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Jimmy Carper 00:22

Oh yes, you've tuned into after hours queer radio with attitude right here on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. The crew of after hours is ready to bring you news interviews, dialogue and music geared for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people and their friends. Hear it after hours, we may be diverse, but we have one thing in common. We are all out of the closet and urge everyone to come out of their closets. That means standing up for yourself taking responsibility for your own life and being proud of who you are. Realistically, we know not everyone can do that because of age job or frame of mind. That's okay, we're here for you too. So sit back, relax, and enjoy this week's edition of after hours.

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Hello, Houston and college station and Huntsville and welcome to after hours. This is this attempt September 9 edition on Jimmy Carper. Sara dipalma is with me tonight.

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Hello, Houston. How

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the hell are you and she has a packed show. So I've got a few things to get out of the way first, and then we're gonna get right into it. The first of all the music that you heard that last one of course, ZZ Raizy. Our group beautiful. Women are just wonderful. They get to Houston about twice a year and the next time they're going to be here is October 5 at the mucky Duck OH monkey.



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Lots of good stuff isn't that great place.



J Jimmy Carper 02:26

And that first one was music I've been looking for for four years, Victor? All wine, Kremen church. krummenacher chromator something. Okay. No, not this guy puts out some some really great music that's off his brand new CD bittersweet that's not even out yet. Called the rose that I found. Now I want to say hello to after hours north. K s Hu Huntsville, 90.5. FM. It seems as though we don't always have good reception out Huntsville way. So there's some folks up there that are going or that are doing a show based on after hours.



S Sarah DePalma 03:18

Yeah, I heard you say that last week. And I thought, Hey, that's pretty cool. So night is



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their first night. I want to say good luck to Doug and joy out there. And so for some of you people, you will be able to tune into both of us, you know, 90.1 us and then just you know, hit it down down there to 90.5. And some of some of you who can't get us to well, you know,



S Sarah DePalma 03:44

hey, and you know, Huntsville is just the place for because boy do we get letters from the prison? No to we



J Jimmy Carper 03:48

ever now it's their turn. And I hope they have a wonderful, wonderful show. Now. Felicia flesh Eater is still in the hospital.



S Sarah DePalma 04:04

Job. Her name is what Felicia flesh eater. She is sounds like my ex wife.



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She's a well known entertain. There's



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no anger. They're a



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member of the court system. And she has been having a rough time of it. She's an ICU excuse me ICU right now. And so at all our prayers go out to her I found from woody Miller. This week, now I'm so what's with a&m? Up and down, up and down



Sarah DePalma 04:43

it for those of you who don't know, yes, I'm an Aggie. And we have another Aggie sitting in the studio across



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the way in fact, why don't I just turn these ladies on?



Sarah DePalma 04:52

That's a good idea. Can we hear y'all I? Audi



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and you know my voice Yes, I do. Hi, It's Monica Roberts for those of you who don't, Monica I'm a pro lopper Hi, April at Brenda Thomas. Hey, Brenda. Tom. Hello. Don't touch those springs.



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I looked around I thought women behind. We've got to go ahead.



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Well, I'm Beth Prichard again in the studio. Another familiar



Sarah DePalma 05:23

voice. Yeah, I'm sorry. Jean Connell also, again, okay. Originally. And we're probably talking to the folks from the Gulf Coast transgender community who are coming up probably making their way back from Galveston. This is their annual Galveston weekend GCT solo GCTC. If you're on the highway, coming back and listening to us, say, Hey, we're glad to have you cats and tats. Now, to answer your question about Texas, a&m. a&m had an unusual situation in the day,

which is nothing new. They had managed to get sexual orientation included under protected groups at Texas a&m. Right? Well, you know, this little group at Texas a&m called the alumni also known as Old big money, who didn't like it. And so a&m took it out of their book.



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Yes. 24 hours? Yes. What was the chance all your books were 24 hours and then, Oh, too bad? Well, the



S Sarah DePalma 06:24

Chancellor did a little bit of work and discover that not including gates in there was liable to cost them civil rights money in funding for the university, possibly more than the alumni could have come forward with. Bingo Money talks and sexual orientation is back in the protected groups, Texas a&m. So for the time being. So it as has always been the case of Texas a&m, when you're talking about Aggie rights and gay student rights. The word is repeat after me now, my name has always been about money and Texas a&m. And so that takes care. Yeah. So. And by the way, they are the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered students at Texas a&m. Yes, yes. Yep. And they we didn't even have to go up there and beat him up about it. They just thought it was the right thing to do. Yeah, what



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one a couple of more quickie things. I'm looking for some pink raffle tickets.



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Excuse me. Yes,



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I am looking for big raffle tickets. Does anybody here have



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any? Is that a new musical group?



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No, I'm not. At is doing a 5050 raffle to help raise funds to offset the exorbitant costs of transition for a group member. Oh, great. You know, I send emails out I'm looking for pink tickets. So you know, cats members, you know, hang out at bars go somewhere, come out here, stop by the station and say

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Sarah DePalma 07:53

somebody that really needs some financial help. And that's Christmas, little cheese. Yeah, no, no, I mean, she's truly flat broke her. She is a hairdresser by trade. And her customers have essentially deserted her. Really, she is being harassed by neighborhood thugs, or other women. She's really, really having a very bad time of it. I am vice president of a group called the Texas Human Rights Foundation. And we're going to be sponsoring a fundraiser on behalf of Christie Littleton because she is really in deep trouble. What they're pointing at me like I've grown something was wrong, and I didn't know what to do. Oh, well. There's people out in the lobby who take care of that. Say didn't bring in studio I didn't know. Yeah. So in. In Jimmy is Jimmy alluded to Yes. We have a ton of material. I had been a busy little girl. So what's this thing about you being on TV? Yeah, yeah. Yeah, that was pretty interesting. We'll be back up. Here. Yeah. This this past week is the yellow members of the audience probably know. And that, too, is Jessica wick. And and Robin wicks, went to San Antonio and got a legal marriage license. I sure did. They are the first lesbian couple to legally obtain a marriage license.

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And it couldn't have happened to a nicer copy. Anybody who knows Jessica

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Sarah DePalma 09:17

Robin, these are great eight people. They really are.

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It's not like the sodomy thing. Oh, well, I

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Sarah DePalma 09:25

don't know. I don't I've never met them. So we, so we went to San Antonio. And when we came out, there was a bank of cameras like you cannot believe all of the networks, all of the local television stations, radio stations, and they were all interviewing Jessica and Robin and Phyllis Frye and myself. And, of course, you know, we had plenty of snappy and witty things to say oh, that and channel two was there to cover it? Well, I provided handouts to everyone about what the Texas gender advocacy Information Network is. isn't in what our legislative agenda is going to be in channel two was interested in that. So they just they asked if I would come down and tape with them. And I said, Yes. The show actually taped Friday afternoon with Tony Kovaleski. It'll be on this morning. That's right, because it's Sunday morning at 11am.

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Jimmy Carper 10:16

The timing is very crucial for me. Yes, I



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know, I'm aware of what's going on. Because



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after Monday, I am not watching anything. Certain



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doctor,



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that's what she calls.



S Sarah DePalma 10:31

Can we say Dr. L. Laura, as loser? Well, I tell you the truth, Jamie, I don't think one is related to the other in this case, because we had talked to Mary Benton at Channel Two in San Antonio. And she genuinely was interested in I do think that that's how this transpired. And to be fair about this and speaking to the producer, the producer was very, very interested in several aspects of the Littleton case, and how it made the robin Robin and Jessica case possible. Right. And they were really interested in that. I guess I should, I'm gonna go ahead and tell the story. The best part of what happened on was not going to begin to tell a story. We were not at the the taping was over. And they had invited me to stay and listen to the taping. And Dan Patrick, if y'all know Dan pattern was acting like a complete list after midnight US economic and asked is what he was doing. What does it need? And even Tony Kovaleski had said to him, it's one point now, come on, Dan, you know, we have you here for perspective. And he went on to say that little things like, you know, he really felt sorry for me, because he didn't know if he was watching a man or a woman. And you know, so at the end of the show, at the taping was over, and they asked me what I thought and I walked over to Dan Patrick, and I said, Well, Dan, these are your conservative judges. This is your conservative idealism at work. This is all of your conservative people. And he said I didn't elect any of them. I said, Oh, come on. You are a conservative talk show host as far as I'm concerned, the Conservatives are getting exactly what they deserve. Yes. No, that's good. However, it wasn't on tapes, it damn Damn.



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It is now.



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I have to say I walked out of there thing. I got it.

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Yeah, I'm gonna get it in November. Two of you folks vote.

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Sarah DePalma 12:26

Yeah. Yeah, it will. And you know, there's a lot going on behind the scenes there. But yes, we do have a legislative agenda. Yes, we are probably going to have to go to the state legislature and get a legal definition of what constitutes male and what constitutes female. Finally, Oh, honey, let me tell you something you've never seen I have seen legislators run as fast as they're running. Your legislators are not known for their courage. And they are really showing how they are not known for their courage with this issue. They are ducking and hiding, although I have had a couple of legislators say hey, would you like someone to sponsor the bill? So there are a few people that are courageous, but not very many, you know, hope you

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want to share those names.

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Sarah DePalma 13:10

Actually, I don't think it's productive at this point. Because I want to be able to win some people over the one thing I've learned from experience in lobbying is never piss on your enemies, you could change them around. Or maybe they'll take a walk when the vote comes. But if you just genuinely make them mad, they'll stay to vote against ya, despite the hard lesson, you've got some say Beth is sitting here next to the microphone. No, I just

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happened to notice there was an open one just in case.

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God forbid we should have,

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you know, with with the group with a group of of quiet, shy retiring women.

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Elizabeth Richards 13:50

already being in a legal SAME GENDER marriage. Right. You know, it's kind of interesting to watch the whole situation with Jessica and Robin, I've been really just eating this up the whole time through

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Sarah DePalma 14:00

Well, Lori and I are in the exact situation that Robin and Jessica are in. Except you haven't gotten out of the courthouse yet. Well, and I don't know that we're going to but Right. But we are in exactly that situation. What the What the listener may not know is how much international attention that this is getting. Oh, yeah, I just got off the phone. But just before I came here, I did an interview with the Canadian Broadcasting System. I did an interview with the Montreal newspaper. Tomorrow I'm scheduled to do an interview with the British Broadcasting System. And it's interesting because typically the quite the questioning begins with Are you people in Texas nuts.

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No, just our governor. Yes, sir. When do you sleep?

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Sarah DePalma 14:43

I sleep and Laurie makes me sleep. Pretty Pretty much. Well, let's talk about the studios that were the guests we've got in the studio and why they're here. There's a topic that we very seldom ever talked about in the transgender community. And that was sexually transmitted diseases and aids in part ticular and it's funny in as many transgendered groups that I've been in over the years, I don't recall ever attending a meeting was the way the eight the subject of AIDS was discussed. Not ever know, and I don't remember the issue of, of sexually transmitted diseases ever coming up. And yet, we all know that there are transgenders with AIDS. Yeah, we all know that there are minority communities that are underserved, just to put it mildly. You know, if you're talking about the people of color, or you're talking about the Hispanic community on underserved is really an understatement. And so I thought that that would be a really good topic to get this show going. And once again, go round and introduce yourselves. And this time of Brenda, why don't you go ahead and tell people who you are, once you went in, you are a first aren't you? Almost almost what she's the first and a half.

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First and a half. Not the first person we're working with city of Houston has been transgender, but probably the first person hired because I was transgendered. And my job specifically is to develop HIV outreach program for transgendered individuals within Houston in Harris County. And actually a dream of mine. A passion for two things for HIV number one for transgender number two, so it's something that I'm really looking forward to getting my teeth into and doing

it will be soon putting out a transgender needs assessment, or transgender risk assessment to try to really assess what is going on within Houston Harris County in the transgender community.

 Sarah DePalma 16:40

And I think you really ought to tell the audience you have been around the transgender community probably as long as anyone I think you ever seen this QFC this community really grow and change and turn into a genuine powerhouse now.

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turned into a real community? Yes. Remember? No, I don't have to All right.

 Sarah DePalma 17:04

Well, you don't have to say how long you've been around, but it's better if you're not. You're not a neophyte.

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It was a real fragmented, I think there was probably two groups in Houston.

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And they fought with COVID cats and dogs. Yeah. I remember that badly. Yes.

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Fight and battle and snipping and sniping. And those same people that use the snipping sniper now ARM and ARM and really working to produce a viable community.

 Sarah DePalma 17:30

Vanessa likes to say that when she goes everywhere she goes, people say to her, how do you people do it down there? How come you're not fighting like everybody else?

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You know, I think, and I hate I don't want to toot my horn. But I wanted to date shooty H horn, because I think that was one of the one of the functions that brought this community together. I think so too, because it was a it was a place where people could come. Nobody cared, what

group you belong to what group it didn't belong to people



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with HC d h, what does that stand for? And



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originally HCDA 10 years ago, stood for helping crossdressers anonymous, the name has now been changed to be h TGA, which is helping transgender anonymous donors and just a discussion group that is nearing its completion of his 10th year now that meets every week. And we've been able to bring people in and channel them to a group that meets their particular need. And for that everybody is grateful because I think every I think every group in this community has gotten new members because of it. And new people and new blood, and we just keep generating. And I never thought 10 years ago when I was January of 91 When I started it, that you could meet every single week and have a group show up every single week and still be going 10 years later,



S Sarah DePalma 18:54

it shows you the need. It shows a level of need in April, tell us about yourself.



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Hi, I'm April. I'm a HIV AIDS educator for AIDS Foundation, Houston. I've been doing it for the last eight years. And I'm quite active. I started the I was first president of tats here in Houston. And that organization is growing like wildfire is is so so Texas Association for training, sexual support. That's right. Therefore, I'm a past post off



S Sarah DePalma 19:28

so to speak, yes, obviously. And I think if people don't know who Monica is, by now, they haven't been listening to the show



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shoot. We're gonna start and say I'm a founding member by intact which is the National transgender Advocacy Coalition which does on a national level what, what T gain is doing I'm also the first African American board member of tats. And I'll see what else have I been up to? I've been to if I was at the first Texas lobby day and we'll be at the second one, versus a co host in New Hampshire. And after I was on top of that, so, Ben. Well, let's start



Sarah DePalma 20:03

by talking about about the subject that's near and dear to my heart. And that's transgendered youth. And I continue to get letters and emails from transgender kids, most of whom, of course, are throwaways, in many of whom are indeed susceptible to AIDS, they're shooting street level hormones, and then sharing the needles,



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and they're disproportionately people of color to on top of it. Yes, they



Sarah DePalma 20:29

are. I mean, really, disproportionately, and I don't know why, I guess that's a good place to begin is this subject, a lot



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of it is because of where that was, one of the things that in tech is addressing is the fact that, you know, like our president Clem likes to say about the economy, is the economy stupid. It's, it's jobs, jobs, jobs, when an African American, or a person of color in general looks at a job as a precious commodity. And we're usually the last hire in terms of the old system of racism. And when you have an African American or other person of color that announces that they're transgender. See, you know,



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when you speak of that, in speaking of jobs, and I've got, I've managed to get my hands on by just writing the transgender needs assessment that was done in New York City, Minnesota, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Australia. And the number one item is, they can't find a job. The minute they go in, they can have all the qualifications in the world. And Judy walks in and sits down and fills out the application, they're ready to hire. Now they need identification. And here's Fred's ID, and we'll call you and that's the end of it. And that's number one thing that somehow we've got to figure out a way to get people to hire these folks.



Sarah DePalma 21:56

T game. We did a survey last year. And it was in effect, you know, it's the economy stupid. I mean, far and away. When I asked people, what's the number one issue they weren't brought to the legislature? It was an employment non discrimination bill. It was jobs, jobs, jobs. Yeah. Joe, we're



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gonna get these kids off the street, is to let them go to work.



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Yeah, cuz I have a, I had an email that I wrote a while back, and I had a simp. I said, no job equals no money equals no transition,



S Sarah DePalma 22:25

in many cases, equals transgendered street workers, or sex workers, which is a whole different issue.



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I stopped the other night on the street and talk to eight, I stopped to talk to eight and I was able to talk to six transgendered street workers. Okay, the sixth, I talk to you, we're all colored everyone. And I posed one simple question to the fact that if you could be who you are, right now, all the time, and not have to do what you're doing right now to make a living, would you be interested? And everyone looked at me and said, Where do I sign up?



S Sarah DePalma 22:59

Why would you intentionally want to live on the street? And do what they have to do? No, they don't.



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That's all they can do. To make a living, to get money and to buy your hormones or buy your silicone or whatever it is that they're buying. And that's the other thing that scared me or got people going are injecting silicone. Oh, yeah, Lord, no,



S Sarah DePalma 23:18

you don't know where that's going. Yeah. I know. I mean, literally, yeah, it starts to float in. It's a problem.



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And it's something who knows if



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they're using clean needles, and in some cases, I can remember one member of the community

had died several years ago, because she was quote, unquote, sold a silicone injection. And it actually turned out to be Crisco. And it caused a reaction. Yeah. And it caused a reaction that caused her death.

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Sarah DePalma 23:46

So So right off the bat, then we're talking about how old were these people that you talk to? Brenda? How old would you guess

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they were? 19 to 23 years old.

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Sarah DePalma 23:56

So these people are young? Yeah. Really? Yeah. And I know I get letters from from transgendered youth and ice when I say youth, I'm talking about 1314 year old. And of course, legally, that's a problem because I can't really answer not without the risk of being sued. I can't. And they and they're asking the kinds of questions that they should be getting in school, but don't you know, they're asking about AIDS, they're asking about hormones. They're asking about injections. And legally, I can't answer them. They're not getting the answers from school. It's not being discussed in anywhere else. Where the heck do they go? That's a problem. I mean,

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that about two months ago, I got a packet in the mail. There was 80 pages of information. And the amazing thing about this, it was all the whole thing was put together by three teenagers. Tumor 13 When I was 14, and it came from South Beach, Florida and the inside I, in the ability that these kids have down there would blow you away. And the things that they want to know. And there was no return address on the envelope, nothing. And the, the statement was, they've asked so many adult support groups for help. And they've been turned away or rejected or no follow up, that they wanted to get this out, and they wanted people to see it. But they were not putting a return address on purpose, to save those that might want to respond that might be subject to some kind of legal issue, or those that want to have some form of reprisal against what they were, what they were doing, but it was amazing. What these kids had put together.

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Was that so then what do we do for him?

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We're gonna have to change laws.



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How does how, how specific, this specific what kind of which laws



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10 years ago, I was down in Australia, and now they're their rules and regulations and laws for the youth were a lot different than up here in states. And I know, one in particular youth that went through the procedures of the medical system and the laws of the country. And, oh, just before I left, she got surgery. And she was still she was had just turned 18 and had surgery, which shows very great celebration for all of us. But they were more liberal, the laws, the everything, medical profession, they all knew the problems associated with the transgender community. And they were very open to it. And they were trying to help these individuals to make them productive, taxpaying individuals. Now in the States, that's totally different situation here. We're ostracized, we are not protected by laws, the medical society, all they're looking for is more books out our pockets. And it makes it almost impossible for the youth to succeed, even those that are in the community itself



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and toss in religious beliefs and



Sarah DePalma 27:03

conservatives. So are we setting these kids up to fail? Is that what you're saying?



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Right now? And yes, yes, they want us to fail. Every last one.



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I think this show right here has done more than a lot of groups can simply because the airwaves penetrate those closet walls.



Sarah DePalma 27:19

In over the years, we've had so many letters from people from kids who are telling us they're listening to us on their Walkmans. You know, so the parents won't know what they're doing. So we've always known and I've always been very aware that we are reaching a much younger audience than most other shows. And because they can be hidin bed at night, and mommy and daddy doesn't know what it is they're listening to, thankfully. So where did these kids turn?



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You know, I've got a question. Hatch works for teenagers. If they can do it, why can't we do it?



S Sarah DePalma 27:50

Well, I guess we could. But when you're talking about teenagers with hatch, and Jimmy can correct me, but I think those kids are mostly 18 and over. No, no, no. Hatch is 14 to 20.



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interested, but it's also teens helping teens. It's not adults helping teens.



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The adults are merely facilitators,



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then why can't we do that? Well, it's



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good question. Why couldn't we do it?



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Well, we got some transgendered teens that we can put together in a group and let them interact,



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I gotta play. We've got a community center.



S Sarah DePalma 28:23

Well, we ought to be doing it. Because that's right off the bat. That's an issue. And it's always been a real one. The real frustration to me is, is you have to be in a position to help but not help. Yeah, you know, it just it's never made any sense and it just has always made me

crazy.



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It's just like when tats first started out for the whole situation for that group was that we be transsexuals helping transsexuals through this process? Well, this would be very good if the youth with guidance from the adults Oh, could get together and form this group. It should be should be a great call for it.



S Sarah DePalma 29:03

I was taught when I was talking to the reporter today from the Montreal newspaper. One of the questions he asked was, Are there role models for transgender kids? And I thought about that a second. I said, Well, I think that Phyllis and Brenda and in Miami and perhaps some other people here in Houston, I think it's one of the things that differentiates Houston from other places. And that is, if you live in Houston, there are role models. That's true. But if you live in Podunk, or Kansas City, or God knows who knows, some of the smaller metropolitan areas, that answer is probably no.



E Elizabeth Richards 29:41

Your answer to that, at least when I was growing up was it was Renee Richards, who was you know, it was people who were in the media. Now it's 20. Right? And the media's portrayal of them was very negative, very, and then you tell my understanding of what a transsexual was. wasn't growing up was extremely negative as caused by the media and I obviously must not be one of them. It wasn't till I'd done the research on my own understand that no, those are perverts and dresses, as was the common phrase back then.



S Sarah DePalma 30:12

And you know, I'm not really the person to be talking to transgender. Truth in the reason is because they see what I'm doing so publicly, and it's too scary for them. So it really needs to be somebody that's a little less that has a lower level of visibility in the media. Yeah, it's much too scary for them. And I completely understand that. I scare a lot of people in the transgender community by doing what I do half the time. So I can understand the kids. And I'm



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at the same level because yes, you on one hand, you know, on one hand on one of the few open African Americans out here, but at the same time, that tends to make me a little inaccessible to the kids at rascals. Okay.



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I'm a little old for rascals.



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I wonder why that is. I mean, rascals are all African American kid.



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Yeah. But I'm the lobbyist. I'm de, quote unquote, D.



Sarah DePalma 31:09

transgender community, I don't think you're known to the kids outside of it. And yet, it's true. Because I my name keeps turning up in the newspaper. And you know, that kind of stuff. It's a little different story. Yes. And Brenda, it is a good question. Why what you know, whoa. All right. Let's say we went to rascals. So what, what would we do?



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When you talk to the kids that are there, we can simply get him together for some sort of a group meeting. Find out what you know, it's just it's basically what I'm going to be doing with the city is doing, doing one on one interviews, getting questionnaires filled out and doing focus groups with with all these transgender people find out what it is they need.



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Now, let what all due respect, though, you still have this level in terms of African American community of distrust for non African Americans.



Sarah DePalma 31:58

Why is why is that? Yeah. Why? Why is that? I mean, at this stage, I mean, it's not like age is new, this stays true. And it's not like they haven't had publicity going on now for 20 years. Why is that? Why is the level still so high? The



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interesting thing about it is there are a couple of groups that is an African American group that's passing out condoms and stuff at rascals every night. You probably know, you've been the



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first Christian group of condom giver.



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But for the most part, you still have this level of distrust even you know what the civil rights movement, everything else, because, you know,



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yeah, and you know, what's really funny is, those African Americans can approach the non transgendered African Americans in that club, but they can't approach the transgendered African American genetic club. Why? It's the airs. I don't know you tell me what it is there.



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It's a class barrier.



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There's an in there, but I've got she I've got African American transgender people who work with me. I've got Hispanic transgender people who will work with me on the street, trying to reach these kids. Yeah. But there's a class barrier. We're going in there with three or four transgender people. And we've got every ethnicity covered. You know, I mean, I had I'm talking to Dale the other day on one of the social service agencies in Houston. She says, Do you know how hard this transgender population is to reach? He said, You can't get through to him? You know, Margaret Taylor. My dad, I, I know a lot more about this cut this grip postulation than you do. Every time I'd say transgender chicks a transvestite. Wrong, I was really getting angry.



Sarah DePalma 33:48

We had a question from a listener I thought was kind of interesting. And I think I know the answer to this, but the question is, is hatch allowed to meet in the schools? And Jimmy, correct me if I'm wrong, but I think the answer is no, isn't it?



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Probably not. They're made in a church. Yeah, they made in their own space she



Sarah DePalma 34:03

makes, she makes the point Christian teenage groups do and that of course, we have to understand we're talking about Texas, where I love this, where we have spontaneous prayers

planned in advance at football.



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Santa Fe, but the same school beat up foreign students Okay. You go figure that out.



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reiterate that. That's the Christian right.



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Yeah, that's right. Cause the social conservative,



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loving Christian people out there. Yes. And our problem with the school prayer is that not everybody's Christian.



S Sarah DePalma 34:38

That is true. The Jewish people in Santa Fe don't seem particularly happy at the moment.



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I blame them and they don't the Muslim population either.



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They're not happy about Jesus day last



S Sarah DePalma 34:50

night. You've been you've been at this April, you've been at this long time. How much? How much have you seen this change? Are we making



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progress? Progress? In which, which regards with?

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Sarah DePalma 35:02

Are we are we making any headway with the minority groups that were making headway with transgenders at all?

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I would say no, I think that the endurance and the distrust of government propaganda, as they would say, is rapid. In all levels of society, it doesn't matter if it's the minority community or transgendered or whatever, they are totally denying it. HIV and AIDS is basically a non existent plague within the US that we try not to talk about. And that's the absolute worst thing that could happen.

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Sarah DePalma 35:42

Now here we have two studios full of out open, active transgendered people who go and talk schools and talk to, you know, we talk, but if you stop and you think about it, it's all at the university level, pretty much. I don't think any of us had ever spoken into high school.

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That is a good thought.

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We're hoping we're hoping that's gonna be one of my jobs. To get into the schools, I'm talking to the kids in the

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schools, how are you going to cope overcome the religious objections?

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There's some topics that they you have to stay away from you have to tailor your presentation where will not offend? The students are? Can't showing condoms can't do any demonstrations. Like we're talking

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about AIDS, and we can't just like



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yeah, not, that's an absolute no, no,



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not in the school as you can. The only thing that you can preach in schools is absent.



S Sarah DePalma 36:39

You know, there's talk about how you can abstain from being transgendered.



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I'm talking about renew and use sex. Okay, all right. Avatex have sex, but you can still go in and educate them about who transgender people are, what their risks are. Okay, for HIV.



S Sarah DePalma 36:56

So is there actually a chance that may happen, there's probably



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a pretty good chance that it can happen. We've got some pretty good contacts to get into the schools. I sit on the Houston CPG, Community Planning Board for HIV services, HIV prevention, and somebody from the school board sits on that panel also. So we've got some inroads. And if we go in with the idea of HIV prevention, we can probably get in there. The city is expected me to do this, right.



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In other words, they want you to earn your money.



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It looks like Brenda, you will be on your money.



S Sarah DePalma 37:38

Well, is there is there anything that we as adults can be doing? I mean, I've been talking about the transgendered youth issue for what all the time that I've been on this show, and long before

that, yeah, is there anything that we can be doing is individuals, I think



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it's fair for a restaurant to probably get together and call hatch, get or sit down with their executive board, and find out exactly how they do it, and stay away from any kind of lawsuits and that kind of thing. And then tailor a program directly after there's except aimed specifically at



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transgender youth



Sarah DePalma 38:17

will know what about at the college level? I know when I was at Texas a&m, the only time they ever talked about sex is when we came in along was part of a dirty joke.



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Well, the last, you know, tax has actually been doing that the last couple of years with the presentations we've made at kau different colleges, but a&m was one of the we didn't want to date him for the first time this year. Now. Well, well, well, but it's Yeah,



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I know. You and I have spoken