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## SPEAKERS

Sarah DePalma, Speaker 2, Jimmy Carper, Dee McKellar, Vanessa Edwards, Gary Norman, [Music], Speaker 3

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### [Music] 00:04

Voters began with a routine police raid on a homosexual bar the Stonewall on Christopher Street in the heart of the West Village savor the snacks this show we must destroy the myths once and shatter them we must continue to speak out and most importantly most importantly every gay person must come out now you're gonna watch now your phone oh one you may come out? As president of the board as President of the Board of Supervisors, it's my duty to make this announcement. Both Mayor Moscone and supervisor Harvey Milk had been shot and killed we're not in Kansas anymore we must destroy the floor shall we? You must continue to speak out. And most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must come out to KPFA come on out You must tell your immediate family, you must tell your relatives, you must tell your friends if indeed they are your friends, you must tell your neighbors, you must tell the people your work. You must tell the people in the story you shopping once they realize that we are indeed their children, and we are indeed everywhere, every myth, every lie, every innuendo will be destroyed once and for all asked. I asked people all over this country to do one thing. Come out, come out America come out

### Jimmy Carper 06:25

The words of Harvey Mill as transcribed by Buddy Johnston, who is the originator of this show.

### Sarah DePalma 06:34

It's only right that his we celebrate nine years for the for after hours that we do something from Buddy Johnston.

### Jimmy Carper 06:39

you bet you bet. I'm proud to play that PC. He put it together and it's been all over the world. It

was on this way out segment. So we've went worldwide.

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Sarah DePalma 06:52

And following up in that tradition, I would like I want to talk about something that came out of the Transgender Law conference. Sharon Stewart, along with I Ghibli she got some help from other folks. But Sharon Stewart put together something called the declaration of gender, Liberty. Now, I'm not going to read the whole thing because it's much too long. But I do want to read the preamble to it. Because it's very much in the spirit of the music that you just played in the piece that you just use, okay. Upholding the universal equality of humankind before us. In the sacred fashion of our forebears we to recognize self evident truths and pursue unalienable rights. Among our endowed rights we cherish most, the freedom to choose for ourselves, our own identities, and to put aside the restraints of ignorant oppressors and indifferent bureaucracies, united in common purpose and mutual resolve, we gather in this place to declare liberty from the prescriptions and constraints of gender roles, constructed and thrust upon us from birth, without our consent, affirming that all human beings carry within themselves an ever unfolding idea of who they are and what they are capable of achieving. We arise as one to proclaim the fundamental right of all humankind, to define and redefine their own identities, representing all races, nationalities, ethnicities, ethnicities, tongues, creeds, classes and sexes. we profess that we are one in all people, whose diverse gifts and energies find common ground in the transcendence of convention, conventional gender boundaries, recognizing that all are rooted in the human condition, we nevertheless assert the right to name ourselves. And to choose such language as best characterizes both our differences and our commonalities. Therefore, we throw off the shackles of gender tyranny, to uplift the dignity of those known to themselves and to all the world as transgender people.

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Jimmy Carper 09:09

Wow. How about some comments on that?

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Dee McKellar 09:16

It sounds even better. Outside, in a candlelight ceremony with fireworks, fireworks all around.

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Sarah DePalma 09:23

That was the way it was introduced. Sharon Stewart over the Fourth of July weekend here in Houston. Terrific. And it's Phyllis but it was so nice of them to put on fireworks for our show for our discussion. Okay, I wanted to introduce that because Harvey Milk. I was lucky enough to hear Harvey Milk speaking once and because he's a far greater speaker than I but I think it is nice to know that we are beginning to find in the transgender community that people are finding voices and finding ways to say I'm proud. I know I'm different. So what you And, and I think that's a healthy thing.

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Jimmy Carper 10:02

J Jimmy Carper 10:02

On the other hand, okay, I have a lover who disagrees with Harvey because he does not feel that he can come out. Now we've been together and you know, it's a tough situation we've been together 18 years, I mean, who I am so out and coming out there, I can't find anybody to come out to anymore. And he's very in the closet. So I mean, I understand closets. I understand woodworking, and I still say everybody has to live their own life in the closet around.

S Sarah DePalma 10:35

Well, actually, I think what you're going to hear from some of what I'm going to read here in a few minutes, is there actually a lot of people who agree with you. And I want to start with Diane Zicatela. Now, as I said, earlier, in the show, I spent a lot of time asking people in the transgender community to define the word community, what did it mean, and this is from Diane, community is those people who come together on a periodic basis, to listen, to learn to plan the future. Community is all of those in the closet. So deep, even they cannot find themselves. Community is everyone who can wear the T G label, no matter where they wear it. Community is the one place where we fit. It is not what we do. Community is knowing that we are not alone, not the only one in the world. Community is knowing there are others like us, or at least a little like us. Community is knowing that there are resources we can learn for ourselves, wherever. And if ever, we decide to come out of the closet, at least a little bit. It is the support group that meets once a month, but which can be found when the panic to touch another finally happens. Our task is to do all we can without them, the others in the community from now until they are truly ready to join us. Our task is to do it all until all feel safe enough to do anything. Our task is to build a community that others see the value in joining. We cannot do that by pushing screaming in bitching. I say community is if we build it, they will come. Come in. Wow.

J Jimmy Carper 12:23

Yeah, like that's terrific. That really is terrific. And that covers everyone.

D Dee McKellar 12:29

I like any confusion.

V Vanessa Edwards 12:31

Um, you know, some time ago, I was fortunate enough to go to diverse works here in Houston and listen to Leslie Feinberg, talk about length. And Beth Richards was there. And it was quite an enjoyable and educational experience. And I think that I may have written to Lesley, that what I wanted to live was the freedom to define myself, and the additional freedom to live my life in peace in the wake of that definition.

S Sarah DePalma 13:11

Amen to that

much to that.

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Vanessa Edwards 13:12

This is not something that comes very easy, as we all know. what she just said, Sarah, the freedom to choose for ourselves our own identities. Hmm, that's a pretty heavy statement.

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Sarah DePalma 13:27

It's not accepted by society as a whole even yet I don't believe.

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Vanessa Edwards 13:30

No. And not to go back over ground. It's already been covered. But it's also not a philosophy that's really accepted by our own community.

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Sarah DePalma 13:41

I think that's right. And it's something for us to work towards.

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Vanessa Edwards 13:43

Yes, I do. I don't live a political life.

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Sarah DePalma 13:48

Most people don't, and I'm not sure most people would want to for what I'm here.

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Vanessa Edwards 13:51

I'm here and there's something to be said for that. But, you know, you're where I work just a few days ago, and I said, Hey, how you doing? And what are you looking to read and all this and under a direct call till you want to pick they know, they know, you know? That I'm TS right? And I guess for me, that's just all well and good. That's fine. You know, I'm one of these people. Yes, I do blend in and I do sit down and would work or what have you, you know, but I don't want to political life. But on the other hand, I do want to help out the people that need the help. You know, the terrible thing about this whole condition or situation is that so many people sit at home and they think well I'm alone. There's nobody else out there like this. You know, one needn't live a life of locked in fear. Today, gay and lesbian issues are all over the newspaper. transgendered issues are not human Never, ever read about that. I mean, at the at the Democratic Convention the other day, even President Clinton made mention of it in his

discussion of diversity of their party that gays were welcomed. But there was no mention of transgender people. We are such a small, small minority that to offer discounted. Again, I'm not political, and I don't really have a lot to say on it. That score.

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Sarah DePalma 15:29

I think you're doing just fine.

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Vanessa Edwards 15:32

The thing is that we are people, and most of us just really, really ask for nothing other than our, our fellow man to have a nice quiet life and be left alone. Unfortunately, that's been an almost unheard of thing. It Phyllis is is out. She's proud. And she's very good at what she does. And I'd be honest with you, if it wasn't for her. I don't know that I would have gotten my name or gender Chinese. I don't know that I would have ever have seen you know, makan at all thing over done and all that, you know, I mean, we all have fill us a lot.

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Sarah DePalma 16:14

But not everyone can be Phyllis or should be-.

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Vanessa Edwards 16:16

No, right. No. But on the other hand, you know, we're not all political, and we're not all out. It I don't think it's a fear thing. It's just some of us just choose not to be in. To be honest with you. I'm probably one of those people that just lives a little quiet life.

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Sarah DePalma 16:35

But there's nothing wrong with that. And you shouldn't apologize for our one of the things that that we have said in the show a zillion times now. And Jimmy, I think is probably tired of hearing me say this. But it's my view that the real heroes and heroines in the transgender community are not Phyllis Frey or me. That's not it's just not so yeah. The real hero here here wins in this community, are the people who find it within themselves to get up and live their life every day, in the face of everything that is in front of them and not slip their wrist. Yeah, those are the real heroes. They're the people that I respect the absolute most. And I guess maybe I don't say it often enough, but I'm gonna keep saying it to people hear it, because those are those are the people I genuinely respect. I have a very good friend, I won't give her name. But she is an activist in the sense that her view is she will not out herself. But if she's asked to dress question, she will tell the truth.

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Vanessa Edwards 17:32

Yeah, that's where I'm coming from on this.



Sarah DePalma 17:34

And to me, that's an activist. It's not because it's yes, it's not Phyllis. It's not me. God, I don't want a world filled full of nice, thank you very much. Not really don't-.



Jimmy Carper 17:46

Really want a world full of filler says-.



Speaker 2 17:53

There's not enough radio time.



Vanessa Edwards 17:57

What's funny about that, oh, and I can't help that. raise an eyebrow. Every time I hear about as this new Department of Defense Policy will Don't Ask Don't Tell, you know-.



Dee McKellar 18:09

God, does that apply to us or what? No, it does not apply to us, but doesn't apply to gays and lesbians. Either.



Vanessa Edwards 18:18

The powers that be or the powers that be and I have to recognize that but-.



Sarah DePalma 18:23

Here's it here's a definition of community from Jane Ellen Fairfax. Okay. Community means valuing we, over me. Community means seeking to understand rather than to be understood. Community means overcoming the temptation to paint my neighbor's house, even though I know I can do it better. Community means neither speaking nor hearing evil about any gender gifted person or organization. Community means stopping to extend a helping hand to any gender gifted person in need. Whether you have the time or not. Community means grasping a helping hand, and climbing out of the wallow of self pity. Community means pooling diverse talents to achieve a common goal. Community means accepting that my solutions may not work for everyone. Community means unconditional acceptance and love for all gender gifted people. I love this. I don't think it's at all realistic. comments



Speaker 2 18:36

**S** Speaker 3 19:36

there that they're the couple the ones that you've read tonight, Sarah, they're the ones that the words that most hit me.

**J** Jimmy Carper 19:50

We think it's something we'd like for it to be.

**S** Sarah DePalma 19:53

In an ideal world. I think that's what we ought to have.

**V** Vanessa Edwards 19:55

Yeah. In an ideal world, we wouldn't even be sitting here talking About this disgust That's right. This is a real world and we have real problems. There are those of us that ought to be political. There are those of us who doubt those of us who opted for overt activism are to be given a standing ovation by those of us who are not of which are number myself and I am not however, those of us that are not politically active those of us who are not actively involved in over promotion of transgendered agendas still are remissed if they do not give to their own community support in any way you can any any gendered organization GCTC TATS here Houston. I don't know how far afield this radio station is, Kara, this radio program is carried, but anybody out there in the country is listening to me. I mean, if you think that you're transgendered, or if you think that you're transsexual, or if you feel affinity towards people who are, you are much remiss if you don't give, not necessarily to political means, but just to the local organizations, they need your help. They really, really need your help. It's \$1 \$2, anything, you know, the word of support, if nothing else, it's, it's really important because I see, you know, the turn of the century is coming up. And things have changed so much in the last 20 years, I think, in the next 20, things are going to be even more.

**J** Jimmy Carper 21:52

No, I do too. Moreover, they both could be people asked, why do you why do you go out in the street on Gay Pride Day or any other day and scream that you're gay and lesbian, I said, I scream until the day when I don't have to when it doesn't make a difference. Exactly. And I think that's what we're all doing. We're doing this until we don't have to.

**S** Sarah DePalma 22:11

This is a response that I got from someone who is not a leader is not an activist. This is someone that I know, in the state of Louisiana, and that's all I'll say about it. And this is one of the letters that I was talking about earlier. One definition of community is a social group or class. And that is the context in which I see the transgender community. We are a class of society with dissimilar needs and wants. But there is no safety net when we are outed, whether on whether insurance intentional or not. If we lose our jobs, we're on our own, no one is going

to save us. And a recent funeral funeral in New Orleans, or a well known TG, we had services without the body there, because there were no funds to pay the funeral director and he would not release the body. If there was a transgender community as you suggest, money would have been there. However, as slow as it may appear to be, we are evolving into a visible community. There will always be those who prefer to be outside the realm of that community for a variety of reasons. You see, I'm part of a heterosexual relationship, and my lover is transsexual. Is there room for me in the community? I haven't found it yet. Those who have the strength and the safety net have to be in the forefront. I understand that. And fighting for all of us is a thankless job. But the leadership no matter how well meeting cannot dictate or legislate that we should all be visible. We may never have a united community until we learn to start fighting, stop fighting among each other. And right now we seem to have a lot invested in that. I look upon myself as a single member of a larger classes society. And right now, I don't feel represented by you, or anyone else. Does community exist? I doubt it. Will it ever? I don't know. But I don't feel like I belong anywhere. Oh, gosh. Now, now that that just really moved me to tears when I read this. And I thought I don't know that there's any way I can address this person. I really don't. This person clearly does not always do not believe that anyone's looking out for his interest. And then he's probably right. But worse, no one's looking out for his wife's interest either. There is alone as isolated as he can get. And he makes a good point. I think it's true of any community. If you decide to come out, no one's gonna save your job.

**J** Jimmy Carper 24:55

It's true of of any of us. It was true. It's Through the gay and lesbian community,

**S** Sarah DePalma 25:01

And yet I gathered from this that this person was saying yet by my going forward in fighting for ENDA, in some way, there was a threat to their security too. So I sort of felt like reading this, I was damned if I didn't do if I didn't. I don't know what to say, I don't even eat comments.

**D** Dee McKellar 25:24

That is very, it's so difficult when people feel and, and they can let other people know how isolated they are, and how alone they feel. And that is just, you know, it's extremely difficult, you know, for the individual and the people that are in the family and in that person's in close relationships. Yeah, that's, it sounds like a person that has really done a lot of thinking about this. And you know, that that's, it underlines where that inclusiveness and understanding openness really needs to come into play with someone with that person connect, can connect with someone around them, you know, even just to talk, at some point, you know, about the situation or about any situation, and know that they're in an atmosphere, which is safe, so that they can, they can really discuss what's going on. But it's very difficult. That's a tough situation.

**V** Vanessa Edwards 26:35

It really is. I want you to clarify something I don't understand why people are threatened by your campaigning for India.



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Sarah DePalma 26:47

Well, that was why I went through the process of explaining the different stages that people are in. And we hear from these people on our show, you have people out there, who the total extent of their being transgender is they crossdress, enclosed masturbate and go to bed. We have, where there are people who find the ability to go to a meeting. And that's all they'll do, they're going to wear their male closed the meeting, change into the female clothes, enjoy the meeting and go home. This is typically a married person, not always, but typically the people who seem to feel the most threatened, who are the people who are in the early stages. There, perhaps they're people who are new to GCTC, they've got or or some other organization, they're trying on identities that they don't quite understand. And that are new to them. They're kind of frightening. They want security, but they don't know where it is, and they don't know how to find it. Then they've got they turn in the radio, or they pick up a newspaper somewhere. And they see someone like Phyllis or like myself, or like Ricky Wilkins, or some several other people who show up on television and say, there's a whole community out there. And these people need this, or they deserve that. The person trying on that new identity, that's way too much for them to comprehend. And the only solution that seems immediate for them, for us to shut up. I hear from those people all the time. I've talked to other leaders they hear from to our feeling is that we can't shut up. And this is where it becomes very difficult for me. Those people are often the very same people who if they become a victim of a hate crime will call me. Well, if you lose their job, they will call me and say I lost my job. And then I'll say to them, Well, I understand what is it you want me to do? And the answer is basically nothing. They just wanted to be able to tell somebody. Um, there are those people make up a huge percentage of the transgender community. These are people who these are people who may never get out of that stage. There is one other stage group of people that that find people like me very threatening, and those are the people who are hearing from their therapist. The best thing for you to do is to woodwork. Now what happens is people do try to woodwork. In one day, there's a conversation over the coffee in the conversation is something I said, or Phyllis said or something they saw on television. These people want to hide and they want to hide so bad they can taste it. And now here they are having to deal with this conversation that I said and they resent it. There wasn't a big time because I threatened their closet. I didn't have any I don't even know these people. I didn't threaten them at all. I simply exist, but to their perception of a threat and I'm aware of it. But there's not a thing I can do about it. If I become silent it Phyllis became silent and Ricky Wilson's became silent. If we agreed to if we said, Okay, that's it, we'll keep our mouth shut. There will be no chance we'll ever be included. And there would be no chance would ever be included in hate crimes. They, there will be no chance that we will ever get anywhere. Silence is not an answer. But neither is there fear. And I've tried very hard to try and find ways to address it. It may be an impossibility.

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Vanessa Edwards 30:31

Well see, that's the thing because woodworking or not closet or not, someday some way into my savior.

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Sarah DePalma 30:39

It's right. That's right. But right now, they're dealing with this conversation over the coffee table, and they don't want to have this conversation with with their fellow employees. There

table, and they don't want to have this conversation with their fellow employees. They want me to shut up. So it never happens again. I understand that. But I'm not going to be-

**J** Jimmy Carper 30:53

Responsible for there being uncomfortable about it.

**S** Sarah DePalma 30:57

Yeah, it's a real hard position to be in I. Here's a and I've talked to I've talked to other people, gay and lesbian leaders about this, because they get the same issue. Oh, yeah. There are a lot of people in the gay and lesbian community who will say, my sexual orientation is my damn business and nobody else's. And I don't want my sexual orientation being discussed. Shut up and go away. Every time you open your mouth, you rattle my closet. Well, fine. But if you do that, what becomes obvious. You are we, because we are minorities? Are we willing to lie down and say, step on me, please? Because I'm too afraid. Is that the answer? I don't think so. I think I think the mistake many transgender leaders are guilty of is leaving the impression at the very least, that if you're not out, you're nothing. Or if you're not out, you're nobody. Or even worse. If you're not out. You're not important. But that's not true. No, it isn't true. But I think I think to be fair, that perception has been left and it is now a challenge. For those of us who are out in open and active. We have got to overcome that we are in our own communities. Yes, yes.

**J** Jimmy Carper 32:14

My lover is no less gay because he's in the closet.

**S** Sarah DePalma 32:17

No, and they're no less transgender because you're at stage one and never leaves. But I do think that many transgender leaders are guilty or guilty about that. Let me read you the Philistines because here's an interesting juxtaposition from the person that we just had. Okay. Now, a few minutes ago, we had this person who said he didn't feel represented by anyone. This is Phyllis Frey, talking about what community means to her. I learned about community when my blood kin deserted me, as did most of my neighbors, all but one of my co workers and engineering peers. And almost every single one of our heterosexual friends deserted us. This was 1976 community became the lesbian, gay and bisexual people that I met because of Ray Hill. Interestingly, they did not fit the stereotypes taught to me is I grew up and they gave me a home. While most of the hedgerows watch from the sidelines. Community became the local Metropolitan Community Church, a place to worship a God that made and loved me. The first Christmas after my transition, they brought us the canned food from under the altar. Because we were hurting so badly after my unemployment began. Community became the feminist community. Just a few months after I transitioned, I was amazed that I was treated by men as though our just a stupid fluff. The pedestal stinks. I also found that feminists understood that transgender oppression was gender oppression. To this day, I remain a member of no W. Community came the Democratic Party community became the League of Women Voters. Community is a place where you meet people who care who will give sad and solace and, and

will work with you for a better world. Now, it's interesting to me because her whole approach to community is it's other people and connecting to other people. And that's what the previous letters seem like they couldn't do.

**J** Jimmy Carper 34:25

Yes, yes. That connection ended like that. The other person was isolating themselves.

**S** Sarah DePalma 34:35

And it raises well raises the question to me. Does this mean perhaps the community is what you make it? Hell, yes. Is that Is that really the answer? Yeah, community is what you make it. It's its community is your ability to reach out and find the connections that will help you through maybe assuming the connections is-.

**G** Gary Norman 34:57

Hello, and I think you do have to reach out Back in November of last year, I called up GCTC. And got invited to come down to the Montrose area and talk to people about being transgender. And taking that one little step is about the best thing I ever did in my life. But you had to take that but I had to take a stand. GCTC didn't come to you.

**S** Sarah DePalma 35:33

They existed. They made their presence known, but you had to reach out to them. That's right. That's the guy. That's community.

**G** Gary Norman 35:39

I think, at that first meeting, is where I found out about tats. So that was a Thursday night on Friday night, I was at Pat's meeting.

**S** Sarah DePalma 35:50

Whoa. Here's let me read another another version that we talked about being out, or the woodwork. This is from a person. Her name is Christine. That's all I'll say about her. She says I have been both out and in the woodwork. And in my experience, woodworking is better. I don't have to reiterate to anyone here the economic hardships that come of transphobia and discrimination. But even in the less critical areas like social situations, the difference between out and woodwork is evident. If you are out, even if you're out, even in your circle of acquaintances, if they are accepting they know and act accordingly. Even unconsciously, here are just a few petty examples. For male to females who are out how many of you have very had friends that asked you for a tampon? Or for those of you that have children, and have been previously married? How often is someone asked you what your maiden name was? When has

an eligible bachelor coworker ever asked you to dinner. But these are just a couple of illustrations. Because your friends know. And they will always know that you are different from them. In any acceptance, they show you will be forever filtered by that knowledge. The thoughtless, but innocent little children, little hurts that are inflicted upon us compound themselves. Maybe if you've never been in the word maybe if you've never been in the woodwork, none of this makes sense to you. But if you have I suspect you understand that at least at some level. I really have a lot of problems with this. Let me start with the first one. No, but it's true. Yes and no. It seems to me that this is a person who is ashamed of being what they are. Okay. Now, maybe other people here will disagree with me on that. So what? So what if they know? So what? If you are proud of yourself, and you are proud of the work that you did to get you to where you are? And you know how hard it was for you? Why would you give a damn what they get they think my missing something here, economic or she points out the economics. I understand that. But um, but I understand why you would not want to come out due to economics or job loss. What bothers me is the thrust of this, which I interpret to mean, that underlying all of this, there's a sense that she's really sort of shaped who she is.

 Jimmy Carper 38:25

That's a possibility. But But I don't I didn't get that at all, did you?

 Vanessa Edwards 38:30

Well, no, maybe true to an extent. But the fact of the matter is, with the social climate being the way it is and the political climate as well. It seems that jobs are hard enough to find and just keep hold up these days. And being the way that things are even per the straight community. It's hard just to keep a job. So anyone with a transgender attached to that has an automatic stigma, regardless, and especially when it comes to layoffs and things of this nature. In some instances, it probably the hooves one to try and would work at least to avoid any oh, what's the word? I'm looking for? Any, I guess undue attention, especially when it comes to times of, you know, job contractions.

 Jimmy Carper 39:30

That's a whole layoffs. That's a whole show.

 Sarah DePalma 39:33

That's a show in itself.

 Jimmy Carper 39:34

Because you know, I'm a gay man, and I get the same stuff.

 Vanessa Edwards 39:41

 Vanessa Edwards 39:41

This is just for transient. Yeah. Also goes to the cake.

 Jimmy Carper 39:43

Sure, sure. It does. And I've been out for a very long time and you know, I can go to a mall, and I see the looks, and I know what that means. But I don't feel any less proud of myself for being gay. I know that this is a societal thing, and that's going to happen. That has nothing to do with being out and proud or anything. But political and economic. That's right. I don't have to work. say that's the thing, I don't have to worry about the economic thing.

 Gary Norman 40:12

I think it's actually more basic than that. If I had been born a genetic female, I would be woodworking like crazy and naturally and without any effort. If I had made steps and understood the first time, I found out what being a transsexual was, which was 40 years ago, when I was 13, then I would not have a big huge past. And I would be I would be woodworking pretty much my whole life. I have a past. And most of that past is something that's really important to me. And so I don't, I woodwork in some ways, and I don't and others because I want to preserve what my history is. Everyone's at a different point.

 Jimmy Carper 41:13

I think she said something there.

 Sarah DePalma 41:15

I think I think you're exactly right. I really do. I let me ask you. Let me ask something that's a sheet that about the honesty issue here for a minute. She's concerned. For example, she says, Well, when was the last time that someone asked you for a tampon? Okay, because she says, she said, well, people haven't asked her because they know she's transsexual. Let's reverse that. Is there an isn't there some sort of honesty issue involved? The person asking for it? And you automatically you're going to make sure you have it? So there's no suspicion about you? I mean, is that any way to live? No, no, it is not. I'd say I, I've said this on the show before, but one of the reasons I decided I was I was going to come out and stay out, was because there was a question that came up once about my labor, and childbirth. And I had to make up an answer for it and decided, I can't do that. I can't go through my life living alive. Now what I hear her saying here, and maybe somebody may correct me here. But when I hear her saying is for example, she says, Well, I when she talks about the whole issue of people know, well, would you rather have people asking you questions that don't really apply to any part of your life? Or would you rather just be telling people the truth? It's an honesty issue, I think, maybe not.

 Jimmy Carper 42:31

Okay, we've got about five minutes here. Yeah. So do you want to hit on anything else?

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Sarah DePalma 42:38

No, I know, we need to go to some music. So I hear we don't need to go. Well, I know, I know that we feel-.

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Gary Norman 42:44

There's one thing I'd like to mention again, yes. Anyone who is interested in contacting the Texas Association for transsexual support cats, cats may call the tax line, area code 713. And the number is 8275913. Its voicemail, you know, we check it every day or every other day. And we'll get back to you leave your telephone number or an address and we'll get information to you. And we'll try to help you any way we can.

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Jimmy Carper 43:18

And I know that Montrose counseling center that good old 5290037.

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Gary Norman 43:23

Gary, yes. And we also do have 24 hour answering service that you can call in leave messages and everything is, of course, 100% confidential. And as long as we're giving phone numbers, yeah, please do it. If you have some illegal questions, call SRS. TG L, see, if you count better than you spell that 7778452.

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Jimmy Carper 43:55

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Sarah DePalma 44:01

We've taught we've we've given everyone else's version of community before we go through I like to give mine Okay, so I purposely save mine for last. I think the community is a place where you have a safe place for discussion where we can have these kinds of discussions and have these kinds of these kind of agreements or disagreements and not leave his enemies. Yes. I think the community is a place where people can come together to learn about themselves to learn about one another where they can find their own place in that and find it comfortable for them. But most of most importantly, I think the community is a place where regardless of where you are, in your own life, you find it within you to be able to help the person next to you. That's a community community doesn't mean we have to agree on everything. Community doesn't even agree they mean that we have to agree on much of But community does mean that we should be able to discuss things calmly and leave better for it. That's that's my take on it or how I can tell. That's my two cents.

**J** Jimmy Carper 45:14

Covering up at three o'clock will be the BBC News followed by the return of the sons of musical chairs with Billy Gilbert and Elmo and, Randy. You've been listening to After Hours, queer radio with attitude KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station, you can write to us at after hours care if KPFT 419 Lovett Boulevard, Houston 7706. I'm Jimmy Carper. And with me tonight has been Sarah DePalma, and a cast of hundreds.

**S** Sarah DePalma 45:53

Of hundreds. I really want to thank everyone for coming in and participating tonight. I realize it's very light and everyone came in and stayed and bless them for them. I really appreciate it. And as we go out with our music here we leave with our traditional ending when decorum becomes repression, the only dignity free people have is to speak out.

**J** Jimmy Carper 46:14

And this this this tune. Well, let's just go to it.