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Sarah DePalma 00:01

gain is the direct descendant of it's time, Texas, right, which was a transgender political organization. On January the 27th, we are going to stage for the first time ever, a transgender Lobby Day in the state of Texas. Whoa. Now, this is really a big time. First, as far as I know, Jimmy, we are the first state transgendered organization to ever sponsor sponsor a lobby day. We are the first group to attempt this at the state level, not even like California. No, as far as I know, they have had various individuals go, but they have never staged an event where people from all over the state go all on the same day, sweep through the Capitol. Okay, gotcha. And I'm really very excited about this. Today, I received two confirmations from Laredo. We have folks coming from Corpus Christi, we have folks flying in from El Paso, this is real, this is really going to be something very, very special. Now, the bills that we're going to support, first of all, the very first bill at the top of our list is the Texas version of the employment non discrimination and this bill is transgender. Inclusive, I repeat, is transgender inclusive, all together? Yeah. Yay.

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Katrina Rose 01:18

And who do we have? Did that happen?

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Sarah DePalma 01:21

And who do we have to thank for this? Who Diane Hardy Garcia. Really, so for all of you out there who have heard me beat up on Diane and say really mean? ugly, nasty things. I'm not gonna take them back as they were true at the time.

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Katrina Rose 01:36

I wanted to say that. They were true

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Sarah DePalma 01:39

at the time. But I tell you, Diane has changed in large, no small measure because she has become a player at the national level. She has been getting beat up the national level something awful.

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Katrina Rose 01:52

So she doesn't want to be around

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Sarah DePalma 01:56

and beat up on her one day. The following day. Just Xavier took a shot at her out.

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Katrina Rose 02:00

That's hard. And she came she's still alive. Yes,

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Sarah DePalma 02:03

dance. It's called Tag Team inclusion. You'll include us and we'll beat you up until you do. But but the fact of the matter is that this bill is a major bill for us. I really don't think it probably has any chance of passage in this session with all the conservatives that have been swept into office. Yeah, but But and this is what I've been saying on the net. If you never go you never get you got it. Right. It's that simple. No, we may not get it past this time. You know, it took 17 years for the state of Minnesota to pass its ordinance 17 years in a liberal state like Minnesota, and they had to keep going back every year. I mean, a gene fee God bless her gene fee took that bill back every year and got turned down every damn year. And every year she brought with more she came with more people and they turned her down again. And for 17 years Shane fee traipsed her way the legislature in one day they said yes, and she almost had a heart failure.

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Katrina Rose 03:05

And for the for the record, that is where I've been sending resumes. Because that is as yet the only state that has a law protecting us. Although I don't know if you may have not seen this on the net today. But the city of Toledo Ohio, Ohio just just passed a TGW protection ordinance.

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Sarah DePalma 03:26

Imagine Toledo has an ordinance but Houston doesn't. It's mind boggling. Well, that's my that's the next thing on my list after we get through the lobby day and that's a different show. Another bill that we are going up to support is hate crimes. And yes, hate this hate crimes bill is

transgender inclusive. Oh, why? Because a nice Parker. And Scott Hochberg wouldn't allow it to go if it wasn't.

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Katrina Rose 03:51

Thank you. And nice and thank you, Scott. That's it's as simple as that. Oh, and I know Scott too. And he's he's worked his buns off, although they're very nice bonds.

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Sarah DePalma 04:04

There's a real piece of irony to this. Yeah. De McKellar protested Scott Harper one time No, for refusing to put in to include us in the state hate crimes bill.

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Katrina Rose 04:16

I can't imagine them refusing. Well, he has always been like Mr. Empathy to me. He agreed that

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Sarah DePalma 04:22

we should have been in it. But he but the bill, he basically an agreement with Diane Hardy Garcia, oh, this I had a chat an opportunity to talk to Scott and Scott Hochberg. And he said, Very interestingly, he said he would never have sent the bill up there after all the D had told him. Ooh. And so I thought that there was a wonderful twist to this that the legacy of D McKellar lives on in hate crimes bill good. Oh, and that's especially that's especially especially since she was she herself had been a victim of a hate crimes. Right. And I just thought that was a wonderful touch to that and I I just, I just had to pass that along because I thought that was great stuff. Let's do a piece of music and then we'll talk some more and we come back. Okay,

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Katrina Rose 05:06

we've had requests. We're getting requests for queer Christmas music. Oh, yeah. And this is my favorite part of the show. And this is from our favorite cab driver over at United. And this is what he wanted to hear. And it's the perennial favorite, which were on the Bob Bob rivers group. The Barbara rivers group is not queer. But this certainly is and they just have a lot of fun doing it. Which Which one is this? It's called walking around in women's underwear. And you're hearing it on after hours queer radio with attitude. On KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station. We are the queer sound of Texas. Oh, cool. Okay, that was extra fancy. That's

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Sarah DePalma 05:58

really good. Yeah. I don't know anything about this group. But that was nice.

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Katrina Rose 06:00



Katrina ROSE 06:02

Well, extra fancy is a group that doesn't exist anymore. Oh,



Sarah DePalma 06:06

naturally. I like it. They don't make more any more music. They



Katrina Rose 06:10

had an album that they were kind of they were signed by one of the big



Sarah DePalma 06:19

biggies, one of the big studios



Katrina Rose 06:20

and a month later unsigned. It was at a time when Becky's were signing all kinds of queer acts, but somehow, for some reason, I you know this, they make good music. Yeah, I like lead singer Brian Grillo. And this is an EP, that it wasn't probably not available outside of California. Hmm. See, that's a problem. If you make good music, then you're never gonna get signed by a recording artist. Yeah, well, after they were unsigned things kind of fell apart. And I found out about this through Paul V. The like the letter, who was his agent. And now is the agent for borns. The other group that I play that we're just kind of it's, what did I call it? It's not heavy metal, and it's not rock. It's just kind of in between there. Whatever that is. Yes. And this was on EP, and you can't find it anywhere. So I hope you taped it. If not make the request. And we'll play it next week. Hey, I



Sarah DePalma 07:29

really liked that. I thought that was good stuff.



Katrina Rose 07:31

And I have a message for Sarah. Yeah. Yeah, we're definitely getting getting our point across. So I just got a phone call from a transgendered law student who says that she wants to accompany us over to Austin.



Sarah DePalma 07:44

Oh, well, that's terrific. That is terrific. That's terrific. In fact, I was going to come back and finish up and talking about that. I've gotten some very interesting letters about this. And I wanted to address a few of them. The first one was somebody contact me wanting to know

since we're going to do a transgender lobby day, our cross dressers welcome. Well, yes, of course. Well,

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Katrina Rose 08:12

now, Sarah. Well, that's

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Sarah DePalma 08:14

true. It is true that in our community, not everybody feels that way about cross dress. That's right. But I made it very clear in the message that I put out on my email today. Not only are crossdressers welcomed, but they are encouraged,

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Katrina Rose 08:27

however, leave the feather bow was at home. Well, I

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Sarah DePalma 08:30

was gonna talk about that. Yeah, I was gonna talk about that in a little bit. Another person wanted to know a female to meal from person from Amarillo that wanted to know where F two M's Welcome. How to actively lobby if only if half the community stays home. Yes, of course, the men are welcome. In fact, it's required. Show up. I keep forgetting people don't know me and they don't know how open I am. You know, but my attitude is, yes, of course. Can't can straight people come in lobby for us? You bet. Yes. Can gays and lesbians come and lobby for us? Oh, yes. Hell lot of transgender people are gay or lesbian, of course, can significant others come become who else would make a better case? The whole point of this transgender Lobby Day is this. Texas legislators have very rarely met us. It has been four years since we were last at the state capitol. So we really need to go. And here's what we're going to do. We have a person in Austin who is working on getting us a block of rooms at a hotel and a meeting space. For those who do who, who can make it. We're going to ask them to try and make it to Austin the night before whether they stay with friends relatives, or when the hotel rooms whatever, and fill us Friday. Now we are going to do lobby training. We expect to have representatives there from the HRC, and also from the National Gay Lesbian Task Force. And we are going to I will have all of the all of the information packets prepared beforehand, we will have a map of the Capitol, and we will match people up in pairs. And we are going to go and speak to as many state representatives as we can conceivably get to. Now we're asking people contact their state legislators and have appointments set up when they go. Because it's not realistic to expect a state representative or a state senator to just simply meet with you just Stone Cold walking in out of a hallway. So we're asking you to have your appointment set up ahead of time.

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Katrina Rose 10:46

Boy,

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Sarah DePalma 10:48

my state representative, frankly, won't toxicity. Because my state representative is Kyle Janek, who is in the pocket of the right wing conservatives. But hey, I'm still going to show up, knock on his door anyway. But more importantly, what they're going to see are transgendered people in business dress, who are educated, well read, well prepared, and we're going to make an intelligent case. We're going to know what we're there to support. We're going to know how we're going to support it. And we're going to let it be known that we are also there to support our gay friends. In that we would like to see the repeal of the sodomy law. And we will also be prepared to discuss the the adoption bill that has been put into the house by Warren Chisholm.

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Katrina Rose 11:40

So we're going to be prepared, no friend of ours, well,

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Sarah DePalma 11:43

no arch enemy of ours. The point is this. We may not get any bills passed, this time, we may get some bills passed, I think we have a very good chance of getting a bill that that would help to streamline the process for getting the gender markers changed in your identification. I think we have a very good chance to get in that bill passed this time. But more importantly, they're going to get to see us and we put a face to us. So that later if bills come up in the house bills come up in the Senate, they will be able to say no, wait a minute, I've met transgendered people. They're not. They're not like this at all. It is much harder to pass a bill against a group of people, if you've met them, and they have faces. Sure is and so we are going to go far as I know, we are the first group to do this. We're not without experience with this. Obviously I worked in I've worked on the floor of the House of Representatives in Congress. I work for Senator Lowell Weicker in Connecticut, of lobby in Washington, DC. So I certainly have the experience to get this to make this happen. Phyllis Frye is going to be coming. Believe it or not. Phil has actually said I almost choked. Phyllis, as this is your show. I'm just going to be there. Wow. And I thought Yeah, right. But I think she's now Phyllis.

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Katrina Rose 13:01

Phyllis is enjoying not being the point.

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Sarah DePalma 13:04

Yes, she is. She's very glad to have all the meals all 100 and something of them a day. Come to me. Yeah. Well, if you're organizing a major event, Jimmy, that's part of the job. It just comes with the territory. I paid a nickel for it. But this is important. And I'll tell you what, I really hope to get out of this. The last time that we went I don't know if we were we used to have there was a woman who lived here named Denise cop. I don't know. And Denise went with Phyllis anon when we went and testified at state legislature. And coming back to nice was quiet as churchmouse and fear met the nice being quiet, not her strong suit. And fellas turned her and

said, Are you okay? And Denise had tears coming out of her eyes and said I didn't know we could actually talk to state legislators. I thought they were for everybody except us. And I thought, that's why we go. Yeah, this is why we go is because we want the people in this in our community. To feel as good about themselves, as I feel about myself is a gay community feels about itself. And I think it's vitally important that we people in this community know that we are not powerless. We may not be a majority, but we are not without power. And you can only have power if you stand up for yourself. And so we're gonna go to Austin, we're going to make a case. And I invite anyone who is interested in this, contact me my email. My email is our host. That's the letter R our host@flash.net Very easy. And

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Katrina Rose 14:45

don't be don't be afraid to contact me either. My email is texkatrina@aol.com That's t XKATRIN a@aol.com.

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Jimmy Carper 14:58

Yes. Okay, waiting So, now I've got Katrina's. Okay, I don't have yours. So let me have that again, our

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Sarah DePalma 15:07

host that wishes short for radio host flash.net flash.net.

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Katrina Rose 15:12

Right. Okay, got that.

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Sarah DePalma 15:15

And as you can tell from what I've said, I am open to talk to anybody about about attending the transgender Lobby Day. And I was really surprised to have a crossdresser contact me. They asked whether they were welcome. And then I realized, well, yes. Which reminds me that brings up another issue. Well, yeah, the issue. Well, okay, Phyllis, Phyllis brought this up to me. And I thought it was a good point. Phil said, if all of these transgender people are coming to the state capitol, shouldn't you contact the Capitol Police and make sure that we don't have a restroom problem? Oh, boy, never occurred to me, never occurred to me. So I have contacted a couple of couple of legislators who have assured me that they will go to the Capitol, please let them know that we're coming. And if there's not that that's a non issue. Good. One other thing that was brought up to me and that is what happens if the press turns up. Good. Well, what's wrong with that? You're going to the state capitol, okay. It's a guarantee this depressive going to be there because there station there. The assess

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Katrina Rose 16:16

K Katrina Rose 10:10
during the legislative session. That's the media's job associated

S Sarah DePalma 16:19
tool reporter there. And so do all the all the Houston TV stations, every major media market is going to have representatives there. The answer is don't worry about the press. I will be there to handle the press. I am been doing it for 20 years. I know how to give a sound bite and make it stick. Okay. Phyllis fries,

K Katrina Rose 16:39
you've had Ray Hill lessons.

S Sarah DePalma 16:41
I've learned from the master I learned from Phyllis in from Ray and from read also from my experience at Texas a&m. I've had plenty of experience with that. And Phyllis is going to be serving as the backup. So that if the media does turn up, you're going to have two very experienced people there to handle it. No photos will be taken of anybody without their consent. You need not worry about the media. Just contact us come talk to the state legislators and have a wonderful experience. Yes, one piece of advice. For God's sakes wear flats. Yeah. Please wear flats do not show up in heels. You have no idea how big the state capitol really is. Until you start walking it from office to office to office. And especially since one of your legislators may be at one end of the building on the north side. One may be a far end at the south side.

K Katrina Rose 17:40
I can guarantee you anybody who is transition will not be wearing heels. We have had we have learned we have learned we have learned

S Sarah DePalma 17:50
well but you know Katrina, I we did a protest in Austin and we had some cross dressers turn up on there. Forget it. And they turned up wearing high heels and a protest rally. And I said to them, Why did you do this? And they said the only shoes we own? Oh, and so I am telling people on the net? Oh, do that.

K Katrina Rose 18:08
Bring flats. No, that's That's cute. And the Pride Parade was I remember in 97 There was one. One crossdresser just kind of wandered out of the crowd and join join the transgenders last parade, right? Yeah, with very high heels. Very interesting looking shoes, too. There is no way

in hell even in my earliest days of coming out, I would not have worn heels that like fetish heels to me out to walk more than 10 feet, you know?

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Sarah DePalma 18:35

Wow. Okay. I also I also want to go over something else here. There is a very excellent website, which I'll talk about later called the trans family of Cleveland, which is run by the parents of friends and lesbians and gays. And they did. They they ran a seminar. And they asked for ask for the folks that were at the seminar to come up with reasons why the transgender community and the in the gay community were related. Oh, we get that all the time. And they came up with 37 reasons. 37 reasons. Okay, Dale, are

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Katrina Rose 19:13

you listening? Okay, no, no, he's not going to now. And

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Sarah DePalma 19:17

I wanted to go over some of these because I thought these were just just terrific ways in which the gay the gay and lesbian community in the transgender community are related and Okay, number one, the Bible is used against us. Yeah. Makes perfect sense to me. Doesn't matter who you are. Both groups suffer from a lack of human rights protection or you will draw the parents and families of both groups are affected by the issues. Yes. The both groups are targets of hatred, violence and harassment. Yeah. Both groups are adversely affected by the lack of child custody and adoption rights. Yeah. Why did I say we are going to Austin weren't all of these issues on that list? I think so. We state who we are, but society tells us who we are supposed to be. Ah, I like that. That's a good yeah. Both groups are used as scapegoats by the political right.

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Katrina Rose 20:11

And not just limited to their interior

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Sarah DePalma 20:15

area. You know, I happen to run across Jerry Falwell the other night, and I'll be damned if he wasn't across. I'm not run over and film clips of the gay pride parade. And I'm like, you know, at some point, people are gonna be get sick and tired of this and say, move on. Yep. Even though it should be you would think so. I'm sorry, I didn't you go off on a tangent. But there are places where we can't be ourselves safely. If you're transgendered, I'd say that's almost anywhere. Sure. Was it Montrose yet? Well, that's true. Neither gender identity or sexual orientation should be the defining issue of our lives. People are amazed to find out that I have other things do in my life besides this sort of side, besides being transgender. You know, I honestly I've very rarely ever think about being transgender. There's no time busy doing a job. For a living, you

K Katrina Rose 21:06
have to work really pay bills, you have a mortgage, hey, you know, you've

S Sarah DePalma 21:11
got got a life partner. You know, the toilets overflow it, you know, life happens. You know, most media portrayals of both groups have been and still are based on stereotypes. Yep. Being makes sense to me. We are accepted as entertainment, but not as your next door neighbor app. That was good. We fear complete rejection, if we dare to be honest about ourselves. Many of us here refer you to the discussion in the first part of the show, but

K Katrina Rose 21:42
going home, yes, I referred you to all my columns in the triangle. That's right.

S Sarah DePalma 21:48
We are all labeled as sexual deviance, particularly in Texas where we have a sodomy law.

K Katrina Rose 21:55
The more y'all still follow,

S Sarah DePalma 21:57
the more we come out, the more we are accepted. That's why we're having transgender lobby day. Yeah. We are more similar to each other than we are to mainstream society. Sure. Our that's been my argument since day one. Since day one out of the chute that's our

K Katrina Rose 22:15
you know, Dale and his colleagues. Yeah. Want to assimilate or think they have I'm glad Jimmy broach that was I was about because we even though we were only be paid on the show that

S Sarah DePalma 22:25
year that I knew you can resist? Well, you know,

K Katrina Rose 22:29

every every one of the reasons that you have listed so far are reasons that him and his bunch blow off without any logical basis to back it up. Why? Because there isn't any. They simply don't like us. Yeah, they want to leave us behind. They are themselves bigots, they have to bigot against somebody, because then we are them because they don't think they are affected that way as more obvious queers.

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Sarah DePalma 23:01

I think of the Dale carpenters as the Borg on Star Trek, you will be assimilated. Resistance is futile. That's what they would like us to believe. Except that I'm not ready to be assimilated. Well,

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Katrina Rose 23:14

they are people who think, right, they think that a law prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation will save them. Well, I have news for them. If that is the only wording and a law, they will employers, states cities will suddenly starts scrutinizing you from head to toe saying, Ooh, that earring. That's gender identity. We're firing your ass anyway.

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Sarah DePalma 23:47

Okay, we're talking about the 37 Reasons Why yes, I'm

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Katrina Rose 23:50

the was the angry, white transsexual and he couldn't figure it out.

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Sarah DePalma 23:55

We talked about the 37 reasons why gays and lesbians and transgender

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Katrina Rose 23:58

taking two hours the way we're going, Oh, no,

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Sarah DePalma 24:01

I'm not gonna do all 37 I'm obviously we don't fit gender norms.

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Katrina Rose 24:06

Are we sure No, gee, I

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Sarah DePalma 24:08

think that's what Katrina just said. We don't we both realize early in life that we are different. And this gives us a unique perception of the world. Yes. Oh, yes. Yes. Yeah, I like that. Well, I

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Katrina Rose 24:22

just saw a quote. I think it was in this week's triangle. It was, I think it was itself yanked off that from one of the less enlightened people in our community. Camille Paglia who is going against that. Now. She seems to think that, you know, none of us really are that way from birth. I don't know where she's coming up with this logic from unless she's getting a paycheck from Exodus or something.

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Sarah DePalma 24:46

I'm not even going there. Not even going there. We we both faced discrimination from the medical community. We are both accused of choosing our lifestyles, investing, choosing Choosing your I choose to be among the most discriminated people in the history of the universe reject idiots. We both have to constantly validate that our identity is not confined to what happens in our bedroom. Yes, yeah. Boy, is that the truth? We both bring sexuality to the forefront in a culture that wants to repress sexuality. Well, other than Clinton, yes, yes. We are both denying our history. Yeah. Amen to that cyst? Well,

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Katrina Rose 25:30

and some of us are denied our present to yeah, yes, that's

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Sarah DePalma 25:33

right. Neither of us is taken seriously or considered real. Yeah. Yep. I think that's true. We both work constantly to overcome stereotypes accepted by the mainstream. Yeah. Yep. Both experience a high degree of isolation and being invisible. Oh, yeah.

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Katrina Rose 25:53

Why not invisible?

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Sarah DePalma 25:55

Both are hassled by law enforcement personnel. Oh, yeah. Although I have to say in Houston, what's been pretty good, but it's not necessarily true elsewhere. Both are greatly underrepresented at government level. Yes, that's true truth. A both groups struggle to quote,

pass. Yeah, no. Yeah, I think we covered that one. Both groups are more sensitive to the other groups issues than to the mainstream. I'm not sure that's universally true. Well, and the last one that I had here is we are everywhere, but mostly we are hidden. Hmm. Yeah. I think that's true. And I know we're about to go into the news. But I did have one more story I wanted to cover before we went to the new segment. Okay. On this show, in the past, we have talked about the case of Tyrell hunter in Washington, DC. This was a transsexual woman who was refused treatment, when the paramedic opened up to her, cut her pants off and discovered that she had male genitalia. Instead of helping Tyra just scream to the crowd. Look at this. She's a man. And as the crowd was born,

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Katrina Rose 27:02

those weren't the words he was using, but we won't say.

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Sarah DePalma 27:07

Yeah, well. We have good news, ladies and gentlemen, as we come close to Christmas, because in a trial in Washington, DC, which was extremely ugly, a jury has awarded Tyra Hunter's mother \$2.8 million in damages for the death of her child. Tyra Hunter, good. Now, this was a really ugly case. And they tried to bring up things like they said, well, Tyra Hunter hadn't paid her taxes. And, and my question was, what does that got to do with the fact that you refuse treatment? Right? On they tried, he knew this. Yeah. They tried to say, well, Tyra was a prostitute. And there were a myriad number of issues in this in the city of Washington. I mean, they actually, at one point were were trying to say, well, they're trying to turn into a free speech issue. Yes. They

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Katrina Rose 28:02

tried to claim that the paramedic who I forget which I know that they they did prove that at least one of the paramedics did make the comment about her genitalia. Yeah, I don't think they ever proved that proved the racial epithet. No,

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Sarah DePalma 28:18

it is it turns out it didn't matter because the jury found them guilty for negligence and malpractice.

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Katrina Rose 28:24

But bottom line is of all the things that these paramedics said at one point, the city Washington DC was trying to claim that free speech rights protected them protected. Right? That's just covering the point. The point being she did not receive care. Well, she needed and she died. I

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Sarah DePalma 28:42

S **Saran DePalma** 28:42

talked to a Dana pressing, who had been in attendance with this case, I talked down on the phone today.

K **Katrina Rose** 28:48

Her coverage of this available on AOL is very extensive. Very good, terrific.

S **Sarah DePalma** 28:53

And Dana said that the jury that one of the problems was the jury resented the way that this case was presented by the prosecutor and that the city of Washington tried to throw so many different issues into it. And the jury only wanted to know one thing. Was she human and did you refuse treatment? Right. And I thought that was a good sign for all of us. So, okay, that's it. I know. We got the news coming. We're a little bit behind. But this has been I think, a real good, real good start to the show. When we come back in the second half. We're gonna take our time, play more Christmas music. Oh, good. Talk about web pages and resources for the transgender. Okay.

K **Katrina Rose** 29:30

We'll be back in just a bit with after hours News. Okay, it's time for after hours news with big Roy and Michelle. Good evening,

M **Michelle Meyers** 30:35

Michelle. Hi, Ron. Hi, Jamie. Hi. Well, I

R **Roy** 30:38

want to welcome all of our listeners to this week's edition of after hours news with big Roy and Michelle, queer news with attitude. And if news breaks, don't blame us. Anyways, just want to say, I want to welcome everyone to this week's edition again. And before I start off, I just want to give a quick shout out here to Randy out there in Beaumont, I want to thank you for your letter received today and I'll be getting an answer off to you ASAP and another hello to a Tony way up there and Midway who listens to us. I'm not sure if his show comes in on KPFT or if it comes in out of the KOLs station up there and Brian, but anyway, either another faithful listener. And

M **Michelle Meyers** 31:28

as a special shout out to Prince and Michael and college station.

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Roy 31:32

Okay, well, I want to start off this week's actually got a lot of good news today. Tonight, and I would like to start it off with by saying that. According to the Houston voice, the gaze at the largest college campuses in Texas, say that it's now safe to come out and it's very easy to find support. For instance, here in Houston, at the University of Houston, there's a group called global. And who's the president of that one?

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Michelle Meyers 32:03

I think her name is Marcia Kane. Marcia Kane, I don't have a number of however,

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Roy 32:08

and I'm telling all of our young listeners out there this in December because this is about the time when you're all start planning which colleges you're going to attend next fall. And we do have a large number of young gay listeners. And in your student handbooks, at the universities, they have all those different numbers. And



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there's a hatch member, who's also an attendee at the University of Houston. And many of the younger teenage freshman's and sophomores there are, are members of patch as well. So, now some of the places like for instance, Texas a&m, the University of Texas, up here in Austin, as well as our own university of Houston at UT they have a group called the university alliance for lesbian and bisexual concerns at the they also have a gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered Aggies. And they also have a rainbow Christian. It's a religious group, and they offer services for antisocial outlet for gay and lesbian students at a&m. And no, this is not a group that says you can transform from being gay to straight. The University of Texas holds the largest Coming Out Day event in Texas.

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Roy 33:48

And they also have an a weekly radio program called out loud. And that aired on Kvr. X, which is the University of Texas is student radio station. And that show features interviews with policymakers and others discussing gay and lesbian issues. So at the bigger universities here in Texas, in the Southeast Texas, and up in Austin, you do find support. So just a little bit of good news when they get off with tea. Oh,

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Michelle Meyers 34:21

yeah, I just wanted to also mention that Surprise, surprise. Representative Chism has come out with his anti gay adoption bill, we've we've been waiting for that. Number one that he said he would come out right away but he's now filed it and basically his bill would ban placement of children in homes in which homosexual conduct is occurring or is likely to occur. So sounds like

big brother is getting into the bedroom. There is one thing that every One can do. And that is they can write their representative. And they can tell their representative their feelings on this bill. And what you do is you write your representative in the state legislature, and explain what your position is, and that you'd like to hear back from them. You make this a personal letter, you handwrite it, they read those. It's the best way to get attention is to hand write a letter, you can also call your representative. They pay attention to those two form letters they don't pay that much attention to. Now, if you don't know who your representative is, and you want to find out you can call the Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus airy code 713-521-1000. They will help you by just you just tell them your address, and now find your voting precinct and which representative is supporting. It is your your representative. So really recommend that you write these letters and that they've been hand written. And again, the number of for helping determining your representative is five to one 1000.

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Roy 36:26

Okay. Well, the Houston game has been Political Caucus has come out in praise of a report by the Institute of the National Gay and Lesbian taskforce concerning the widespread belief that gays are wealthier than straights. And their report is entitled, income inflation, the myth of affluence among gay, lesbian and bisexual Americans was released just last week by the task forces Policy Institute, and the Institute for gay and lesbian Strategic Studies.

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And the income inflation report will prove to be an eye opening economic study of the status of our often stereotyped population. And I for 1am, sick and tired of people imagining us to be these really wealthy queers and queens with fabulous diamonds and means and fancy cars. And that's just not the case. Many of us are hard working blue collar Americans aren't most of us. Hello, yeah, most of us. And I dare say, and I dare say that, in the future, we're going to see an even larger group of poor blue collar, working gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people. How can I say that very easily. I look at the young gay teens today, out on the streets of urban America who have been turned out, turned away from their homes, sold out of homes and thrown out of schools. They're not going to have the job skills of a college graduate. Most of them will find legitimate work. But they won't have the educational, the higher educational level, which means we'll have a larger blue collar workforce. Well,

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Michelle Meyers 38:24

that's where we're headed anyway.

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Roy 38:26

And it's across the country. You know, there are some gay lesbian, and transgender people that are poor, some are rich. Like I said, most of us are just as hard working blue collar as regular heterosexual.



Katrina Rose 38:44

That doesn't mean we're poor. But you know, it just we don't have



Roy 38:48

the fabulous diamonds and great big cars and all that. A



Katrina Rose 38:51

fabulous diamond and the non fabulous car but.



Roy 38:58

And Jimmy I understand you have some from the switchboard. Do you now



Katrina Rose 39:04

there was no I wrote a letter in the twit this week. I'll be very happy to read it on the air. I'm the treasurer of the gay and lesbian switchboard and well here's the letter. Dear twit and everyone. The Gay and Lesbian switchboard of Houston is proud to accept its first bequest. It is from David Wright, the late lover of one of our past members, Ron mooring, David left us \$11,635.67. We are amazed to say the least, and a little dumbfounded on how to use this money and keep a remembrance of David for future members. David, although not a member participated in nearly all of our functions, and with Ron hosted many of them. Many of David's friends came from the switchboard friends who stayed with David until he died. So volunteers and the board of the switchboard have decided to invest \$10,000 of the money so that we can start a journey towards self sufficiency. For all of these years we have relied not on the kindness of strangers, but on our community for support. These funds will relieve some of that burden since the yearly interest on this amount will pay for one month operation. The rest of the money will be used to update our equipment and environment. We have designated