of sitting in the corner, and it was kind of like, and we kept saying, no, no, no, this is gonna be okay. You'll get us used to us. We're okay. This is okay. Who so she went from that three years ago to winning the transgender Pioneer Award from law conference in three years. I

J Jimmy Carper 34:16

think I saw that Friday night and there just wasn't a dry eye in the house. I'll tell you. Yep. I

S Sarah DePalma 34:21

can't think of anybody who deserved more and has come. I can't think of anybody who's come further in such a short amount of time. I just, I just think I mean, it took me five years. You did it in three. That's, that's incredible. And so I don't mean to embarrass him just I'm passing along where I think it's deserved. Okay, who else do we have there?

o 34:45

Oh, try not to fall asleep this time. For narcolepsy before I get this all done.

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Sarah DePalma 34:50

As she falls asleep, just kick her okay.

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34:55

How can you fall asleep with me and

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Sarah DePalma 34:59

I'm not touching that one. I

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35:06

am I guess I'm representing the Gulf Coast transgender community and Texas Association for transsexual support. And other than that I