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Jimmy Carper 00:08

The following program contains language or images of a frank or sensitive nature, which may be considered objectionable by some listener discretion is advised. Oh yes, you've tuned into after hours a continuing tradition on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. The crew of after hours is ready to bring you news, interviews and music geared for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people. 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 a 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 our.

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Sarah Dipalma 02:08

Well, hello, Houston. Welcome to After hours a continuing tradition in Houston, Texas, right

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Jimmy Carper 02:15

here on KPFT Houston, and KEOS College Station, Bryan. I'm Jimmy Carper.

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Sarah Dipalma 02:21

And I'm Sarah DiPaolo. Welcome to the fastest three hours and radiate can be

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Jimmy Carper 02:25

I'm telling you, I'm telling you. We've got a lot going here tonight. We've got a couple of interviews

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Sarah Dipalma 02:32

we have a Kate Bornstein was in town two weeks ago to do a book signing. And I actually got to meet her and interview her in studio. Folks, if you've been a regular listener to this show, you know, getting me to be quiet is not easy. Kate Bornstein actually made me blush and shut me up while we're listening to the interview. We also have an interview with Raymond Murray, who is the author of a really very nice book. It's called images in the dark. It's an encyclopedia of gay lesbian and transgendered video. If you like movies, honey, he dishes some dirt. And it is it's a it's a fun book. If you're looking for videos to buy or rent and you're looking for some that are specifically a gay or lesbian related or specifically transgender related. He covers it if I think you'll enjoy a very, very nice man from Philadelphia. Very nice guy. Uh huh. And we're also going to do some controversial stuff, because that's what we do in the show.

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Jimmy Carper 03:37

Square right, radical radio.

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Sarah Dipalma 03:38

That's right. We're going to talk about a vote that was taken to the Gay Lesbian Political Caucus on this past Wednesday night. We're going to be talking about the Transgender Law Conference, which starts this week. It starts this Wednesday through Sunday. We'll be talking about spectrum which is a week from

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Jimmy Carper 03:56

today. Yes, it is. It is week Sunday. Yes.

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Sarah Dipalma 04:00

And so as if we don't have enough material, we're also gonna open up the phones and talk to you Oh, and listeners something

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Jimmy Carper 04:05

else that's going on part of Pride Week. The there's a thing going on over at Fitzgerald's next Sunday night in competition with what spectrum but it's a fundraiser for the gay and lesbian switchboard and it's featuring local straight bands who are donating their time to help the gay and lesbian switchboard and I think that's really terrific. It's

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Sarah Dipalma 04:29

great love.

J Jimmy Carper 04:30

And it's all punk stuff. Laurie and

S Sarah Dipalma 04:33

I went out to the Juneteenth Blues Festival last night. Oh, how was that was wonderful. There is a an artist last night by the name of Lavelle, white. Oh yes, he is the blues artist of the year. She's going to be Fitzgerald I think in about a week. You have a chance to go see this lady. Folks. Go check it out. You want to see somebody who can just make your skin if you can sit still during her concert, you're clinically dead. That's all I've got to say. Oh, that good. That good. Yeah, so we've got plenty of stuff to talk about. One thing we are going to do tonight is we're going to open up the phones fairly early. After we talk about the Gay Lesbian Political Caucus vote, I'd like to get some feedback from the listeners. Now. There's been a lot in outsmart and last couple of months about transgender Oh, there sure has been pro and con. That's right. The triangle has been carrying a lot of stuff in the last few weeks about transgenders. And I'd like to hear from the audience a little bit and find out that what do you think about transgender inclusion? What do you know about transgenders in general? Yeah. Today, Dr. Cole, who runs the Rosenberg clinic in Galveston had his semi annual get together. How was that 60 Plus, transsexuals and their parents in a room. Very, very interesting. A little discouraging at times, but a lot of people talking about how, how they're looking forward to becoming part of the woodwork. But also some good things came of it. In fact, Dr. Cole's kind of coming around to our point of view, no kidding. Very interesting. So we'll talk about some of that. So if don't, don't go to bed until we're off the air. Okay. Yeah. I've got plenty of stuff to do anything special tonight.

J Jimmy Carper 06:11

I do I do. I, you know, we always talk about how about folks writing in to after hours and tell us what you think of the show? Well, somebody did, how about that man named Michael from Beaumont wrote in and he it's also here's some nice things to say. And he also is celebrating his birthday today. Hey, happy birthday. And he asked me to do a song for him. I don't know what kind of music he likes. But this is a new artist that I want to introduce to after hours, man by the name of Syd Spencer, openly gay cowboy, who is a rarity during the country and western music. So I read about him and one of the gay publications, one of the national publications, so went out and found some music by him and Michael, happy birthday to you. And your next birthday. I hope you'll be able to do just what SIDS talking about in this song. Dancing through Texas. Ooh, happy birthday, Michael.

S Sarah Dipalma 07:18

Well, Michael, we hope you're in a better place the next time you get to hear it. And was also on waltz across Texas with us. Yeah,

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Jimmy Carper 07:26

yeah, it's not as peppy as this one. No, I like I like this because it's pretty peppy.

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Sarah Dipalma 07:32

Well, let's start by talking about the HGO PC vote and then we'll open up the phones. Okay, since we are going to open up the phones, let's go ahead and give out the number right now. Our number is 5265738. That's 526 K p f t. That's right. And we're going to be talking about transgender issues, transgendered politics, but you don't need to be transgender to call we're looking for some input. Yeah. So let's start off by talking about this. First of all, I want to thank some people for some very hard work. I want to thank LuJack Tyler. He's gonna be on the on the show next week. LuJack told me yesterday that he is 19 years old. Oh, it is disgusting that he is so smart. And only 19. I am so envious of him. I could eat my fingers. LuJack and did a really did incredible work trying to get us into the HGO PC. Tim Granger, who interestingly works with that other lawyer whose name we shall not mentioned I say yeah, also did a lawful lot of work for us. I want to thank Sicily when in a nice Parker, they also worked pretty hard. Let me tell you, those

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Jimmy Carper 08:45

are two women who have worked really hard for a very long time. They just

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Sarah Dipalma 08:48

believe in equality period, regardless of who these people are. It seems very simple. What happened was, for several months, there have been quite a few people who have been working behind the scenes, trying to get the bylaws of the hgu LPC to become transgender inclusive. Now, let me make their point right from the start. We did not ask them to change their name. Okay. Okay.

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Jimmy Carper 09:14

I remember that was that was an issue several years back with Phyllis.

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Sarah Dipalma 09:17

Yeah, well, it was decided early on that it was going to be easier to make the glacier melt, than to give the HGO PC to change their names. So we gave up on that idea real early. So the suggestion was made. Let's see what we can do about getting them to include transgenders in their bylaws. Yeah. Okay. The original motion, was it had it passed, would have would have committed the caucus to promote and protect the political interest of lesbian, gay men,

bisexuals, and transgendered people. Yep. And the second one part of it will said would have been to educate the public with regard to homosexuality. bisexuality and transgendered sexuality that vote lost 22 for 22

J Jimmy Carper 10:09

What was that? Was that was only

S Sarah Dipalma 10:12

there we go, we lost 17 Four and 22 again. So at that point Cicely when in a nice Parker, who apparently anticipated this going down in flames came in with a substitute motion. Yeah, the substitute motion, all it would have done is it would have committed the caucus to educate the public with regard to homosexuality, and to condemn all discrimination, including that based on gender identity. And well, what's wrong with that? Second part of it said that would require the caucus to exhibit solidarity and cooperation with transgenders. Yeah, okay. My characterization, right characterization of the second one is what allowed us to ride on the back of the bus. And I was willing to accept that, so to speak. Yeah, I was willing to accept that because it was at least a toe in the door. I trust in these Parker and she felt like that was the best we were gonna get. That was cool with me. Yeah, it lost. In fact, it lost 28. Lost. I want to get my numbers right here. It lost 17, four and 23 games? Oh, well, then there was a parliamentary maneuver, as there always is. They're always in a second vote was taken on the second motion. Okay, that one, we needed 28 votes for two thirds majority. We got 26. So it failed by two votes. Now, here's, here's the situation. And I want to I want to try and see if I can make this clear. There are 26 people who voted for this. And I don't want to throw the baby out with the bathwater. So for the folks who work hard to get transgenders included, I want to make it clear that the organization which I run, It's Time Texas, is going to continue to work with gay and lesbian individuals on an individual basis. The problem is that if you take the vote, this this vote, which again means we're not included in each GOP say, and you add it to the fact that we were excluded from hate crimes built. While the membership of the organizations may be transgender, friendly, and possibly even transgender educated, the meme the official position of the organizations is not. So the only situation the only attitude that we can take at this point is that we feel we have to defend ourselves against these groups. So now we're in a situation for example, where we will end up proposing a hate crimes bill and the h n and the LG ARL will no doubt produce a hate crimes. Damn, we have to do double the work now we'll use double the work we'll do double the money will confuse our will confuse our friends will confuse the public, all of which could have been invoiced could have been avoided. And the case of the HTPC election is only one year and a half off. Yeah. Already. People who are politically involved are talking about organizing precincts. I've already told the people in my membership, if the HD RPC calls, tell them to drop dead, we'll do it ourselves. Yeah. Don't contribute any money to them. Don't give any energy to them. And that's it. I hate that. I hate to hear we should be working together. We should be working together. But I absolutely refuse to have anything to do with organizations that can't even agree to cooperate with it. Yeah. And the sad part about it is we did get 26 votes in favor of it. Yes. So how do we make it clear that we're not indeed upset with individuals, but the official position of the organization is such that we consider it discriminatory? I make the I made the characterization. And I think it's true, then, in effect, what the HGO PC did is to vote to remain segregated. I don't think that vote was any different than a vote of people in a country club who decided to keep African Americans out. That's

That's right. Yes. And I don't think that's anything to be proud of. It was a small group. We had 12 consistent votes against no matter what. They all revolve around one personality. Yes. And one political segment. And they work their way against the majority. The majority wanted to have it happen. A minority didn't. Those are the rules of the caucus. I want to stress that we were treated fairly. The president of the Hga OPC treated as well. There was none of the acrimony or personal things that had happened the last time the vote was taken. She did a real good job of keeping that under control, and we appreciate it. But the fact remains, we're still not included. Right? So we're not going to be able to take any other choice. I see we have a line flashing here. Does this mean that we have a caller or

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Jimmy Carper 15:12

possibly, right is taking care of that.

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Sarah Dipalma 15:16

Okay. I want to say again, that we're, we're opening up our phone lines, we'd like to talk about this our numbers 5265738. And, yeah, Tom is on line seven, who'd like to talk about it? So. Okay, we'll go ahead and let's take our first call here. Hang on, we're gonna get him on. Okay, Tom, you they're not yet. Okay. We're working on folks. This is, this is radio, and it takes a little while to get equipment set up. So hang on. It's, it's a to me, it's a very sad situation. Because Hello, hello. Yeah, Tom, you there. Yeah. Can you hear me? Yeah, gotcha. Go ahead. Okay.

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This is going to go down hard with with a lot of people. But it is my firm belief that the caucus does not represent the opinion of the majority of people within the within the community. It represents what a small, small minority. And as far as, as the President Terry Richardson is concerned, I don't believe that, that Terry Richardson would want to include Linnet, as, as well as, as other people with that call themselves leaders within the caucus, and so called leaders of the community, they they only represent a small minority, they only represent their viewpoints, and not the majority of people within the community. And now, I know that people are going to take that hard. But but that is my experience with with the people that I know, that control the caucus. I'm a member of the caucus, but I'm also a member of the Log Cabin Republicans. And I did not want the Log Cabin Republicans have to win with the caucus, because of the animosity that the that the leadership within the caucus has been causing the the people well, we're so often have told outright lies. And even there is an instance where the leadership of the caucus tried to destroy a another person's business that is a member of the Log Cabin Republicans simply because they disagreed with her politics. So but the majority of the caucus does not represent the opinion of them and of the majority of people within within the gay community.

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Sarah Dipalma 17:53

Well, let me say first of all about Terry Richardson that she that the last time a vote was taken on transgender inclusion, if you remember, there was an awful lot of hatred and animosity. And Terry Richardson did a very good job of hitting that off before it ever occurred. Yeah, that's, uh,

yeah. And I want to give her credit for that, because it could have been vicious. And it was and it wasn't. So I want to give credit where credit's due. Yeah,



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that's what Terri does in public. You understand? That's not what Terry says in in private.



S Sarah Dipalma 18:23

Well, I don't know what she's like in private. So I can't I can't address that. All I can say I do. I'm fairly Yeah. What the problem though, is this. In my organization, we are my organization. We have people on all extremes. We have people on one side who are essentially homophobes. We have people on the other side who are themselves gay and lesbian. In a vote like this, all it did was strengthen the hand of the homophobes in my organization. Because I fought like crazy. I have been fighting like crazy for months and months and months now, on the idea of gay, lesbian, transgender inclusion. When we lost, my phone rang off the hook with people who couldn't wait to say to me see I told you, so they don't want us. And I say to them, well, but 26 people voted for us. Well, they say yes, but the organization still doesn't want us. And of course, they're right. It leaves me in the middle of no place.



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Well, I'll just say one thing. The that's the key word, the organization, but the community does. Does want you it's the organization that bold is not toxic. Well understand that.



S Sarah Dipalma 19:31

Yeah, I do. But honestly, at this point, we're taking a very defensive position, because we've had this problem with the LG ARL. We've had this problem with HGO. PC, we've had this problem with gay lesbian groups in Washington DC with ENDA. We have reached the decision that from here on out we're going to take a very defensive position. And that what we plan to do is we're going to simply go ahead and put our agenda forward, if it upsets the gay lesbian community, to bet and I hate to do that because you means we're going to spend double money. We're going to do double energy. We're going to confuse all political allies, we're going to confuse our friends within the community. way we've tried for 15 years, um, through trying, from here on out, they can compete with us, or they can include us there pick



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up. Well, well, believe me, I, I, I sincerely believe that the majority of people within a community want you included within the community, you understand, as they're out there hollering about that, registering people to vote. This is an end, it's a facade. It's the, it's light. And I tried to express that opinion, to the Log Cabin Republicans, that that's what I that I

personally felt. Now, I am not expressing animosity toward members within the within the caucus, I am simply saying that the leadership within the caucus, have their own agenda and could really give a damn less about the gay people about the gay people, period,

 Sarah Dipalma 21:12

I hope somebody in the COC is out there and will respond to that. I'd like I'd like to hear their side of it.

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Well, that's just it every time. I tried to face them with it. They, they always walk away. And matter of fact, there has been, there has been a couple of people that have even come out and told outright lies about me. And has spread that around the community, not that I care less, because I I am an independent, and and and they don't pay my bills, they don't pay my rent. And I'm out of work. So I really don't care what they say.

 Sarah Dipalma 21:51

Well, Tom, thanks a lot for calling. We're going to talk a little bit more, and hopefully we'll do more calls. And thanks a lot. Yeah, okay. Bye, bye. Well, I hope you

 Jimmy Carper 22:02

can always count on Tom for an opposing view.

 Sarah Dipalma 22:05

Well, I hope that he's right. And I hope there are some people out there who will call in and give some more views on this. Our number is 526-573-8526 KPFT. As long as we're talking about politics, let's talk about some of the proposals. The transgender caucus is going to put forward spectrum 95

 Jimmy Carper 22:25

Oh, okay. What do you mean put forward? Well as spectrum

 Sarah Dipalma 22:29

95, it's one of the things the spectrum is going to do is have a sort of town meeting. And every organization is supposed to have been putting together proposals for ratification of this town meeting. Oh, and the transgender caucus, I think was probably one of the very first to get on the bandwagon about this. The last time there was a town meeting here, if you recall, the

Montrose clinic came out of that. That's right. There was some lesbian switchboard switchboard came out of that. So the transgender community views spectrum in the town meeting as an opportunity to perhaps do for the transgender community. What happened for the gay lesbian community the last time? Sure. So one of the things that I like about the transgender caucus is that this caucus has been completely integrated in the sense that this has included the views of drag queens, this has included the views of cross dressers. This has included the views of just just about every transgender group in the city. And so I'm really pleased with that. And when we talk, we'll talk about some of the things that we're going to put forward. One of the first resolutions that we've got will be relating to transgender youth will become very aware that there are almost no social services in the city. They can take care of transgendered youth, you're absolutely correct. We become aware that there are a lot of street kids who are transgender. In fact, we're becoming more and more aware of a situation in Houston right now, where we have street kids who are injecting street level hormones, and then sharing the needles. And so we have become aware of that problem. One of the one of the proposals we will put forward will be to call on town meeting to help us resolve some of these issues, these issues if there are gay lesbian organizations that have capability helping us would ask for their help on that. And so that's, that's one of the first resolutions. The second one would have to do with education about transgendered issues. We would like to see a a speaker's bureau created in the gay lesbian, bisexual transgender community while they're actually there is one isn't it? The gara Well, if there is we've never been any part of it. Oh, okay. And so if there is we'd like to become partner in that's that's the basis of the second proposal. Our third proposal is for increased training insensitivity and For social service agencies. Now I can tell you about this one from personal experience because I used to have a gold card with the county. I had a couple of instances where I was basically put on display. And oh, look at the look at the freak. Brother. Um, that's a problem. Yeah, we have had, we had one instance in the last month of a person who was in the emergency room of a hospital and the doctor refused to treat her because the person was transgender. And preoperative, and the doctor wouldn't touch her. So we become aware that this is a problem in the community. It is a problem, particularly with the county, we're trying to talk to the county about it now. But that's another one of the resolutions from the transgender caucus. We want to talk about health issues. One of the biggest problems in transgender community. If you are a transgendered person, it is a very expensive process. Oh, yes. What happens to the people who don't have the money? Where do they get hormone? Yeah, where do they get treatment?

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Jimmy Carper 26:05

So we would like on the treatment? Do they end up getting?

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Sarah Dipalma 26:09

Not much, if any, and and we've actually had several instances where the doctors had just been flat wrong. So we're very concerned about that. One of our proposals that we're putting forward is the creation of a social service agency that would be specifically for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues. And we would work toward building a dialogue between those communities and health service agencies. One has to do with the religious rights of transgender people. Another is a resolution to repeal Texas penal code 20 1060. Yeah. Which of course makes gay lesbian. Well, not lesbian. I guess just just gay men sexual. One, we will call for the resolution support of transgender inclusive hate crimes legislation, if Diane is here

would expect you to pose that. One is law enforcement on law on law enforcement resolutions, which basically is thinking in these parkering Rayfield for the work. Yeah. Another one was a resolution on the jail policies for the transgender. Oh,

 Jimmy Carper 27:17

gosh, we have it's got to be a nightmare. Yeah. And then

 Sarah Dipalma 27:20

comes the last one. Given the vote that just occurred in HD LPC, the resolution is in support of transgender political inclusion. Oh, boy. So if Tom is right, if Tom is correct, that the community does want us included, they're going to get another chance to show it and it won't take a two thirds majority. That's true, we'll get to find out how serious the community is about one a transgender people included. So that pretty much covers the political end for now. And once again, if you'd like to call us and you'd like to talk about it while we're in the music, or before we go on an interview, our number is 5265738. We'll be glad to talk to you on the air if you'd like to talk to us about transgendered issues or transgender inclusion politics. Give us a call primatek is Pride Week is coming up. Oh,

 Jimmy Carper 28:13

I know this month is so busy there's a rush to do too much you have a spectrum and everything else going on?

 Sarah Dipalma 28:18

I think you've got some music.

 Jimmy Carper 28:20

I have some brand new music as well. Okay. I played it last week but it's a good song. It's Janis Ian that her protest best she's got a brand new album out called Revenge and Boise.

 Sarah Dipalma 28:33

Janice is still around.

 Jimmy Carper 28:34

Oh yes. In fact, she's on the cover of the advocate on this latest issue and she has never looked better

S Sarah Dipalma 28:41

now. I'm gonna give him my age because I remember when she first can't repair it. Oh,

J Jimmy Carper 28:45

yes. She and you and I are all about the same age. Well, okay. And she's looking good. Well real good.

S Sarah Dipalma 28:53

Let someone is here.

J Jimmy Carper 28:56

As you can you will be able to tell from this song. If you were listening last week you heard it it candidacy and take no prisoners Genesee and take no prisoners. You know, that's a hot song. I

S Sarah Dipalma 29:14

was it's not a hot song. He's grown up. Yeah.

J Jimmy Carper 29:16

Yeah, she has,

S Sarah Dipalma 29:19

you know, it's a terrible thing. I was listening to a radio station coming in and they were talking about the monkeys. And it's, you know, the worst part. I remember their television show.

J Jimmy Carper 29:30

I know. I know. I remember that.

S Sarah Dipalma 29:32

Well, today I had an opportunity to do something that I always enjoy. Dr. Collier Cole, who runs the Rosenberg clinic in Galveston had his semi annual get together today. Now what this is, is this, these are people who are either either his clients currently have been his clients, or in

some cases, they're just people who are involved in the transgender community and the The it's it's think of it as an alumni gathering. Okay? The interesting thing about this is today, this is a room with 6065 people, all of them transsexuals or their parents, ranging in age from 19 to about 50 something. And Dr. Cole is going to be speaking at the law conference, this will be his first time coming to the Transgender Law conference. And so he put a question forward today. And the question was Ines, I'm trying to think the easiest way to explain this. In essence, the question, the question was, should yeah, should. I'm trying to think I want to, I want to put this in a way that makes this clear. Should therapists do more? To make life easier for transgendered clients? Hmm. Or how much responsibility do the clients have for themselves?

J Jimmy Carper 30:58

Well, it's not a question with any.

S Sarah Dipalma 31:03

Well, it was very interesting, because there was there were several people there who basically believed it was a clarinetist duty to do everything. Oh, everything. It was their responsibility to go to the legislature and get things done. It was their responsibility to get stuff into the library. It was their responsibility to fix their ills.

J Jimmy Carper 31:22

In that, oh, yes, yeah. My life for me.

S Sarah Dipalma 31:26

Yeah, fix my life. There was a second group of people who basically said, Well, no, it's not the therapists responsibility. It's my responsibility. And as soon as I get it fixed, I'm hide. Oh, I'm going to disappear into the woodwork. And I'm not going to do squat for anybody. And I really found that

J Jimmy Carper 31:47

because you have to reinvent yourself all the time. If you don't have a history.

S Sarah Dipalma 31:51

Well, I made I made the comment while I was there, that I didn't understand how people ever expected to see things improve. There was a lot of whining, you know, oh, poor us. We have no employment protection. All poor us. We don't have this Whoa, poor us. We don't have that. Well,

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Jimmy Carper 32:08

don't you have to kind of get off your can and do something about it. Well, gee, that's

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Sarah Dipalma 32:11

what I said. And, and one of the women said, I didn't want anybody to know, I'm transsexual. And I said, Well, gee, you know, you can call a legislator. Oh, no, I couldn't do that. But they want things to change. They just don't want to have to do anything to make it change. It made me crazy. That's not made me nuts. I can imagine. There were a few people there who said, I ain't buying what you're selling. That was primarily D, Phyllis and myself. A couple of people were kind enough to give its time, Texas, some donations. And I appreciate that. Thank you very much. But it does raise an interesting issue. Because when I heard some of the people saying it, Dr. Cole today was a lot of same stuff I heard at the GOP say, we are not the same as gay, lesbian people. They don't understand us. And I told them the same thing. I told the people gRPC the responsibility is to be quiet. Listen, and when you get an opportunity to speak, speak, towards this, oh, we can't do that. Oh, brother. If you are out there, folks, I'll let me tell you how this really works. You go to a state legislature, and you go and you talk to legislators, and I've probably talked to 100 or 150 of them now. And the number one response you get from legislators is I don't have any transgendered people in my district.

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Jimmy Carper 33:34

Yeah, you probably don't have any gay ones either. Right, exactly.

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Sarah Dipalma 33:37

The difference is that the gay lesbian people 7000 of them will march on Austin. Yes, we'd be lucky to get 70 of them to show up at his social in Dr. Cole was very nice.

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Jimmy Carper 33:51

Your church seems kind of the opposite in the gay community where people go into the closet after they transition,

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Sarah Dipalma 33:59

which is strange. The strange thing to me is these are the very same people who if they have problem getting a job, call me and say I'm being discriminated against. Hmm. And I'll say that, well, yes. What have you done to change it? And they'll say, I thought you were doing and I really want to choke them and say, Well, you know, a cash donation to the organization would have been good. Yeah. The phone bill came out of my pocket. So if you folks are out there, I'm not yelling at you. But I am asking you to rethink some of those attitudes. The only way is

J Jimmy Carper 34:38

because I know Sarah and she's perfectly willing to go to Austin any day of the week and talk to innumerable people. She loves doing it.

S Sarah Dipalma 34:46

It's truth as I do love it. You know, I I might

J Jimmy Carper 34:50

want to but she has to live in the meantime.

S Sarah Dipalma 34:52

Yeah, I admitted I love blowing legislators stereotype. I live to do it. I admitted it. Just gives it makes my day to watch a legislators jaws drop when they look at me go. You're transsexual? Oh my god. Yeah. I don't know what they expected. Maybe they think it's catchy or something. I don't know. It was really funny. I talked to this one legislator from way out in West Texas. I mean, you know, we're not even the cattle will go, I think. And this guy has a district that's the size of Connecticut. I mean, it's just, it's just humongous. And so here we are talking to this guy about transsexuals. And he stops me and says, girl, I don't mean to offend you. But we got 5000 cattle and 200 people. And I really didn't have any answer for him. But it wouldn't be nice if you're out there. Really, it was. But one of the things that was interesting is that there were more parents there today. Oh, what's more supportive? Parents. And a number of them said they heard our show. Oh, in so I felt pretty good about that. I wanted to share that with you.

J Jimmy Carper 36:00

Thank you. That is a complete surprise. I didn't tell me this. No, I

S Sarah Dipalma 36:04

didn't. I intentionally didn't never than him said that. They had heard our show. And that helped. So we're having it's nice to get that kind of feedback you from bad areas you bet from parents. Let me bring in D McKellar D is here. Partly to talk about spectrum and partly to talk about something else. I think D the microphone is yours. Go ahead and

J Jimmy Carper 36:26

well, D is holding a spectrum official program guide in her hand and I've I was telling Sarah beforehand. I saw Denise and Wendy Holloman holding them around today.



36:40

Yes, they are out there. Darn good book. Very attractive. Yeah, very nicely done. In fact, tonight, we're out in front of Pacific Street, passing them out selling some of our CDs hand in hand. Oh, good. And we've got t shirts and raffle tickets. You You've got it all. And there's still time to get down there folks. Okay,



J Jimmy Carper 37:07

right in front of Pacific's right in front of Pacific Street.



37:10

Okay. Did you really want me to talk about Edelman? Yeah. Okay.



S Sarah Dipalma 37:19

D is reluctant to talk about it. But I want to let's talk about this now. You folks have heard me talk about hate crimes. And you've heard me talk about how transgendered people are not included in hate crimes. And maybe some people don't understand my passion about that. And I think D is going to help explain what the where the passion is coming from?



37:39

Well, about three weeks ago, I got home late one Tuesday night, actually the 16th of May if anybody's keeping count, got home late. And as is my habit. I was sitting on the couch, I had the apartment door open a few inches. Because my cat has been cooped up all day, she likes to go out. And then she likes to come right back in again. And then she goes out again. It's a luxury for her to have the door open for a few minutes. Anyhow, I was sitting there going over the mail and all of a sudden, the cat runs in, not in a playful mood at all. She was crouched down and clearly scared. And I thought, oh, what's happening? Just then the door got pushed open all the way. There were two men standing at the door. One was pretty much out of sight. The one who was inside had a bandana over his face. And they basically said, give us your purse. Some of the other words they used don't think belong on the air. But they said Give us your prayers. I said, Well, I said to myself, Oh, shucks, what do I do now? My purse is in the other room? Am I really gonna go in there and get it? No, I don't think that's a good idea. So I said, Sorry, guys. I don't have it. I don't have my purse here to throw to you. And they repeated their request. And this time. The guy with the bandana who was doing all the talking motion to his partner and said he's got a gun. Well, his partner leaned forward and showed what they claimed was a gun when I looked at it. It might have been a machine pistol. I don't know why, but I wasn't going to question what it was. And I thought, Oh, shucks. And I was thinking, gee, if they're going to shoot me in order to get the purse what do they do if they get the purse? They'll probably shoot me anyway, so Well, I just hope it doesn't hurt. too much. And we talked a little bit longer and basically I convinced them that they weren't going to get a purse from me without shooting. So they went away. Well, that was that was pretty scary. But then

again, I kind of asked for it's sitting there at 11 o'clock at night with the door open. It's not a particularly high class neighborhood. So I said, Okay, well, I've learned something. I'll be smarter. Two days later, Thursday night