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The other book I'm working on is with the co author Caitlin Sullivan, who is an amazing bunch up in Seattle. And brilliant writer, she was former editor of the Seattle game news and one of the founding editors of some CD ROM magazines that are still in the market today. It's a cyber romance thriller. Wow takes place a lot of it online. And there's a government plot involved. And these two people meet on the internet. And it's really interesting. And it's all to do with being on the internet. And we call it nearly roadkill. And that'll be out in the spring of next year. So I'm working on those too.



Sarah Dipalma 00:41

One thing I'll say for you, you don't sit around and just rest on your laurels. It has really been a pleasure to get to meet you in person.



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I love your smile. It's really a pleasure to see. You know, yeah,



Sarah Dipalma 00:52

I don't you probably don't know how much excitement that Your arrival has caused here. But people have been calling me for three days. And when you show up once you share.



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Well, I hope everybody comes to crossword Marcus. Because, you know, like, you know, there's time for questions and answers and just a lot of chat. And that'll be fun.

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Sarah Dipalma 01:06

A lot of them will be there. And a lot of them will be out there tonight, as well. Because you're gonna be doing book reading, I believe, aren't you? Yeah, yeah. A lot of them will be good seating as well. So cool. Kate, thank you very much.

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Thank you so much.

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Sarah Dipalma 01:20

It has been a long time since anyone made me speechless. I can count the number of times that's occurred in my life and the fingers of one hand and still have a few fingers leftover. She's a pistol. Oh, kg is everything that she says she is in her book. And then and then some she is she is just delightful. While you are listening to this is KPFT Houston at 90.1 FM and 89.1 fm K E O S College Station. Bryan, by the way. Hello. He didn't say Say hi. That's right.

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Jimmy Carper 01:58

We haven't we know we've identified but we haven't said Heidi up there. Yeah. How

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Sarah Dipalma 02:04

do y'all actually College Station is really dead right now because classes are over. Oh, when summer school starts again.

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Jimmy Carper 02:12

So it's all deserted up there. That's just the regulars.

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Sarah Dipalma 02:16

And we're gonna go to Sophie B. Hawkins. Yes. And I was just looking at the cover of this CD. She is gorgeous. Shear This is called we are one body starting on June, the 14th. And running through Sunday, the I believe it's the 19 the fourth annual Transgender Law conference will be taking place here in Houston. What is that? Well, it's very interesting. This is something that Phyllis Frey started it is the International Conference on Transgender Law and employment policy. And anybody that's transgendered, whether you're talking about a crossdresser, or a person who's preoperative, transsexual or non operative transsexual, whatever your case may be, we all share some very common traits and one of those as employment problems. We all share a particularly if you're transsexual we pray we share problems dealings with with quit

with the courts. We there we share problems in trying to transition on the job. And Phyllis decided that since there really wasn't any law, anywhere in the country to deal with it, that the answer was to start working on the creation of law. And that's essentially what the law conference does. First, I want to first of all, explain to people all don't let the title Transgender Law conference scare you away. It is not just for attorneys, about half of the people who come to the law conference are non attorney, myself included, I'm not an attorney. And I want to I got the complete list from Phyllis of who is going to be there and what they're going to do. And it's much too lengthy to go into in total. But I did want to point out a few things and talk about them because your your things that we've talked about on the show. First of all conference starts Wednesday, the 14th of June. And primarily that day is going to be an orientation day. And we've learned that that's important because people who come to the law conference for the first time, really end up getting blown away. For many people who come to the conference, they know activist by name, but they've never met us in person. Yes. And to hear what some of the people will have to say over the next few days to get to meet some of the people in person to attend the dinners in here the awards in and learn the some of the things that people have done, the courage that has been put forward really gets to be too much for some folks, it gets to be in too intense. So we've learned that they really need to do an orientation to prepare them for that. So that's basically what Wednesday is, for Wednesday's and orientation are now on Thursday. They really get serious. And they have different kinds of workshops. There are workshops involving employment law. There are workshops involving health law. One of the things that I'm going to be looking for on Wednesday is a workshop on insurance and health law. Now, that's a big issue for transgender people go if you're looking for surgery, for example, it's not covered under insurance.

 Jimmy Carper 05:31

And yeah, and what about complications that might happen later on and

 Sarah Dipalma 05:36

it Dr. Coles get together today, I've spent some time with a young lady who had had her surgery a year ago. And now her insurance won't touch her. She's having complications. And they're saying to her, Well, that was complications of surgery that we didn't cover in the first place. So now we won't pay for any complications coming out of it either. Oh, he says. So in other words, if I got a yeast infection, they wouldn't cover me. You're kidding. No, that's exactly right. Because anything that happens to her from here on out having anything to do with the fact that she's a female, they won't cover

 Jimmy Carper 06:07

it. Isn't there like a pre existing condition besides your

 Sarah Dipalma 06:12

company saying that this is that any complication that happens to her as a result of her being female is preexisting condition coming out of surgery?

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Jimmy Carper 06:20

Most policies that they have, like you have a waiting period, and then then it'll cover it but but but is it like,

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Sarah Dipalma 06:30

she's gonna sue her insurance company? It'll be interesting to see because this will be new case law if she wins. Yeah. At this workshop on Wednesday, the speakers will be Dallas Denny who runs the American education, gender information service, Aegis. Aegis is one of the very few places in the country where you can get factual information about hormones, surgery. More importantly, we can get factual information on the success rate of surgeons, the complication rate of surgeons, and they are not affiliated with any clinic. I am not affiliated with any doctor, I can say that straight answers. So this is she will be one of the speakers. Dr. Collier Cole from the Rosenberg clinic will be one of the speakers the first time ever being at the law conference. And Linda Phillips, who has been on the show before, and runs, Bolton and park in San Antonio will be one of the moderators there. So that will be very interesting. Another one of the conferences that day will be at the keynote luncheon. And the keynote speaker at the luncheon on Thursday, will be Martine Rothblatt she will be presenting a slideshow on the apartheid of sex. I saw this at the tea party. It is killer. It really is in Martine Rothblatt is one of the most impressive people I think I've ever met. This is a person with a PhD it plus, who doesn't come off as being arrogant, is an author of three best selling books, and just sits down chats with you. Cool really is really a cool ad. On Friday, there will be a number of workshops as well. And one of the ones that I'm going to be looking for is called respecting your choice. And it will feature as a guest speaker, Jane Ellen Fairfax, who is the president of the triad as sorority, a heterosexual crossdressing group, the first time they have ever attended the law conference. No

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Jimmy Carper 08:32

kidding. That's wonderful.

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Sarah Dipalma 08:33

That's incredible. Yeah, that's that's really something and another one of the speakers at their conference will be Kim Stewart and Kim Stewart. He has written a book called The Uninvited dilemma, which is a kind of a handbook for it's like a primer for beginning transsexuals, a very, very helpful book, and she will be one of the speakers that that later on in the day there will be another another seminar and this will deal with imprisonment and transgender in prison imprisonment rights. And the speaker will be your own Ray Hill, who is an off board member of the trend of the Transgender Law conference. All the other speaker will be Connie Moore also from Houston. Good old Connie more. Connie is terrific. She really is a lawyer. Yes. In and involved in bar several civil rights organization. Yes. Now on Friday, there again, there'll be several seminars and one of the and at this particular seminar. You can bet I'm going to be there. The guest speaker is going to be 14 McKenzie Oh yeah. So we're doing the show from transgender nation. And the three directors of its time American here and Karen Jessica Xavier

and Jane fee. And Friday afternoon, there is going to be our big awards ceremony. And I want to tell people who's going to be getting the awards. Some of the awards are going to be the transgender Pioneer Award. And that's going to go to Gene fee. Chain fee is the person who's largely responsible for the passing of the transgender protection law in the state of Minnesota. A retired Air Force combat pilot, transgender, fascinating person, 60, something years old, twice as much energy as I've got. Another one of the awards is going to go to James Green, and Shelly Sal URI. They are responsible for the passing of the ordinance in San Francisco. And included in that list is going to be our own Jim Carper. He will be receiving the the It's Time Texas transgender inclusion award.

J Jimmy Carper 10:41

I'm very proud of that.

S Sarah Dipalma 10:43

Well, you know, it's funny thing Phyllis and I were just talking about about this the other day, and we both agree, we couldn't think of anybody that was more deserving. And now I'm really looking forward to it.

J Jimmy Carper 10:54

Bring, oh, yes, I'm gonna bring who's ever in town? Yeah.

S Sarah Dipalma 10:59

And, and the thing about this, the Friday evening get together, is this is this is like the culmination of all the hard work. Yes. And the last time that I was there, it just, it blew me away. As much as I would have been used to being around activists, I wasn't prepared for the energy that comes out of this world. It's, it's really something to be in a room, if anybody here ever dropped the bomb in this room would be in trouble. They could kill 98% Of all the transgender activists in America, probably at least the leader probably. So that's really something and then on Saturday, there is a, a sort of some summation. And reports come back from all of the workshops. And they make there's another luncheon. And finally, they the the conference comes to an end. But I want to point out to people that the cost for all of this is very inexpensive. The cost for the entire conference is only \$140. That includes all the meals. Wow. Which is really unusual. If you are an attorney, you do get continuing education credit. It is going to be held at the I want to get this right here at the Hilton Hotel, Southwest. Okay, where's that? That's 67. at Southwest Freeway, that's right at the base of the hillcroft exit. Oh, okay. Okay, if you if you need more information, if you'd like to attend the conference, you can give the law conference call the number is 7238368. And one of the things that comes out of the law conference, and in fact, one of the things with law conferences become most well known for is something called the International Bill of gender, right? Ah, yes, we've talked about that now. De McKellar was in Finland and found a copy of this that had been sent over the Internet and she founds this the gender Bill of Rights in Finnish and brought it back. And it was really cool to look at this thing in Finnish, I can't imagine the gender Bill of Rights really is

very simple. And I'm just gonna go over them quickly. And we can talk about a few of them. The first one is the right to define gender identity. Okay. fairly basic, I think, the right to free expression of gender identity, it doesn't help to be able to define it. If you can't act. That's, that's true. Makes sense. The right to secure and retain employment and receive just compensation that are fairly simple. But that's, you know, after all, we are talking about employment. This is one that always brings on a lot of controversy, the right to control and change one's own body. There are some people who would like who are make making the argument that surgery, sex change surgery is really cosmetic surgery. And it shouldn't be any big deal. You want to be able to just go to call a clinic and say, I want surgery on demand. Oh, and my response to them is you're out of your mind. Sorry, you're just out of your mind.

J Jimmy Carper 14:06

Anyone that that considers surgery. Something that you just drop in and have done

S Sarah Dipalma 14:13

anybody who surgery needs to talk to people who have been through this process. And they're gonna say, oh, no, honey, you don't know how much trouble you're getting into. I talked to a person today who had her surgery a year ago. And she's still recovering from some parts of it. Or the right to competent medical and professional care. Yes, in this entire city of Houston. There are only three clinical psychologists who are competent to deal with transgender issues. A lot of people end up going to psychiatric psychiatrists spending \$120 an hour to teach the psychiatrist about the issue.

J Jimmy Carper 14:50

What about the Montrose Counseling Center?

S Sarah Dipalma 14:53

They're better than they are better than some of they have two people there who have studied with Dr. Cole. So they are much more competent in the Montrose Counseling Center has Woody Allen on their board in open transgender person, and they are making a genuine effort. In fact, it's one of the places that I am able to recommend to people with confidence. Because I've heard good things come back. I know people are well treated there. There are certainly some people in the city I wouldn't pin people to. But Montrose Counseling Center is very good. Here's one that has caused a huge fight in our community, the right to freedom from psychiatric diagnosis, or treatment.

J Jimmy Carper 15:35

Okay, now let's what does that mean? Let's

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Sarah Dipalma 15:39

use me as an example. Okay, now, because I'm gonna talk, I'll talk about myself for a minute. I decided I knew early on that I was transsexual, I didn't need to pay a psychiatrist \$160 an hour for him to tell me that or her to tell me that. Okay, why was it necessary for me to go and do that and pay that money? Because that's the way the game gets played. You can't get the hormones until you get the diagnosis. Oh,

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Jimmy Carper 16:04

yes. But if you carry that further than somebody with without counseling, can demand the surgery?

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Sarah Dipalma 16:16

Well, no, no, hormones is one thing, surgery, something entirely different. There are some people and Phyllis and I think are probably good examples. And there are many others that I know of, who have had to spend a ton of money to be told stuff they already knew. Instead, what real, what we think probably needs to be done is there needs to be some sort of clearing house, or perhaps a secondary set of, of rules for people like us who come in and say, Listen, I'm 40 years old, or no, no, okay, you know, I've been through, I've been through my life issues, my children are growing up, I know what I want. Let's have this session, and let's get the hormone started. Instead of going

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Jimmy Carper 16:59

through our experience on a 16 or 17 year old that doesn't have a life experience, instead

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Sarah Dipalma 17:04

of paying \$700 for a test, a full web, which you already know what the results will be. That's what they're talking about. No one, in least of all me would ever suggest that surgery on demand is a good idea. And in fact, I'm not even sure hormones and demand is a good idea, right? If it turns out, for example, that you happen to be diabetic, or you have a pancreatic problem, you shouldn't be on hormones, period. Because hormones work off of your pancreas. If you've had a liver disease, if you have had liver problems, you shouldn't be on hormones. So any, so I'm not one of those people who says oh, yeah, you got to go start hormones under me and either, because that can lead to a big those can lead, it can kill you. I mean, let's make it simple here. It can kill you.

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Jimmy Carper 17:48

And there is a big problem with kids on the street. We're new to

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Sarah Dipalma 17:53

Houston, it's been going on in New York City for a long time. But that's new to Houston. But we have we have been hearing more and more cases of it. Typically, this is among the runaway kids or throwaway kids street kids, for the most part. They don't have access to clinicians, they don't have access to medical care. So they are buying street grade hormones. Typically when hormones that are coming out of Mexico, there is no clinical testing for cleanliness, or potency, or any of those things. So Lord knows what you're you're injecting to begin with. And then they're sharing the needles

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Jimmy Carper 18:27

and not Oh, that's double fat nerds.

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Sarah Dipalma 18:30

I mean, well, you know, I mean, I think by now we all know, that's good way to contract it. Absolutely. And in fact, that is what's happening. And it's an issue that we're going to have to start addressing, I say we meeting the transgender leadership, we're looking at ways to address it now because it has only recently come to our attention. But we've already heard of several cases. So we know if there are that many there will be more Oh, yes. Another one another part of the is the right to form committed, loving relationships and enter into marital contract. Now in transgendered people, that's interesting, because that can mean a lot of different things. For example, if I know several people who were married as a heterosexual couple, and then one member or the other transition, right, so they started out as male female couple, and let's say the male transitions to female. Is their marriage still valid? Now? They're same sex couples. I don't know. Well, in Texas, the answer is yes. Well, because

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Jimmy Carper 19:31

of Phyllis

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Sarah Dipalma 19:31

wrote, well, partly. But if that's true, then why shouldn't same sex marriages of any time be illegal? Right? This is the point that I've been trying to make to a lot of gay and lesbian activist is I don't understand why they don't take a caution say, hey, it's already legal. What are you talking about? I mean, it seems to me this is ready made law. And its internet example where the gay and lesbian can munity could really benefit from transgendered for law. Whether they will do that or not, I'm not sure yeah. And last one is the right to conceive, bear or adopt children, the right to nurture and have custody of children and exercise parental rights. That's a big issue. What often happens is people who transition lose custody of their children I know of I know of one person who actually had to sign a waiver had to sign an agreement, which said, they would be greed to give up all rights to ever visit or ever see, their two children, they were age four, and six. That's way, way too high a price to ever have to pay for transition. So we're looking at the this is called the International Bill of gender rights. This is something that comes

out of the Transgender Law conference, I want to stress also, that it is although it is called the Transgender Law conference, it is in fact gay and lesbian inclusive. Many of the presenters are well known in the gay lesbian community, we have several gay lesbian activists who are either non board members or off board members. The gay and lesbian community is heavily involved in law conference. In fact, the law conference was especially it was in fact, scheduled this time, so that would go hand in hand with a spectrum 95. In fact, on Sunday afternoon, when law conference ends, we all plan to go to spectrum 95. So with that in mind, we invite you to come to the law conference. Again, it's at the Southwest Hilton Hotel, right at the base of the hillcroft exit. And as said, the cost is only \$140. If you would like more information on it. The number is 7238368. Are we going to the phones here? Yes, we are. Okay, we put on the headphones. And we are doing radio, so I'm not gonna nod my head and say hello. Hello, are you there? Number one. We're going to try a different line. Hello, yeah. Hello. Hi, there.

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Jimmy Carper 22:21

Welcome to after hours. You're on the radio. Okay. And you had some comments to make your this is a lady from Belgium.

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Yes. And I think we are all human. And we have to respect each other or there were six of race we are. I don't know. It feels so bad that you make it's like racism and sexism. And I don't think that's a good thing to do. Except it's each other the way you are, then that's how we all can make it.

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Jimmy Carper 23:08

That's That's a wonderful idea. But you being from Belgium, I guess the the idea of homosexuality is not such a rare thing.

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No, it's it happens. It's everywhere in the world. And why do you have to have known your own program to everybody has sex and everybody has a sexual some body like blood, some like men, some like women.

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Jimmy Carper 23:43

That's that's what we've been we've been putting across but see here in Texas, especially. Being gay is technically against the law. This law 20 2106 Well,

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Sarah Dipalma 23:57

I lived in Europe for a couple of years. And I understand that in many countries in Europe, being

gay or being transsexual, or being whatever, is just considered a natural part of life. In this country, our history is much different than what you had in your country. Here we have had sort of a, for lack of a better way to put this I guess, a Puritan idea that sex is different from I don't know that somehow a person's sex is somebody else's business. Yeah.



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People overhear them instead of going home. And they could have been more professional.



S Sarah Dipalma 24:44

You know, we've been making that argument for years. And it has fallen on deaf ears in this country, especially. We have religious groups who are involved in politics. And what they have done is they have brought their religious views into the political arena, in an effect tried to legislate your morality. That's



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many religious groups do you have here? Can you count them on your two hands?



S Sarah Dipalma 25:13

Yes, you're right. You're right. Unfortunately, other religious groups simply sit on their hands and let other people



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religion, OPM say the people.



S Sarah Dipalma 25:23

Yeah, I agree. And I know that's a European viewpoint in this country. Until each of us learn that what the, that what our neighbor does is not our business. We're



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saying here is respect for what? You're and you're a human being invested.



J Jimmy Carper 25:45

I agree. I agree. And thank you for your comments. I love



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you all. Thank you, whatever your sexual feeling is so whatever you you feel like, I love you all, and otherwise, I wouldn't be here.



S Sarah Dipalma 26:04

Well, I've been in your country, and I've had a wonderful time there. It's a beautiful country. Are you here visiting or? No,



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I'm living here.



S Sarah Dipalma 26:12

I will slow Welcome. Welcome. I've I've been to Belgium is a beautiful country. And I wish you know, it's one of the things I've we've talked about on the air is the dome on the internet. And so I can do correspond with people all over the world. And it has made me aware and how many ways America is so very backward.



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Yeah. Yeah.



J Jimmy Carper 26:33

Okay, thank you very much for your time.



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I love you all.



S Sarah Dipalma 26:36

Thank you. Bye. Bye, bye.



J Jimmy Carper 26:38

You're listening to after hours on KPFT Houston, and KEOS College Station, Bryan.

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Sarah Dipalma 26:46

You know, it really is an interesting thing to live in Europe, because their attitudes is so very different. So very different. Yes, I'd say a kind of an of an interesting story for at least it was for me. I had been to Sweden to visit some relatives several years ago. And my family had a 14 year old daughter, who came bouncing down the stairs. Is it your mom, Mama Mater, birth control pills? And her mother said, Well, okay, let's find we'll go to the store and get you some more. And you could have duck feet over with a feather. And afterwards, I said to her, our is everyone in Sweden that open? She said, What would you suggest I let her become pregnant? Was very pragmatic. You know, I mean, there was never any real question about it. And

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Jimmy Carper 27:30

I thought, how, how isn't that the sensible thing to do?

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Sarah Dipalma 27:34

And I thought, but you can never hear that this never happened. That's G they, you know, we can we have a lot we could learn from these people. Yes.

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Jimmy Carper 27:43

How to talk about sex and how to talk about death. You know, the two subjects that are just taboo here, for some reason? Yeah. Why is that? I don't know. I do not know. It's

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Sarah Dipalma 27:57

when I was when I was in college station, I was part of a group that tried to put together a sex education program for the Bryan College Station school district. And we put together a complete program. And we had put it together with the staff of Texas a&m University. One of the problems, however, was that Texas a&m suggested that sex education should begin in the fifth grade. And the school board went berserk. Why? Because they said, well, it shouldn't start until high school, rather, and we're still right by that and honey, they're pregnant by that. You know, there's, I think there's a sort of a blind spine in parents, parents don't want to believe their kids are out doing these things. And they they need to wake up,

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Jimmy Carper 28:42

they do need to wake up. I think a big problem is of that is that when you realize that your child is having sex that makes you older. I never thought it makes you a whole generation older.

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Sarah Dipalma 28:59

Well, yeah.

J Jimmy Carper 29:02

That's true. But if you don't realize that, then you're living in a fairytale land.

S Sarah Dipalma 29:07

i We sat I sat down with my daughter very early on. And we talked about, we talked about sexually transmitted diseases. So well, it's all very important. By the time that she was 13 years old. She knew it chlamydia was she knew what sexually transmitted diseases were. She knew what AIDS was. She understood those things. And my attitude always was I couldn't I can't be with her every minute of the day. I can't stop her from having sex. Right. I could stop her from having responsible sex. And what did that say about me? But I realized that the minority view is still in this country. Unfortunately, yeah. Well, we say goodbye to music and then go to this next interview.

J Jimmy Carper 29:49

Okay, yes. Okay. Some Brand New Music imported by Boy George. It's a new one that you're gonna be here. hearing on the commercial stations in the next couple of months but you're hearing it here first Boy George and he's doing fun time huh okay new music by Boy George called fun time.

S Sarah Dipalma 30:18

One of the neat things about doing the show is that you get to meet some really cool people. Yes, you do. And this the this next interview is with an author named Raymond Marie. Raymond Murray owns a string of gay lesbian video stores in the Philadelphia area. And I frankly begged them to open what really one of the things I like about this is that this is divided this book is divided up by director it by your favorite stars of queer interest, lesbian interest, transgender Easter's any is a section called honourable and dishonourable mansion and what? What book is this? This is called images in the dark Encyclopedia of gay and lesbian film in video. And one of the things that we talked about, which I thought was kind of fun. We talked about the way transgenders were, or have been portrayed in movies over the years. If you folks have not ever seen a movie called Glenn, or Oh, yeah, you want to see a campy movie you want to hear? Here's the original. The original Ed movie, this movie is so bad. It's funny. Yes,

J Jimmy Carper 31:29

it is really an awful move.

S Sarah Dipalma 31:31

You've not lived until you heard Bela Lugosi saying, say, I need thread queens, I need thread. It's it's just too much to stand. You know, movies can really be funny, and that one is just absolutely one of the worst. But he also talks about a good movies, fun movies. It's a terrific book. It's called images in the dark. And we're going to bring the interview with you. And right now his name is Raymond Murray.



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This evening, we are speaking with Freeman Murray's author of images in the dark, an encyclopedia of gay and lesbian, Film and Video. Mr. Murray owns a team of successful offenders video source specializing in foreign culture and gay lesbian cinema.



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I want to start off by asking you about the title of the book. I've got Guido Russo's, they're sitting in their library home. And I saw the title of this book and the My immediate thought was, he was almost ready to go on Sunday.



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Well, I was going through a lot of titles. And it's relatively generic, but it hit me that all the songs I've been watching mostly in the movie theater, so much TV, but as I'm sitting there, and my eyes wide open, and I'm seeing all these images I'm trying to relate to. And that's kind of the journalism of the title. Well,



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I thought was really interesting that the title brought up several different images. In my mind, as I got asked on it, I'm going to do something that may be a little different, I want to start by looking at the indexing. Because I found this little bookstore user friendly. In the back, there is a section for index teams, Infosys is divided up by Academy Award winners. And if you want to look up a movie about aging in the legend, community, there's an index for that. You want to know about movies in the Czech Republic, we shot it. The point is, this was really user friendly. And I wasn't expecting there some of the books that I've been talking, we're gonna need to use that. So I found that I found that real good. Let's start off by talking about the front outlining your book. So people get an idea of what you said. The book, The first section is called favorite directors in independent filmmakers. And I was curious, why did you make the decision?



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Well, I see directors many times are hired and for the most part, films that are in their demography are not gay and lesbian. They, they usually filmmakers, it will in the filmmaker second usually they're independent people, and they specifically are dealing with a lesbian issue. And I just thought we thought a different studio versus independent. A knee, and that's where the separation is kind of not that strong, but I still feel a



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big deal versus a little guy. Yeah,



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exactly. I guess, getting around it. But



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I was pretty interested in how you decided to classify whether it was a feeling of interest, because it is not necessarily as if the director was gay or any of the people in it was, in assumptions insisted he had a gay character. Yeah, which was I thought was kind of interesting that I was going through the book. And I was, I had not realized that some of the directors that were listening so we get some of the means just we're talking to people like James brigade. And if you don't recognize that name, you probably recognize the change syndrome processes from Houston, Houston, you know, Urban Cowboy, merchant and Isaac, you have booked a movie out which I saw Jefferson, say, where syphilis languages and things. But they also did Howard and Remains of the Day. And of course, the legendary John Waters, as if you know who Devine is, you know, John Waters. But also I was used to seeing somebody like Dorothy Sargent, I've never heard of that before. Oh, really? Yeah. Like he's probably the



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most famous legend directors are very active in the 30s in Hollywood very successful. And process, as he went on, on the chat, that he has to worry first, like, a suit and tie. And he's considered by someone who said one of the boys



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keep the record people are looking at he'd record Clara Bow, Katharine Hepburn carry queens. Never Never heard of this lady. He was apparently an open listing at the time I gather. How did that fly and how we were going how we would have a certain



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way, I think a gay man would not have been able to do that. But I think somehow lesbian investor, and directors Club, which is kind of unseen. She's more accepted by the guys that she wasn't threatening to them, I guess. But she's directed her own term for me many very good film,



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people. If you had any movies or names, everybody would recognize this, for sure. Now, one of the people I guess, everybody would recognize the mean keyboard keyboard. Now, I was really interested in that I fall wasn't aware that he was young. And apparently another one that was fairly open during the time. And I guess he's to say, what were the three or four great directors of Honeywell? Definitely.

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And his career standard? I don't know exactly. But maybe at least for two years, about four years, and very sad. And he actually was much more open about a sexuality later on. And he didn't give it to him anymore. So yeah, and he did interviews and things to kind of come out. And

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is it easier to be openly gay as a director than it needs to be as a sign

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much. So I think, as you can see, in that chapter, there's a lot of interesting people that are continuing to work. And even somebody like Wolfgang Petersen, who came from Germany did a lot of films in Germany, and come over here, and his films in America in the light of fire, and

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unfortunately, your moves and stuff like that,

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right. And yeah, he's great acting director, and he's gonna be gay. And it doesn't mean anything. But much more because he's invisible. And I think when you're in front of the camera, and people are relating to you as a character, and maybe also a star behind that counter, there's much more at stake. And a lot more people are afraid to come out and afraid that doesn't affect their career and just perception in the roles and the act of capturing data directly is the largest in the book, but it's also the most incomplete because so many people in the closet. This is just the tip of the iceberg.

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I thought as I was reading through Sephora and directors I thought people liked the one question we came to mind Prentice Hall. Why face that really not mean that really in the periphery, I found out that he was the Ivy's I found that was really, really interesting.

Something else? Because my as I was reading this, what was it like to be in Hollywood during the McCarthy era? Some openly gay and lesbian people in Hollywood do they find was it even tougher for them? That was generally



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what must have been because you not only had the McCarthy year, but you also had on top of that the hate code, which was a self censorship system in Hollywood, that forbade they had all these kind of rules of behavior, where husband wife had to be in separate bed, and they were in the same bed. One of them must have had their foot on the ground at all time. And also, of course, no gay or lesbian indicates. So you had that and then you had this whole political movement happening and people just if there wasn't really anything being made at that time, they'd like be an interesting, late 40s, early 50s. It just wasn't happening, or we didn't think so.



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