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Well, well, well, but it's Yeah,

S Sarah DePalma 00:06

I know. You and I have spoken at the university level gone bad

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years ago. Yeah, we went back this year. And we also didn't want to Texas a&m Galveston. But one thing I really needed to see and I've been, as I've been asking, Vanessa about this is to try to get Tsu in Prairie View on net list to where we do presentations.

S Sarah DePalma 00:26

I think any of us would be happy to go but we are we've never been invited. Yeah,

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we haven't been invited. And I'd also like to see that, yes, I'd also like to see that program expanded, where we talk to the three legal Thurgood Marshall, the Ufh law school,

S Sarah DePalma 00:43

there's a way to penetrate into the minority community. I think Tsu is the ideal vehicle for that if we don't get them on board, get



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them on board. That's the Met. Yeah, tsu. And for you both fellas.



S Sarah DePalma 00:55

Well, but Phyllis is no longer teaching there. But I mean, there are enough people because people are in this room. Any one of us would be capable of going a joint being part of a group of going out and talking to the people at tsu, and getting them on board and purview and purview.



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You know, we've done you have H clearlink in the past and that seems to be a standard one that kind of invites people on a regular basis that we didn't UTMB in Galveston so you



S Sarah DePalma 01:20

have H won't invite me anymore. What happened? They hit the teacher apparently professor had apparently prepared his class it was definitions of sex and gender. I came up here with definitions that were being used by Kate Bornstein and Martine Rothblatt. Just unintentionally completely contradicted everything this poor professor ever said. And so it's no real surprise I was not invited



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on you write me I'd tell him the same thing. The worst part



S Sarah DePalma 01:56

of it is that that replayed that show twice a year. So the poor Professor muskie he



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there's a there's a professor at U of H main campus that wrote a book on gender. Stephen Macquarie.



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Macquarie champions, it's another one



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she wrote one long time ago, and I have to get my hands in the book one day and I was reading it and I thought Macquarie was falling called U of H and tracked her down, she was still teaching at U of H. And I told her, I said, I have a problem with your definition of sex and gender. And we went over the process. And, you know, I get this whole spiel out of my mouth. And she says, You're absolutely right. And I've gone



S Sarah DePalma 02:40

I don't know what to do when they agree with you.



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realized, she told me she says, I realized that a few months ago when I'm reading, and I'm redoing the book, and then in the next printing out will have those definitions of sex and gender. And I thought, you know, I hear I think I made wife strides to get in this profession to pay attention and she'd already made this decision earlier. But



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yeah, Stephen Macquarie was from my my era at U of H in the early 80s. He taught Yeah, he taught a class and sexual that's it he taught a class that was very popular at the time no actually covered transgendered. I know



S Sarah DePalma 03:16

what the Hispanic community course there's a language barrier. But are we making any progress otherwise in the Hispanic community? I mean, right now, isn't that one of the fastest growing communities for AIDS? Is it



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not? Well, no, especially African American American



S Sarah DePalma 03:30

the African Americans still know why after all of this time,



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because several things religious, religious issues, you also have people in denial that they are gay. You'll have a guy that'll turn around and sleep with you know, say what I say another male

for example, and still go home back to his wife and he still says he's not gay.

 Sarah DePalma 03:55

See, I guess I can understand why aids is an issue of color at this stage of the game it isn't AIDS is a universal color killer. doesn't give a damn what color you are.

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But right now most of the cases are happening in Africa you've got like in Zimbabwe for

 Sarah DePalma 04:09

Zimbabwe is virtually been one out of four. Yeah, they've

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got one out of four people in Zimbabwe that have

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the biggest problem in Houston with the African American community is just like she said, the African American male will have sex with male that will not identify as a male having sex with a male they will not identify them on shelf identify and they'll tell you straight up front. I'm a heterosexual

 Sarah DePalma 04:34

they're just having sex with men, but they're not gay. Yes, true.

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They're like President Clinton. That wasn't sex. That was just a blow job. Can I say that?

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Newt Gingrich in that one

 Jimmy Carper 04:48

we feel that penetration with the female is real set that Yeah, but that's stupid didn't



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really but are shrinking population just Same way, you know, they don't have sex with males in prison. That Happen does not happen



S Sarah DePalma 05:07

to you just the opposite



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former release wolves in prison, you know, and then they come out and they don't identify with males and and the population that's being worked the hardest prior to the state of emergency that came out in Houston was men having sex event. So they don't really believe their Rails is still number one on that priority list. But African American females having heterosexual sex is creeping up the list real bear because this is something I can't get through your head, African American females having sex with males is the top priority in heterosexual world. But African American males is way down the list. And my question is, why are they up there with the rest of them? Because obviously, these African American females are having sex with African American males. So why aren't they up in the same priority range?



S Sarah DePalma 06:01

What's a good question? Why aren't they?



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They're not identified as such.



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As an on top of that, it's just since it's not a big priority, since it's only happening in the minority community. Now it's not, you know, to until look at it. It doesn't seem like a bigger priority as it was when you had suburban kids, you know, starting to come up.



S Sarah DePalma 06:28

That's really sad. I remember when when Ronald Reagan was president and that I was in coordination time. And the attitude then seemed to be from the from the White House? Well, a few dead fags more or less makes no difference. Yeah. And is that the



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kind of the attitude that we see in the African American community is like, yeah, it's just these urban kids dada dada, dada. But the



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other part of that too, though, is go ahead if I lost my train of thought, we also



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have to remember too, that this disease is being passed along to the heterosexual community, just using regular sex between the couples themselves. And the multiple couples, there were various areas where they deuce on the sexual act is passing the virus as well. It's not just any homosexual activities alone. It's it involves all segments. In fact, 75% of all the cases of HIV and AIDS is through heterosexual sex.



S Sarah DePalma 07:30

What was that for your house? 75%? Yes. So much for the idea that it's a gay disease. It's not



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a gay disease. In fact, it has never been a gay disease is started in the heterosexual community in the first place. It's how it got into the states is through the gay community. And that's how it got labeled a gay disease. So



S Sarah DePalma 07:55

interesting. One of the there goes another stereotype don't that? Very much. Yeah,



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I keep getting this out. And I keep losing, I keep losing this thought one of the things about in the the squalor, as has dropped on HIV, because you don't see three or four or five or six people a week dying from AIDS anymore. People living 1214 1518 years. With HIV, Magic Johnson, for example, we're never coming down with symptoms to be clinically defined as having AIDS. So your AIDS cases are dropping. So everybody says, Okay, we're winning this battle. But what is HIV, the new reported cases of HIV are



S Sarah DePalma 08:38

risin. I didn't realize that that Riot reported cases are of age.



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But let me tell you about this medication. They're using a lot of this experimental medications, while the insurance companies will not even pay for experimental medications. The medicines that Magic Johnson is using is called type of protesters, and they actively will fight the AIDS virus, but they can only kill about 99% of the virus within the body. There's that 1% that they cannot find a cure at the present time. And that's reason viruses still very much viable in states. And what they're saying is that we don't know how long this experimental medicines going to last to finding these viruses. Often it could come back with a vengeance



S Sarah DePalma 09:27

when we work on these on medication issues right here. Oh, yeah.



J Jimmy Carper 09:32

Oh, yes. Because I've been on medication since 1993. And



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all I can say is you got to take it. It does horrible things to your body. But if I didn't take it, I wouldn't be here. You take a cocktail, right? I'm taking the cocktail and got the loose string audience doesn't know what a cocktail is. It's a it's a multitude of pills. So it could be up to 100 pills a day that Do you see individuals



J Jimmy Carper 10:01

taking between



S Sarah DePalma 10:01

40 and 50 a day? 40 and 50 a day?



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Just how do you take? What about the cost of these things? These are astronomical.



J Jimmy Carper 10:10

I get some from the state and some I have to pay for.

 Sarah DePalma 10:13

I can't keep track of taking my vitamins every day.

 Jimmy Carper 10:16

These old pill pill things, pill containers and you know, once a week, you load them up and certain times a day, you know, take the steak those sure you

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carry three rounds. Well, Jimmy is not the only one in this room. That's an expert on Well, that's right. I see a friend I really did. There's, you know, you carry a pillbox has seven days and for breakdowns per day, morning, noon, or night and bedtime. And you load up each one of your boxes. I am extremely fortunate at this point in my life that I'm and I have flunked five separate protocols that I flunked, I started out, not quite as bad as Jimmy I was only taken 32 pills. Can

 Sarah DePalma 10:56

I ask a stupid question? What's the protocol?

 Jimmy Carper 10:58

The schedule of pills, the types of pills because there are several different protease inhibitors. And then there's other kinds of AIDS medications that you take along with it. Okay. Didn't mean to be ignorant. No, no, we're talking about to three dozen different types of medications. Taking different combinations. I am lucky because I'm on the original combination.

 Sarah DePalma 11:21

This is Kate bond. This is KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station, okay, now we're illegal.

 Jimmy Carper 11:29

The problem is, I've gotten neuropathy, very bad, and my feet and I can't run anymore. I cannot walk across the kitchen floor barefoot. Really visit her is way too painful. One cannot those

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of us that are infected can almost tell you exactly what medications he's on just what he just

said. That's really, yeah, certain medications cause certain things I was on one that just literally was killing me.

J Jimmy Carper 12:00

Oh, honey, and diarrhea. Six years of it.

S Sarah DePalma 12:07

Now, yeah, know, we're funny. We're listening to people talk about this. Now, if you're out there and you don't have AIDS, why in the hell would you be taking risks? I mean, just listening to this alone is enough to scare the hell out of me. Let's put

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a transgendered community the number one thing that I'm reading from, again, from all these reports I've got from all around the world is validation of who they are.

J Jimmy Carper 12:36

Through sex through so yeah, you know, yes, sex validates

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that they're transgender faster than anything else, and especially if they have sex without a condom. It Yes, you know, and there's a mistaken belief out there that given blow jobs is not going to cause HIV.

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But there's been a rash of people coming down with HIV just using with blowjobs with oral sex period. And the government is about 10 years behind the rest of world and they just started doing studies on it. And they found that there are some natural fighting agents in the saliva in the mouth, but the swab was in the mouth and Slavs in the throat are not the same. So guess what the government saying? First they asking you to use a condom. Secondly, they said if you do do a blow job, don't swallow. And then they're also saying not to brush your teeth three to four hours before or after oral sex and go out there and get Listerine or whatever type of mouthwash that you want. But don't brush your teeth.

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So be sure to schedule your blow jobs between

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Jimmy Carper 13:49

your gums and that's that's an avenue.

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Sarah DePalma 13:51

That isn't, oh, this program just wasn't great.

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But seriously, I watched I watched my cousin who was an Alvin Ailey dancer. When he passed away of AIDS, when he passed away from AIDS, he weighed 97 pounds. But that's a good this was like in a

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common way this was early visuals die from HIV or AIDS, or does HIV and AIDS does is gets rid of the body's defenses against any type of opportunistic infection to kill that individual. Lot on do not die from a wasting away disease like that most don't die with cancer. You don't see that.

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That the difference between the people that are dying today with age?

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Yeah, my cousin was in a first wave don't wear the first wave. I mean,

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they're five, seven years ago, you could look at somebody and just about teletopia age. Also, you can tell me that you can look at anybody to most people today that have age and and ever assume or guess or get any indication. I see people that are just healthiest could be yesterday and a week later, they're gone, they're gone.

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Let me give you a statistic, one out of every 90 people you meet, greet a pass in the city, Houston carries that bars want to one out of every 90, at least Oh, at least at least

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the worst, the worst part about porcelain for life. Here's I had no idea. They say that 25% of all sexually active people, by sexually active or diamonds, somebody multiple sex partners has HIV 90% of those people do not know it.



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The only way you can tell if you have the virus is you have to take the HIV antibodies test period, there is no way to tell the virus stays hidden are out of sight for years on end. And it's only in the later stages when they're going in and out hospitals out of the doctor's office that the doctor scratches their head and said let's do an HIV antibody test at that time. Well, it's too late.



J Jimmy Carper 16:03

I got my HIV positive test in 1987.



S Sarah DePalma 16:10

Yeah, you've really beaten the I probably



J Jimmy Carper 16:11

had the virus five or more years prior to that. Of course,



S Sarah DePalma 16:16

that's always been the problem with how easy is to spread, because you don't even know you have it.



J Jimmy Carper 16:20

I didn't have to start taking any any medications till 93. So it was at least 10 years or more. Between the time I caught the virus to medication was nice.



S Sarah DePalma 16:32

But you've done all the right things you got into a support group right away. You got yourself informed right away. You got I mean, so you did all the right things. What we what I'm hearing hearing Monica saying and I'm hearing from them, is this we're these are people out there who are getting the disease don't know it. And once they do get it do all the wrong thing.



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Yes. Yeah, they can spread it like crazy. You bet every partner that have there's a chance that that partner can receive the virus.



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And and there are some people that are actually deliberately doing



Jimmy Carper 17:03

the bare backing. Yeah. But these days, it takes two to tango, folks. Everybody knows about AIDS. If you have sex, unprotected sex with a partner, you're asking for it?



Sarah DePalma 17:16

Yes. Yeah. To me, it's like putting a bullet in the gun and just spinning it sooner or later it's coming.



Jimmy Carper 17:21

Have sex, you must assume that your partner is HIV positive. But what happened? I



Sarah DePalma 17:26

think you're an idiot if you don't assume today's world.



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But what happens is the sex gets in your mind and you're thinking too much about the activity and not thinking about safety. And that's when you get in trouble. That's right.



Jimmy Carper 17:38

Especially if you're a guy the brain just goes from your head to the



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heart.

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Sarah DePalma 17:44

probably wasn't the worst thing about the brain is only about seven inches long.

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Brain is eight or nine inches.

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Sarah DePalma 17:58

Well to hear some guys, but no, we won't go. millimeters

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one of the things we're sitting here laughing and joking about sex stuff. But you know what? If we can't laugh and joke about it, how are we going to reach people? You got it? We've got to make it. We got to make the message. We send out fun. We've got to make use of condoms. Fun. We got to make sex safer, safer sex because we're talking about masturbation with a condom.

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Sarah DePalma 18:30

Is it still true? Is it maybe I'm my information? Is that date? Is it still true that younger gays are not taking the precautions because they think it's an older gays disease? Yes, well,

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people. But the older gays are also going into this non condom attitude as well. So

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Sarah DePalma 18:47

why because they've survived to this point. Yes. Yes. Oh, that's dumb. I'm sorry. That's just plain dumb.

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Jimmy Carper 18:53

And even with an even with condoms, there's a chance of condom failure. Well, that's right. Yes, yes. Yes. Yes. One in six.

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Sarah DePalma 19:00

Whoa, yeah. A one in six chance of failure. Wow. Which makes me GLaD I'm kind of in a

monogamous relationship. She



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said shed some white about the condoms. Government's gone into talking about how effective the condoms are against HIV and AIDS and stuff like that. So they've had these researchers outside rooms after individuals couples have had sex and they asked these individuals, did they use a condom when they had sex and that's where this percentage comes from right now and there is no one that says that they caught HIV or AIDS while using a condom. No one has raised their hand and said they caught the virus by using a condom. Okay, it's always true the other non condom use where virus is being passed from. So the better chance is that it is a protective barrier against the HIV virus as well as other no Other diseases? Yeah. Period. So don't take the risk use a condom.



S Sarah DePalma 20:06

Now what about some of the other sexually transmitted diseases? I know I was just reading an article the other day about chlamydia in women, for example, and how that is just skyrocketing right out of sight. Are we are we seeing? Are we seeing a comparable rise in STDs



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and Chlamydia your committee increases like 40%



S Sarah DePalma 20:26

wants to people committee is,



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I don't even know. Basically, education fraction,



S Sarah DePalma 20:32

basically, it's a yeast infection, but it's a sexually transmitted disease, if not quite migrates up the vaginal canal to cause incredible damage, you can prevent people from him having children and in some cases can actually kill



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Yeah, I think committee is probably a predecessor to human papilloma virus, which can cause cancer. So it's not it's not caught, not traded.

J Jimmy Carper 20:55

It can be oral also. And when it gets down your throat, then you have trouble eating while away. Yes, they had one thing with AIDS, this is the AIDS is a disease where you need to eat, you cannot lose weight. must not lose weight. So it can be life threatening.

S Sarah DePalma 21:19

Yeah. Are we seeing a comparable rise in STDs along with AIDS, and our STDs is much a racial issue or an issue of color is AIDS has been? I cannot answer

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I don't want to delay. Syphilis is down in Houston. Yay. To a degree, not. I don't think as much as the rest of the country, but it is down. Gonorrhea is down the biggest rise is chlamydia. And

S Sarah DePalma 21:45

it's an incredibly insane exploding disease among women, again, heterosexual women having unprotected sex with partners and

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the biggest the big. I think one of the bigger fears right now that's coming on them on the market is TB and hepatitis C, hepatitis B, hepatitis

S Sarah DePalma 22:01

C is the big one, because there's no cure, no. And how do you get Pepsi?

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Pepsi originally is a blood pathogen. And it's generally transmitted by people who share needles, but it can also be sexually transmitted. So it's another one that you need to watch. Because in the thing, the funny thing, there's been outbreaks in the country, and this is really unusual to outbreaks in the country of transgender people contracting TB. Yes, that just blew me away when I was in New York City. And I think the other one was in Maryland, some Baltimore,

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Baltimore, Maryland, Baltimore, because I remember reading about that one. And it was mostly

a lot of the kids in the ball in the ball and pageant world, and the ball scene has been expanding from it's New York base down to the DC area, Washington, DC, and even down to Atlanta, down to the Atlanta area. But that outbreak, the last I heard was kind of contained up in that area.

 J Jimmy Carper 23:04

Let's say the biggest problem with hepatitis C. So we're here from Mr. Ray Hill is in the prison system. We're 20% of the prisoners have hepatitis C,

 S Sarah DePalma 23:14

and there is no cure for this. There's no

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There's no cure. And remember, these prisoners aren't having sex with each other either. Right? Well, we've

 S Sarah DePalma 23:21

learned not to believe most of what the prison system tells us. Yeah. Well, and we're as we're starting to come up with toward the end of this segment, I let me ask the big question. And we've we've talked about different things. How do we get the word out? I started out by saying that I've in all the meetings that I've attended for transgenders, whether it was at the national level, the state level, regional meetings, cross dressers, parties, whatever the case may be. I don't recall a single discussion on STDs or AIDS,

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I haven't, I have made several suggestions that I could come in and speak to these groups and they are just turn a deaf ear and say that they're not really interested in it. But I think if it's the leaders of the group, and they are concerned about their membership, growth and safety, they need to invite us in to speak period.

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Matter of fact, you've got Southern Comfort, which is coming up

 S Sarah DePalma 24:16

that was actually the one that I had in mind. That is the biggest convention



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for transgender you know what you have, but



S Sarah DePalma 24:22

I want you to their agenda and AIDS and things are not on our agenda. It's not Yeah, because



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it's not a popular topic. It doesn't affect our community quote.



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Approaching every group in this city to start my program off with next May there's going to be a gay lesbian, bisexual and transgendered health summit in Houston.



S Sarah DePalma 24:45

Oh time,



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it's gonna be the only information we can give you right now be the weekend of May 9. It will be a bearing Memorial United Methodist Church and steering committee has been working on putting that together there will be an HIV tract Be transgendered a lot of transgender issues will be, will be brought up at that point there too. So, you know, we're just gonna, we just got to start knocking on doors, we got to start getting these kids in these clubs and catching the ones on the street



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and knocking kids.



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And if you want speakers come out AIDS Foundation, Houston has a very active system that goes out with speakers to the various areas throughout the community. And all you have to do is contact them, I don't know, if I'm allowed to give them the number absolutely do it, the number is 713524 AIDS, and you call them their 24 hour number. And you can set up a

program almost instantaneously. And we're, we got speakers instantly, they'll go out there and, and handle whatever situation, you know, if you have to shave areas like Matt covered, or condom and stuff like that, we will still speak until the problems with HIV and AIDS.



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And anybody can call my office at the City Health Department. And my number is 713-794-9113. And I've got a complete PowerPoint slide presentation, I'll come out and



Sarah DePalma 26:12

yeah, and also, if anyone is interested, we I just gave Brenda, a whole box of these booklets, called AIDS and law produced by the Texas Human Rights Foundation. They're absolutely free. And you can order them on the web, just simply go to the website, put up a Texas human rights foundation on the website. And you simply tell us how many of these you want, and we'll get them out there to you. They're absolutely free. So if you find if you just find out you have AIDS, and you want to know where you stand, this is the way to find out.



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And you also need to know what the Privacy Act law is for people with age. Our family attorney and I had a discussion about that one day.



Sarah DePalma 26:50

I'll bet you did after she



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put it out on the internet.



Sarah DePalma 26:55

Well, it just it's amazes me, you know, I go to these meetings, and I hear the transgenders won't, and they'll have us we'll have a session on makeup. You know, yeah, or we'll have a session on dating tips are all sorts of things. And yet about going the kinds of things that will actually get you killed. Things like AIDS are never ever discussed. And I just have never understood that. I have to tell you, I had an interesting thing happened. The other day, I was doing an interview with the newspaper in in Georgia. And the subject of hate crimes came up and I said that drag queens and cross dressers actually were the number one targets for hate crimes. And they were really fascinated with that. And they said well drag queens because they're so flamboyant. And crossdressers a because many times they're not very passable. And be because they're oftentimes they still thinking like God, they're not being aware around them when they should. And he talked about and said, You know, I've been a victim of a hate crime

myself. And interestingly, he hadn't reported his hate crime either, because that came up. And I've never I don't recall ever attending a meeting and hearing us talk about not hate crimes being committed, but how to avoid being the victim of a hate crime, you know, the preventive end of it. And I've just never understood that. And I don't think we're doing ourselves a favor by running away from issues that could make a difference in life and death. Yeah.



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Trius had the Houston police power and Hate Crimes Division.



S Sarah DePalma 28:28

Lieutenant Sergeant Kennedy Kennedy, yeah, he came out Carrington, whatever. Isn't HPD



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they did that program at one time and he and he went through that and tell people how to do things to be aware of just to stay safe and and avoid being caught in a crime. Do it for anybody.



S Sarah DePalma 28:50

Also, we have a person in transgender community literally Roddy who is it who is licensed in the art of self defense and I'm not going to do a you know free advertisement for it but she's listed in the phone book and I can I highly recommended her name is Lily Roddy are odd why? And in and she gives I know, I belong to an s&m organization, she came out and spoke to us. And we all every one of us learn things. I thought that I was reasonably smart about keeping about staying aware about my surroundings and things. And still she taught us things that never would have occurred to me.



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One thing she teaches us carry your tennis shoes or run like Hill.



S Sarah DePalma 29:28

She said it over and over the object is to get your assailant down and then get out of there.



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Thank you. Yeah. And try not to put yourself in position where you can. Well, Jimmy, do

 Sarah DePalma 29:39

we have a piece of music queued up here? We

 Jimmy Carper 29:41

sure do. A couple of pieces, one that was requested by Randy. It's out in the country by Doug Stephens in the out band. You're familiar with that? Yes. And one that was requested tonight by Angela matar that I have played before it's called Is it a girl little boy?

 Sarah DePalma 30:01

Uh huh. And I know who requested it too. Before we go, I want to really thank you all for coming in and for having this discussion. I know Jimmy did a discussion on AIDS last week that I listened to it and I thought it was I thought it was really good. And in fact, I thought, Gee, I wonder if we should do that two weeks in row and then I thought about it in a different aspect. I thought yeah, this is a different aspect of the disease and Lord knows the more information we get out there about it, the better it is. You bet. So thank you all for coming in. I know it's not fun to come in and sit at night and do these bad press.

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Yes, it is.

 Sarah DePalma 30:36

Well, April had a long drive. She really did. So thank you all. Okay, Timmy. Let's go ahead.

 Jimmy Carper 30:43

Okay. The subject of today. Yes, Doug Stephens by requests tell us nice to have in the country by request from Randy and by request also, Angela matar is the boys that the girl is that the girls are boy,

 Sarah DePalma 31:01

and boy, girl, boy girl, right? Well, it's one of those like that. Maybe neither.

 Jimmy Carper 31:05

Maybe neither maybe nearly. Radio with that attitude right here on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station. I'm Jimmy Carper. Sarah dipalma is

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Sarah DePalma 31:15

here. It's the activist hours. And

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Jimmy Carper 31:20

we've got Sandy and we've we've got we've we're talking about college. And Sandy's half. Oh, cool. That's got representatives from different colleges.

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Sarah DePalma 31:31

Well, let me talk a little bit about something that you've seen in the news. And that is the wicks marriage. Yes. This is Robin and Jessica wicks. And they are the first legal lesbian couples to obtain a marriage license legally. And I want you to talk a few minutes about how that happened. And where we go from here with all this, please. If you're new to this, and you've not heard of this case, before, Christie Littleton was a transsexual, who married her husband? They were married for seven years. So let me back up. She had her surgery done in a county hospital, paid for by the state of Texas, right. Okay. So the state of Texas paid for her surgery, the state of Texas gave her her life, her driver's license with a female, the state of Texas changed her birth certificate to female, the state of Texas says that she has a legal marriage. So far, so good, you would think there is no problem. Penn State was required

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She was transsexual, and her her husband's exact words at the time. And when she told him was, I didn't know you, when you were a guy, it doesn't matter. They have a perfectly fine marriage. They married for seven years, and he dies of a brain embolism. Christy Littleton said decides to sue for malpractice, during the course of regular deposition, it comes out the Christy is a transsexual, and the insurance company says Hi, we know how we don't have to pay any money. So they go back to the court and they say to them, well, Christy may have had a marriage. The State of Texas may have paid for all this, and all those other things we talked about, but her chromosomes are still male. Therefore Christy is a male. She was in an illegal, same sex marriage with the men. And we don't have to pay a dime than some idiot judge said yes. And the judge

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the judge. The judge says, Gee, that sounds like it could be a good decision. Let's not pay your anything.

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to make to make the long story short, this ends up at the state at the Texas Supreme Court. And the Supreme Court refuses to hear the case. Why Texas Supreme Court enter attorney Phyllis Frye Phyllis says this gay this decision sucks. So she goes and she finds another attorney from Washington DC Her name is Allison meiselman. And they decide to take this all to the United States Supreme Court. Currently we are waiting so as you from the hear back from the Supreme Court, whether they will hear this, this is what we've what has been sent is what's called writ of search era. If the Supreme Court hears it wonderful. If they don't it means I have to take this stuff to the Texas legislature. I am not looking forward to that prospect or am I okay, but the important aspect here that we need to talk about from it is a couple things. In the course of the decision, Judge Hardberger said a they only chromosomes that you can that are legal in Texas for a marriage are x x and x y. There is a problem anywhere from two to 4% of the Texas population doesn't have that combination. Yes. And never will no matter what you think your gender is. So if you live in one To the 32 counties, which is affected by this decision, your marriage is probably not legal. Hello, there's a problem right off the bat. Furthermore, he left it open by saying that if you have X X X Y chromosomes, then that's illegal marriage, right? Enter Jessica wicks. Jessica wicks, Jess, Jessica wicks is a is a transsexual, a male to female transsexual. And yes, indeed, she has. Well, we she may have X X, Y, or X Y chromosomes, we don't know they were never tested. Since Christie Littleton never had to submit to a test. There was no reason that Jessica had to submit to one either. As long as her birth certificate said, male, that was all that's necessary. Original Versary. Since this decision was handed down in San Antonio, it was decided they had to go to San Antonio to obtain the license. So this just this past few days, Robin and Jessica went to San Antonio, and we're in with all television cameras. I mean, you couldn't find this poor office through the television cameras. They the Pharaoh obtained a legal marriage license, and they are getting married this coming Saturday, the 16th in San Antonio. Hello, Vermont now. Got nothing on us. Let me tell you about the media on this for a minute. The media just thinks this is the hottest story since sliced bread. And they think just as hard burger is the biggest ask. Okay, maybe George Bush, George Bush named George Bush, George Bush

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Hey, yeah. Now the meat so the so to make a long story short, we come out of the office. And there must be 50 cameras there. I mean, there's ABC and NBC and meet the press and you name it. I mean, there are cameras all over the place. And the first question they ask of Jessica, I love this is what do you think? What can we ask? And another big open ended question here. And Jessica to her everlasting credits it I think we're in love it has always been about love. The government has no business telling us who we should or should not love. Thank you and good night.

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was very well put, but no, no, no, they wanted to talk to some of the activists. So they asked Phyllis probably one question in 10 minutes later

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your friend you can say that.

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Actually, it wasn't that bad. We had met beforehand. I told Phyllis she had to hold it to no more than five minutes or they wouldn't use it. And, and to her credit, I stood right behind her reminding her um, timing you. And she did she did under five villas, soundbites. Soundbite all the way down. I'm struck. I'm telling Phyllis. Now, Phyllis 22nd answer. If it goes more than 20 seconds your mouth moving while they over talk talk over you say okay, no, she really did a very good job. And then they asked me they asked me what I was going to do. And I said, Well, if the Supreme Court doesn't hear this, we're going to take this to the Texas Legislature. My phone has been ringing off the hook