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SPEAKERS

Sarah DePalma



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Pacifica radio Euston, Texas 90.1 This is DJ son, this is solid grooves DJ melodics in the mix tonight spin in a mix since 11 o'clock to WWE stuff, nice stuff. Nice stuff. I saw you looking for further names that have songs go to go to playlist on the website solar groups.com. So you la cruz.com Definitely call us up. But we do want to advise you that you can also go to the website to get the names of the songs. Hey, we got six minutes left. Just gonna do a couple more cuts. And then we're out of here, Tim copper and the crew comes on with after hours. And we'll be back at 9pm Saturday night. Let everybody know that we're on the air. We've been doing this 10 years. Let people know. This is solar groups. My name is DJ sun on behalf of Mr. Grits DJ melodic will be out in about five minutes.



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Morning, the following program contains subject matter that portrays gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people as first class citizens deserving of an equal share of the American dream. Topics like this are known to piss off televangelists backwater preachers. Some talk show host blue haired biddies, several members of Congress and other socially unacceptable outcasts like radical right wing nut jobs listener discretion is strongly advised.



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You have tuned into after hours queer radio with attitude a continuing tradition here on KPFT 90.1 FM. The crew of after hours is ready to bring the news interviews, discussions and music here to the gay lesbian, bisexual transgender community and our allies. We are a diverse group here but we all have one thing in common we are out of the closet and urge everyone to come out of his or her closet as well. That means recognizing who you are standing up for yourself and your rights and being proud of who you are. We understand that this might not be possible due to a job or frame of mind. But remember, we are here especially for yours. So kick back and relax and get ready for this week's edition of after hours.



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Here we go.



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Hello Houston, Galveston and the world. This is the march 12 edition of after hours queer radio with attitude here on KPFT. I'm Chris Harrison. I'll be co executive producer tonight. And



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on Jimmy Carper. I'm the other one. I Hold on. Wait a minute. Wait a minute. I've been forgetting to say this the first couple of weeks. The last couple of weeks and I am the Stan Laurel to Chris's all



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of her heart. Keep turning like off.



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And we got the third wheel. Yes, here I am Smiley 89.5 Gaussian 90.1 Houston, Houston's only queer radio without it too, huh. And



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here's something else. We're going to try this unusual. The music you heard at the beginning of the show.



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We're actually going to say if this is new music, very new music. I just got it today.



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It's got that new CD Smash.



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Don't you love that?



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I mean, the other room for a while. Project vector? Yeah, two alone. And the songs are a little called out of the closet. Yes. And that's it's from the CD reality show. Yeah,



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I really like it. It's a mixture of kind of good message music with good beats. Kind of dancey beats.



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Show your agency it has a good beat and I can dance No,



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Sarah DePalma 04:42

wouldn't say Jimmy swishing his little orange



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and he asked her a couple others. I got there. There's there's one that's particularly good. It just has one particular word that we're not supposed to say on the air but granddaddy of them all. No, no, no, not that one.



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Oh yeah. What is it? What's



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it's the S word. Oh, okay. But it's a great, great song. So we'll be playing that later on in the in the show. I really liked that. Don't



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announce it in the blue had babies will stay up late and they'll they'll try and find out whoever
Mike was replaced

Mike was replaced.

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Maybe it will stay up too late and forget to go to church tomorrow. If anybody listens to the show that goes to church, we need to talk. Yes. Okay. stuff going on in the community. Little somethings let's the ICR wage court report here. There was going to be a show tomorrow night called spray hair. However, it's Yeah. No, wait a minute. The guy in charge of it got sick. He's got 102 fever and so it is being replaced by suave Rafe and herbal essence say it spray at low at Dr. The show must go on that Sunday, Sunday Sunday, March 13. At the Brazos River bottom the BRB 2400 Brazos at 8pm This is put on by Ic H space city empire with your hosts Gemini Empress earthquake and her first Imperial daughter Chanel, cardi a. Yeah, Shawn Carter and drag, okay, whatever. That's what that means. That's what that means. There is this show coming up. But next week on March the 19th is the biggie. This is called the attack of the Mary Kay commandos. This is a direct benefit for gkm Gulfcoast archive and museum and it's being put on by Ic o h. This space city Empire and the debris sisters. That's scary, isn't it? Oh, so starts out at three o'clock with girls a real Mary Kay party. That's right. Starting at three o'clock. Then at seven o'clock. The debris sisters and guests take the stage. Oh, and are thinking to be real pretty in their brand new Mary Kay Cosmetics. And they're in their rules worth dresses.

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They still wear Mary Kay.

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Oh, walls worth wills worth?

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They went out of business. Yeah,

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I know. That's how old those dresses are girl. Okay, let's see. Oh, yes, yes. Yes. And

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I'm just going through marking off which ones I've got on the computer screen that you've got printed out. Okay.

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Going Sunday Sunday Sunday Sunday March the 20th Seven o'clock at Kove West. In a New

Going. Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, March the 20th. Seven o'clock at Keys West. In a New York minute. Everything can change the quality of somebody's life, introducing the Mr. Manhattan show and support for Gregor in Misaki. And who was candidate for Mr. Prime choice. And that's going on. Like I said it keys West 7pm A big apple cabaret show. With guests, Mistress of Ceremonies, Miss Gina Malone and special guests. That's going to be a fun show. Let's see if I've read anything. Oh, and I gotta say this. I gotta say this since I'm the newest member of the Sisterhood of the flutter butts. The whites you're

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in a decade. Flutter but you

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don't even want to know what that's about. However, as a hint, the Sisterhood of the Folk flutter budget watch

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how you say that?

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Is a chili cook off at Mary's naturally on March the 26th. Saturday March 26. At 3pm It's a fundraiser sports lunch at Oh no, that's something else. Nevermind. I just want to say that 3pm fundraiser and I am cooking. Bring the Pepto

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your you cook. Okay. We've gone from flutter but to

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God cooking chili

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of God. Someone alert Ron to this.

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I know this is a man on standby. This is a man who only uses one burner on his range because he

mean, how many do you need to heat water?



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I've seen your rage. I'd be afraid of turning on a second one.



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What have you got?



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Let's see here are conversations at the CFA an update from the 12th retrovirus conference presented by Brian Boyle, MD He's an associate professor of medicine at New York Presbyterian Hospital. That's on Wednesday, March 23. From 12 to 2pm. At 1407 Hawthorne spaces limited RSV Pay to Bernie Vasquez at 713-527-8219 or you shoot him an email at Bernie at Center for AIDS dot O R G Yeah. There is a show happening on March 26. What happens in Galveston stays in Galveston.



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Oh and it should at



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the new undercurrent at 24th and market starting at 730 The benefit is for AIDS coalition of Galveston cool who's putting it on and it's being put on by Mr. Prime choice law Lor candidate for Mr. Candidate I'm sorry I got it.



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I got a memo from Laura here asking for any let's say he needs entertainer Oh, well that's Laura asked us to pass this information on to the people that listen out there he needs entertainers for his last fundraiser before the Prime Minister prime choice contest which is March 26. What Chris was talking about



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he is a hot looking guy really hot and



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so why don't we invite him over? I mean here you just



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answered your own question Mr. All screw anything now that I'm free face



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my god. Jealous. Ladies and gentlemen. For the first time since you've been released, smiley fell silent. Note the time boys and girls.



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I mean he just someone my mom might be listening, Mommy. It's all lies. Mom Don't believe a word. I'm not sleeping with everybody. Just a handful. She knows



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oh my god, the temperature in hell just dropped to 31 degrees. Oh my mind. The pride titleholders and friends show will be on March 26. What day of the week is that? Is that a smart choice? That's Saturday. Saturday. Saturday.



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No. Just rolled off your tongue does it? It's



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before Sunday. Easter Sunday. March 26. At EJ is 8pm.



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What day is Easter this year March to



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my birthday. 27th 27th



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mv birthday. Okav. You can tell when you were there at the event. What? memories aren't

My birthday, okay, you can tell when you were there at the event. What memories do you



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you just the cute little easter bunny? I was I was noticing your little Cottontail



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minor Christmas.



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Honey, there ain't enough cotton in the South. In South Texas.



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Yeah, just said little.



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There'll be a town hall meeting. For the Lambda Legal presenting blow the whistle on workplace discrimination. Oh, cool. On Thursday, March 31. At the Houston GLBT community center as 34 in Montrose and time will be announced later second floor. Yeah, second floor to this week. 207. There's also event next Saturday over at 1415 California for the art it's an art benefit for the Houston case. Right center. That's



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right. That's right. I



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don't have the information on there. I have to



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Well, we had it last week, but it went away. Oh,



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lovely. We got spring inequity coming up. Oh, you're kidding already. Yes, it's going to be a Tax

Day event. Oh, and it's only going to be \$ / to get in.



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For the event. That's like going to the arcade, isn't it?



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We're not sure I thought it was \$5 No,



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no, no, no. \$7 you've reached the end. Left my glasses in the other room to too much single light picking



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up the computer and he's and he's only in his early 30s. Folks,



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I've spent too many too much time sitting in front of a computer screen. It's all the things that cause blindness. I see. Tax free days National Weather Association Houston spring iniquity 14. When you reach the end clean, clean it up. We're talking about the paperwork. Oh, and you've sent in your 1040s Rap and you rather play them work make the best \$7 investment of the year join NLA Houston for the 14th annual anniversary celebration, a full day of twisted tax relief on some kind of relief. Saturday, April 16. registration starts at Mary's at 11am And the party continues over at the RIP core. That's a party leather friends leather laughs leather fun. Oh do we mentioned leather the community center art event and art affair benefiting the Houston GLBT community center is on Saturday March 19 from six to 9pm over at 1415 California Light Horse the ovaries and a cash bar who Nancy Ford will be the hosts will be hosting the event. Thank you.



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Someone heard your plea for



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help and had to go find my man purse. Oh, I can see the screen now. I gotta quit looking at those Europe. And sites with photos so those glasses need to be clean.



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vocalese solo I know right saw the ID I guess



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read between the lines vocalese the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston small ensemble and play mobile DJ service Rick Ramirez will be there. That's all benefiting the Houston gay and lesbian community center. It's club 1415 which



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is 1415 California.



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That's Do we still have to tell people? It's the old Sonoma? I mean, we've gone long enough. They don't know what's old Sonoma was it's in



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the chances backyard kind of thing. And it's getting popular. Yeah. Yeah, it's



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where all the parking goes. It's



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also where the pride offices. Yeah, and



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the Q video where you rent your dirty movies. There. I peeked in the window on your don't have a credit card I can't get used to Houston transgender unity bank will be held at the West Chase Hilton Grand Ballroom. That's coming up, isn't it? 9999 Westheimer on April 16, any

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Sarah DePalma 16:03
cheap 40 bucks.

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40 bucks. For more information contact Brenda. The easiest way to do it is Brenda at brand dat.com. And that's another story here. Prime choice Mr. Braun choice. The Big Event is on April 9 at the ripcord. Okay. And that's all the stories I got on there. And with

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this smiley half bringing in the green. Yes. coming in. Is that please join us for the Montrose Counseling Center's 17th annual St. Patrick's celebration Friday, March the today. What is his Marsala?

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Isn't that I grew up lying. We missed

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11 Yeah, Jimmy hands me this and the Jimmy. Jimmy

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is world famous for doing that. Okay. I

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didn't read it beforehand. Gotcha.

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Well, see, I've at least used to have an excuse. He used to hand it to me while he's saying when you do the opening. Welcome to After hours and he hands me the papers. Okay.

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Well, I mean, I thought I thought he'd hand me something solid, but that's alright. Peace.



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It was solid. Now. For those of you out there who have a time machine and can go back in time. 24 hours, make sure you go back and attend the bringing in the green event for the Montrose Counseling Center.



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The new Dyke Show Open Mic with Nancy Ford her again at peace, love estrogen Saturdays. 9pm at Club 1415 that place again 1415 California with Vicki Lindsey bar who's Vicki Lindsay bartending. No cover numbers. 713961 28. Who's Vicki? Who's Vicki Lindsey? Anyone y'all know?



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Well, I would say it's a female bartender.



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Maybe we need to talk to Vicki and see what's up with that. Mr. Miss and Miss Gay Pride Houston. 2004 presents equal rights. We know no bounds March 26 2005. A pm at EJ is on Ralph's street with special appearances by former pride royalty, Houston area titleholders and friends fundraising for pride pageant 2005. And that's all I got. Oh, what's this? See that penis? But what? I don't know. Flashing dirty pictures over there. No,



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no, no, it's the name of the song that we're not going to play. Say that word we can say that word not



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just give me the consonants leave out the valve.



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when we can say tickets I mean you might not be your preference or something like that. But I mean I mean come on. We got lesbians in the back What do you think they do? Just use them

as doorknobs or white



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bookmark on a cold winter's day you know it helps to break into Windows you know?



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Oh my God isn't a timeframe.



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Okay, well if I can't play tips on the radio which ones do you want me to play? Oh,



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we tickets tickets tickets tonight. That's about it. You know how many people in that studio have tickets right now want to click



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Chris would be free



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Jimmy, aren't we aren't we catching the



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the the the last one that I have. With pink on it? Filthy



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gorgeous. Yes.



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I'd love to hear oh, that's a good one.



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We can't play that one because it's got the word dc we can't play on the I played



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it last week.



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Oh yeah, we did. Yeah,



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we played it. Okay, fine. You heard it ladies and gents. Remember if the FCC calls remember Jimmy said play the last one on here which is filthy gorgeous. One sec



Sarah DePalma 19:28

is off playing with themselves.



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Hey, number eight.



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It's a good song. That's by George Boy George. No verses by the Scissor Sisters. That's it. Yes. Well, wait a minute.



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Do you have any lead Tiger? No, no, that's too mainstream for Jimmy.



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Yeah, the tiger Tieger I know that that woman never showed up. She said she had all the lutego roots music and she was



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gonna surprise you around or at the station was legit it's true. Anyway,



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we got Scissor Sisters coming up. We'll do gorgeous Scissor Sisters and what after that



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sex for



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the transgender job? I can't say I can talk right now



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Whoa, that one starts stops in a hurry, but I really like it Scissor Sisters with filthy GORGEOU kind of a train wreck at the end. Yeah, eat your heart out God dog because you can't play that one. Nananana anyway,



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while you're at let's put this way. Hey, if you want to know about Scissors, scissors, they've got to they have to have at least two decent songs because they've actually been on Saturday Night Live once. Jimmy



Sarah DePalma 20:44

did you take your snotty pills?



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Because of the cold and congestion he's had, he's just full of snow.



Sarah DePalma 20:53

Maybe that's it? We can now truthfully say that Jimmy is full of it. And no one argues the point.



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welcome Sarah De Palma. Kilo

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Sarah DePalma 21:00

Houston. How the hell are you? Okay, I feel better. I got that out of my system.

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Do you have a special guest tonight? Well, she's

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Sarah DePalma 21:07

not a guest. She's a friend. She's a guest to the rest of the audience, I guess. But Kristen, say hi to everybody. Hi.

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Dr. icon. Yeah, okay. Hi.

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Sarah DePalma 21:18

Were there it works better when the microphone is on? Sorry. Sorry. So

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it's actually been like, what something like a year and a half since I've actually been on, you know, and this is kind of weird is kind of like coming full circle. Because what was it about eight years ago, I was actually listening in Galveston, and I kind of was dialing through the stations. And I came, I heard transgender. And I started listening, and then it went to static. And so I called information, got the number to 90.1 then called and asked to be put on hold so I could listen to you.

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Sarah DePalma 22:00

I remember that. I

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do too. I remember that. I never knew what that was.

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Um, it wasn't me.



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Oh my god. I remember the first time you were on this show, I was so impressed. Because, you know, you said, Oh, I've never been on the radio before. I don't know if I can do this. And you sat down. It was like old old friend who's here. You just jumped to the microphone. Like it was your bosom buddy.



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You're too common? No,



S Sarah DePalma 22:28

no, he's he's too truthful is what he is. Yeah.



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You know, so many people come in. And they're first time on the mic. And it's just Yes. And you were just like you are to know, those



S Sarah DePalma 22:40

are the hardest interviews in the world. You say to them, so tell us about world peace. Yes.



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Yes, no. Yeah. I don't know. How



S Sarah DePalma 22:49

long how long. Have you known that you were transgendered? Uh huh. Yeah, a little more. A little more, a little more. And the opposite is just as true to the guests that you asked one question that they talked for 35 minutes, go and go and go and go to the interview. Think what was the question I was. In that happens, he was telling Jimmy, I always come really prepared for every show that I do. I mean, I really research and I come prepared. Now. The reason is, many years ago, I worked at a radio station in Milford, Connecticut, very small, fair and kinetic small town. It's a suburb of New Haven. Okay, suburban Haven. And they had an initiation right that no one bothered to tell me about. So it's 12 noon and they did one of these half hour 12

Noon broadcasts, and they had Paul Harvey and then you didn't Well, that's fine except that I was about five minutes into the news. The director came in and set fire to my newscast. And I'm watching it burn from the bottom



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I'm sorry let a second set fire to use gas Yeah,



S Sarah DePalma 23:58

I'm watching gas burn from the bottom up. Now looking at realize I have 27 minutes to fill in. No material burned I did every public service announcement to humanity and no word from people in Namibia. To this day, I Jamie will tell you I come prepared with like nine days worth of material that never sets the house on fire I have something to talk about



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no actually was my most memorable you know I remember you doing this. This this great story you were telling about when you used to do radio you had this personality that you would do is the Right



S Sarah DePalma 24:43

Reverend Dr. Billy Oh my god. Yes. The Right Reverend Dr. Billy saw our guests coming to you for the first church of the gooey death and discount worship from the golden buckle the Bible Belt Del Rio Texas hallelujah. I still do it. I love it. Friends how many times you said two years No Tell Billy saw I didn't want to go to hell just because I got Russian hands and Roman fingers. Well, Billy Saul doesn't want you to go with hell either. So for limited time and limited time only you too can buy sin soap. That's right. And so cleanse that iniquity from their body even comes with a scrub brush to reach those hard to reach places say hallelujah. I didn't want. I was one that was working in Bridgeport, Connecticut when I did that, in Bridgeport. It's just outside of New York. I got this idea that I saw an ad in the paper that said that there was they had me beat there was an actual 40 foot statue of Christ. 1414 foot high statue of Christ was spotlights on, they could be seen for miles in every direction. Oh my god. Well, I that was too good for me to pass up. So I called down there is the Right Reverend Dr. Billy saw heart. And I tried to buy me a healing concession on the midway. And I thought they were gonna hang up and the guy said, Sure, let me put you through to the business office. Oh, my God, it dawns on me. I didn't tell this guy. He's on the air. They're gonna sue me. Oh, my God. But I figured well, as long as I'm being sued and so I did and they put me through the opposite guy wants to know where on the Midway I want to put it. Oh, you're kidding me. Now I'm really worried because I don't I have no idea what this midway looks like. So I'm hemming and hawing, you know, well, you know, I've got to talk to my stock office on it. Needless they did sue the word pilot. And they did sue but nothing ever came out. The judge said well, you know, was freeze protected free speech. But yeah, I've been known to get in trouble. I've been known. I've been known to pull stunts like that. But that's part of broadcasting. Oh, my God. Here's again, this was the 60s today. You can't get away with it because everything is corporatized now, there was a working

at a radio station in Hartford. And I worked with a guy named Lee baby semanas. Lee baby Santa now Lee baby was one of those guys that was hidden one joint too many. There's no other way to explain it. So, but the radio station he was at was WP op pop radio plays more music, more music. Okay, fine. They were doing a contest and the idea was, they were going to have the world's record for the longest continuous amount of music played by a commercial radio station, which meant the last portion of that promotion filan Lee baby Sims shift. Big mistake. He gets on the air plays gin rummy with the Hartford Police Department on the radio runs the uglier look connected contest for names real. And the station substation says you're fired. So he comes to K LT here in Houston. Oh, yeah. Back with K. It was rock and roll. And he was here about I guess about eight weeks and he gets into a fight with the program. Takes the program directors car and drives it through the program directors picture then sends a telegram that says we regret to inform you you're friendly Sims has been killed in an auto accident. So the people in Hartford chartered plane to come to his funeral. While they're coming the new headset to Houston he's on his way back to Hartford. And he takes over the radio to get the state police to knock the door down. Oh my God. Now you would think after all that he'll never get in radio ever again. Right? Oh no, he got signed by K NBC.



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So that was the good old days before Clara channel right before clear champion. And



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sure you're talking about Pacifica? That sounds like some of our history.



S Sarah DePalma 28:29

You know, I don't get to talk about that stuff much because it was the 60s and nobody really cares. You know, I was kind of in a haze for most of the 60s Anyway, so not all of it. Okay. was rude here to me. But yeah, that was one of those. There was a guy at a radio station up there who got fired, nailed his shoes to the school to the wall. So here she really she was I quit. So that was the fun of that's the fun of radio. Why don't you tell people your background? You've been real active in the transgender community to people about yourself or



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I have been amazed at the energy this woman has had



S Sarah DePalma 29:06

and she doesn't admit to any of it. I know. Come on talk. I'm seriously tell people about your background. Okay.



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Well, like I said, it all kind of started back in Galveston, listening to this show here. Listening to you. Listen.

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Sarah DePalma 29:22

Yes, that's actually right. Yeah. HRC week after week.

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And, you know, I decided that it was time for me to kind of look into my own issues and look in, you know, and maybe start some therapy or something, do something, you know, I just had to do something with this transgender stuff. And I remember being really isolated and really alone down in Galveston. And there there came a time in my transition when they I just got really, really, really mad, you know, word got out that I was transgender, this was still pre transition, I lost my job, you know, of course, lost my family, my support group me all my friends, everything. And, you know, I just got to a really a real place of desperation, and had decided that well, my only alternative is to kill myself. And so I had written out this note. And you know, I always think of it as Grace. Someone from tats actually call me up on the phone, call me, stop me from what I was doing. I never told her what I was doing. But spent hours and hours and hours and hours on the phone with me. She had to get up and go to work the next morning, but she stayed on the phone with me until two o'clock in the morning. And so I always felt indebted to this community. Because if it wasn't for someone taking the time to be there for me, I wouldn't be here sitting, talking in this microphone to you. So you know, it was kind of out of that sense of community really, that I got involved with the with trying to do something other than just go to bars or go to schools are

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Sarah DePalma 31:33

not the answer. Right. So

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I would think that it was back in 98 or 97. I was at an HRC protest with you.

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Sarah DePalma 31:51

dawned on me I remember the story.

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Oh my gosh. And I and Brenda Thomas had pulled up in I think her van and told me that some, some teenager had just been kicked out of Covenant House because she was just

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Sarah DePalma 32:06

Jimmy now shaking their heads, we raised Helen, remember, we raised hell on the air about that.

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Right? They had kicked her out because basically she just, she was a transgendered youth. And there was nothing male about this person. Oh, however, you know, they were doing things like following her and trying to correct how she walked and how she taught. And when she couldn't conform to those standards.

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They kicked her out wasn't allowed to wear any female clothing, right?

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Sarah DePalma 32:40

This incident came about I think, if I remember, right, because they wanted her to take a shower, which meant she would have gotten completely naked. And she refused. Right. And in they said, well, it was a cleanliness. Cleanliness issue. Yeah. And, yeah.

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Well, I thought, well, this shouldn't be a big deal. And I took her to the old Community Center on Hawthorne, and got on the phone, you know, got the yellow pages and started looking through for shelters because I thought, well, you know, this is a teenager or homeless teenagers, there's got to be some place that will take her hours later. I still hadn't found any place. And that was kind of my first big. You know, the moment that

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Sarah DePalma 33:25

all I'm saying on the year was to,

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you know, this, this person is really homeless, really has no place to go. And no one will touch her with a 10 foot pole. Because she's transgendered just like me. And that's whenever you know that I got angry, I got frustrated, and I wanted to do something. And so it just kind of got more involved with the community. You are an inspiration for Vanessa was an inspiration. And Phyllis was an inspiration to me. I saw y'all together and out there and thank you even drug dragged me.

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Sarah DePalma 34:07

To write we went we went to we went to a protest in Austin. And this poor girl I dragged her to the soup to this thing. And she says, What are we protesting? Or whatever the God

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that sounds like you girl I ended up.

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Sarah DePalma 34:21

Jimmy the worst part of this is I wasn't expecting to speak at all. Instead, they grabbed me by the shirt and say go talk and the next thing I know I'm talking to an audience of 8000 people. I have nothing prepared and I'm looking around and Lord, He's standing next to me say it's going to say something. I'm like, There's 1000 People in this one. So standing over here, just giggling snorting Oh, this is funny,

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too, and I was just amazed. I couldn't believe that I had, you know, rode up in this car with this person that's now speaking to 8000 people all looking at her expecting her to just say something well under a pile of crap.

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Sarah DePalma 35:04

And I'm looking down from mean Phyllis, the same talk, say something easy for you to say you're down. Well, you know, the funny, funny thing I remember about the protest is that that that day, there were several cross dressers who came over to join us, right? And they were all in heels. And I remember de McKellar saying to them, Why are you all in heels? And the answer was because they're the only shoes. Okay, that's fine.

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Oh, my God. Yeah. And it was like, after that, that I really just kind of took a nosedive into the

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organization called cats. I think, what what really spurred you on was that there was a call throughout the community for someone to take this transgender teenager in. And there was only one person who stood up. And that was Judy Reeves, straight sister. It took a heterosexual female to take this girl in my head. Now, I remember you being really pissed off about that. Yeah, that is all of the queers in this town. All the transgenders, no one would be willing to take her in. Right,



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right. That's right.



S Sarah DePalma 36:26

I'll tell people about cats.



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Next thing I know, there's cats.



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Well, cat started off as saying, I lived in elves. And all this was going on. And there were just a few of us that lived kind of down south more Galveston and redneck towns and, and a few of us kind of got together every Friday night to watch, you know, transgender themed movies, and then sit around talk about it. You know, it's like four people. And one night, we decided we were talking about, yeah, oh, my God, did you hear about this? Did you know about this, you know, what can be done? There? Someone needs to do something. And we decided, well, well, we have a small group. So why don't we do something? And so we decided, we were going to take that little group that, you know, all we did was sit around eating popcorn and watching movies and talking and and turn that into a nonprofit that had a little shelter for transgenders, and provided social services, and medical care, and all that kind of stuff. And we did that. We did that for



S Sarah DePalma 37:48

virtually no money. Yeah.



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Yeah. Oh, my God. Yes. And up until about a year and a half ago. or so. If If y'all can remember when there was a pretty good dip in the economy several years ago? Well, yeah. Yeah. But what improvement, right about two years ago, and whenever that happened, a lot of the donations, the low \$5 donations that were coming in each and every month. Yeah, that really just dried up.



S Sarah DePalma 38:32

And you know, that's why the Transgender Law conference dried up, is because the money did, right. I mean, even Phyllis, with her done with her dynamic personality, couldn't keep it going.

Right. People didn't have money.

RIGHT. People didn't have money.



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That's right, that's in that's exactly what happened to cats. You know, when the services were, you know, we absolutely needed those services. But the fact is those services to provide those services and to have a helpline and to have a shelter, and to have transportation and all of that stuff, it costs money. And when the money wasn't there, the shelter had to shut down, everything shut down. So about a year and a half ago, because of no money. We had to close our doors. And you know, I tell you that was that was one of the hardest things that I've ever had to do in my entire life.



S Sarah DePalma 39:25

We put your heart and soul into it. I mean, I remember that and you worked your head. You worked your rear in golf for it.



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Yeah. Yeah. In fact, the first time I met you was at the community center when it was on Hawthorne and then the house on Hawthorne. This switchboard was merging with the Montrose Counseling Center.



S Sarah DePalma 39:45

That's right. I was on the board of directors or Montrose counseling at the time. Yeah. And



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used we were having a group of people there. Different organizations were having a garage sale. And so We had to get rid of a whole lot of stuff. Because we were moving from a big place to a small place. And, or maybe it was we were moving into the community, you were moving into a one bedroom apartment into one room. So we had a whole lot. We had a whole kitchen full of stuff to get rid of, and this and that. And you were there. And no one had ever seen you before. And all the whispering was a she you think she is? Oh, no, she's no, no, look at that shape. She's realized. You were just buying up stuff. And I remember we weren't in it to make any money. We just wanted whatever we had to go to the right place. And so I think I was just throwing stuff out.



S Sarah DePalma 40:51

Take the tea bags. Yeah. And you learned a lot about the communities about that time, though, didn't you?



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Yeah, yeah, that's, that's for sure.



S Sarah DePalma 41:05

One of the hard things I was I was joking earlier, one of the hard things about being a transgender leader is that the minute you know, the word leader becomes attached to you. So does a very large target. Oh, and the minute you decide to make a decision, you can be guaranteed that at least half the community will hate it. Another third of the community will think you were a jerk. And if you will pat you on the back and say nice try. And that's pretty much all the help you're really going to get, especially if you're going to be at all public. Yeah. So I number in your case, I know you were talking to charitable organizations and stuff. So that meant that your level of being out was raised someone right people suddenly bolted from you?



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Well, I mean, it was to be, you know, it wasn't just me there. You know, there were several people involved with cat then and they really gave their heart and soul to and, you know, since cats kind of nosedived Yeah, about a year and a half ago, most of those people, you know, kind of really, I, I've observed that they got really disheartened. And they pretty much left the community. You know, I and you know, what, you were talking about the target thing. I remember feeling just so much guilt and shame and remorse. And, and that



S Sarah DePalma 42:38

because like it was your fault, right? Yeah, I know that. Yeah, absolutely.



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Oh, my God. And seriously, that was harder than for me, then. Oh, you know, transition can seem like



S Sarah DePalma 42:56

anything, the last time that we went to Austin for the name change bill, it looked like we really had a shot at it. And I went back up to Austin in my own private time and went back to see someone who said these people privately and I mean, I worked my you know, what off. And when the vote was finally taken, we were we missed getting it out of committee by one vote. And I came home and I thought I can't do this anymore. He just eaten me up of both financially and emotionally. And I felt personally responsible for the defeat, you know, like somehow. And I thought about it afterwards, I'd probably put in 100 hours on that on that end. And what I had show for it was zero, right? And, you know, I felt responsible. So I said, Well, I

better get the heck out of the community because in and I did, I got out for a while I had to, for my own sense of being when it got to the point that Laurie you sent me an email to say, Hello, that was a bad sign. Yeah, that was a bad sign. I said, That's it, um, through



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closely. I so relate to that. Because, you know, now I have a sick while he's almost 16 years old, but there were, you know, weeks would go by where I was literally, I mean, literally going 48 hours at a time running back and forth to Galveston and then the shelter and then running up to Houston, you know, with maybe a 30 minute nap or something. And I had no time for Lou. Lou. I had no time for my partner. Nothing. Okay. So, you know, I really, really got you there.



S Sarah DePalma 44:28

Yeah, it's really it's whether you're in the gay community or the transgender community, the word the minute the word leader is attached to you. You're an open, it's an open it's open season. Jessica Xavier, who's one of the best activists in the country proud. Jesse Xavier. And I remember having a Congress had a conversation about this a couple of years ago, just before she retired from activism. And she felt exactly the same way that no matter what she did, she wasn't going to be able to win. And yet she would say to them, Well, if you feel so strongly about this, why don't you come and help me there They were nowhere to be found not they were willing to gripe, but they weren't going to lift a finger to change it. Especially if it meant that some that they would have to be out even a little bit. I understood I actually got so bad for me that people would see me coming go to the other side of the street. They didn't want to be seen with me. Right. And I thought this is insane. You know, I'm going to Austin and working for that person. That's it. I'm out of here for a while and I had a backlog.



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You sometimes have to do that. You have to say, No, you have to take a break. Yeah. Now, sanity? Yeah, no, no, I



S Sarah DePalma 45:31

still do seminars and things. But I'm picking and choosing what I do. I know, I just recently went and spoke to a group of graduating doctors from university Galveston, that's for that's fine. I love doing that. I've talked to a couple of graduate level psychology classes at Rice University. I love doing that. But I'm picking and choosing what I want. And I'm below the radar screen. As far as the rest of the community say, people have been lately, I've been getting letters and say, Where have you been? Well, I've been doing things my own way. Thank you very much. And I don't have to depend on anybody. And I go do what I want to do. And if they want to criticize, that's fine comes with class, and you can criticize me. That's the last we'll ever hear from it's activism. Maybe in a more personal level? Sure. But it works better for me. Right? There's no I don't have to take the I don't have to take the crap anymore. So well, that's Christian, what have you been



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doing? Well, that's, that's Wow, that really mirrors what what my experience has been for the past couple of years. You know, after cats, kind of had to close shop. I took about, oh, a year, to just kind of re recoil. Yeah, my wounds. And, you know, I remember. And this was just such a poignant moment. My God, you know, the night that the Board of Directors got together to officially make it official, we're shutting down all the services. There was a transgender that had approached me, and it was kind of look like, well, she was just kind of starting out. And she said, y'all are the people with the shelter? And I went, Yeah, well, unfortunately, we're closing. And, you know, we have we just don't have any place for you. You know, I don't know what to tell you. And we had when



S Sarah DePalma 47:38

that's hard. I have I've had those phone calls. And I'd have don't have the answer for them.



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We had to and then we went ahead and had the meeting, took the vote. And a few months later, she was she wound up shot over here on lavet Boulevard. Yeah, but that's not your fault. No, no, no, I understood that. But at the same time, you know, that stuff really, really impacted me at



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the same time. If the money had been there, she would have been in that shelter, right?



S Sarah DePalma 48:10

Well, at least theoretically, theoretically. A lot of people who come to shelters don't stay long, right?



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Well, so I took about a year to kind of get my own life in order. I remember at that board meeting, BK Silva said to me, you know, it's really difficult to help others without helping yourself first. And you know, I kind of that I really hung on to that. And so I just basically took a year off to work on myself and finish my transition. And I got into a job, where I'm basically doing a lot of the work that I was doing with cats, that's within another nonprofit. And, you know, at the time, cats had a really, pretty good website with a lot of resource information on there. And with this in connection with the job that I have, now, there's a new website, that's pretty much the same thing. And that's trans houston.com. You're

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Sarah DePalma 49:19

allowed to say that stuff. We want we want you to do this stuff, when often

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if you go to trans houston.com/jobs I believe it is, anyway, just got a trans houston.com. There's a link that for employment. And there's a just recently updated page that has many, many, many, many Houston area employers from all kinds of industries that have specifically protected transgenders, gender identity, and their non discrimination policy. Are

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Sarah DePalma 49:58

you listening, Sarah? Yeah, well, Listening, because I know Vanessa and I are having the same problem. So security department, right? Yes,

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you know, and so, and and when you go there, whenever I'm at my desk, there, there's a little link, and I'll say that someone's there. And you can talk to me in real time. There's lots of information there about doctors and hormones and how to obtain free hormones through your doctor.

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Hello, did you hear that free? Yeah, I've

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Sarah DePalma 50:32

never felt free hormone. You

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assistant programs that the pharmaceutical companies run themselves. And all you have to do is download the application, take it to your doctor, have him fill it out. You send it in, and the pharmaceutical company will mail you about three, usually three months supply of whatever you're taking. For free. Cool.



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That's very cool. That's very cool.



S Sarah DePalma 51:01

Yeah. So now are you thinking about maybe taking Vanessa shift?



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Well, I'm I'm considering it. I kind of came in today to kind of get my feet wet and see how things go.



S Sarah DePalma 51:14

Yeah, well, you'll find Jimmy and I won't bite you, Chris Will. But Jimmy, no, we haven't bitten anybody in a while. The last person I bought was it was from the HRC. ever, never, ever recovered from that. Yeah. Well, they deserved speaking. Jimmy something you said just just clicked with me. You were just joking about hormones at street level. Yes. Guadalupe. Well, Guadalupe county Kim. Marina was the person who if you may remember, had to injected silicone into another person? Yes. And person died? Yes. She was sentenced in last within last few days that got five years in prison.



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And that's not good enough. Well, I'm sorry. I mean, this this person knew that they were injecting less than medical grade. You know, I knew it was dangerous. I



S Sarah DePalma 52:06

sent a letter to the Houston Chronicle whether they use it I don't know. I thought the I thought it was appropriate. But I also think that they were both victims in their own way. Guadalupe was a victim for number one during the entire trial, they kept referring to her under her male name through the Chronicle consistently used the male name. I kept jumping up and down and turning blue. They just kept ignoring me on it. Yes. She didn't know how bad how deadly that was. I don't think she said that she had done some veterinary work in Mexico. I don't know if that's true or not. And he had had some experience with it. But the flip side of that is that the person who he got injected does so voluntarily. And there's a big difference there. If she had gone to get breast augmentation, it would have run between 6008 \$1,000. If she has a silicone injected, the cost is between 204 \$100 Which is why the girls on the street, do it. But you're taking a chance. Yes, you are. This stuff has the consistency of mud. I've had a chance to actually to work with it. And to see it. It feels like bald, like a like a Teflon ball bearing. And it gets hard and your hand when you roll it in. Yeah, it was dangerous. And on top of top it all off. They were sharing needles when they did it. And



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you you said that you felt that that she deserved less of a blame because because she didn't know. But five years was appropriate. But the and the person who was injected did it willingly. But they didn't know either.



S Sarah DePalma 53:54

No. And that's what I meant when I said I thought that they were both victims of this. And for that matter, the legal system was avec was in its own way made the victimization worse by continually refusing to use the female pronouns for any for either of them. Right. The family of the victim really did seem at a loss and didn't quite know how to handle it. It just that is about it



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to say, well, if it's a legal case, I'm sure they have to use the legal name. And so do you know what legal?



S Sarah DePalma 54:31

That was the problem that was the problem she had never gone to court never had any documentation. And But Jimmy, here's the reason I tell you that I think this is inappropriate. It's not appropriate. If you think she had a hard time before she's going to a men's prison for five years. Okay. She's not going to some powder puff. She isn't going to Martha Stewart prison. She's going to Huntsville. Right and she's going for five years. Five years in Huntsville, and her circumstances in her condition. Yeah, that's beyond hell on earth. Well, either she'd be so punishment was Was she becomes a sex toy. Or she gets to go to admin admin at ad seg, which means she spends 23 hours a day in a set. Right? And then they're not gonna provide any hormones for the prison system doesn't provide any of that stuff there. There is no, there's no psychiatric here and no psychological care, none of that stuff. So yeah, I mean, I thought her per the I thought it was appropriate. But it's but I also think that both of them was a very sad thing, because they were both victims. They're victims. In both cases, they were victims of their own England's. And it's hard to know in the end, who did who's to blame for all of that, Sam,



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I don't want to make the point that I need



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to jump in here real quick.



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Station break? Yes.



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You're listening to after hours queer radio with attitude, right here on good old Pacifica listener sponsored station KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM, and KPFT Galveston at 9.5. FM.



S Sarah DePalma 56:03

And just just so you know, we're going to talk a couple more minutes, and let's go to a piece of music. Sure. And then when we come back, I want to talk about this stuff with with Dobson. And some of the comments. Yeah, oh, yeah, we're gonna have a fun show to do this. But what were you gonna say now, but



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I was just going to mention that, you know, I've, I was kind of following this story on the internet and some of the different, you know, e lists and groups and things and there are some, you know, people are really conflicted about this in the community. But I also want to mention that, you know, I have some pictures, a lot of the clients that I work with have chosen to do these silicone injections. The problem is, the silicone isn't sealed in some sort of an envelope. It's just shot directly into the skin.



S Sarah DePalma 57:00

When it's dejected. They don't know where it's actually going to land. That's right. Put it that way, which is actually the problem. Most people don't know this. This word. Dolly Parton got in trouble. She had silicone injections years ago, didn't know where it was going and almost killed her.



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That's right. And the thing is, it breaks down and travels through the body. Sometimes, I don't know if, if I don't know if you've ever seen. I've seen pictures. Silicone, you know, as affected by gravity? You know, 20 years out, it can travel all the way down to your ankles. You You know, I didn't know. Yeah, so yes. You know, you get the injections in your face and your cheeks, and then it all travels down to your neck,



S Sarah DePalma 57:45

not like Botox. Oh, no, yeah, that's the thing about the silicone is it's injected, but you don't know where it's actually going. And a lot of cases, you end up with a good size Verryn. But it'd be honest, wouldn't be bad for me. But Well, honey, you could stand up again, 100 pounds, and

no one would notice. But, but that is part of the problem in but the real reason they do it is difficult as the cost and money. That's right. It's there's a huge difference between paying 404,000. Yeah, yeah, but what they're doing in it, but the part that worries me is I've been to a couple of what they call shooting alleys, where these are transgender girls, for the most part, who are injecting themselves with street level hormones primarily, right. And literally, I mean, I've gone with the police, and they've had and they've literally driven me around so I can see it. And these are alleys where these, the police know that they're, but there's not a lot you can really do about it. Because they're injecting these hormones. They don't know what the purity level is. If there's any at all. Yeah, they don't really know what the side effects are going to be. Because they don't know what the manufacture of it was. In a lot of cases, they're sharing needles to do it in order to save money. So it's it's a it's a deadly situation from start to finish. The police know they're there, and would really like the trains Jared community to do something about it. Having said that, I don't know what that would be. I don't either. It's easy to say, well, you know, you're the transgender community should fix it, but fix it. How exactly I can't imagine why these people Yeah, I wonder what circumstance would I be able to go to them in which they would actually listen to me? I'm an old fat Anglo woman, they're not gonna listen to me. That's right. You know, I and I, it's nice that for them to say, well, transgender community needs to take it seriously. And we do. But do what I know. You know, that it's, anyway, I thought I saw that verdict. And I've written a couple letters to the to the Chronicle and of course, they ignored me and well, they didn't say anything to me. You know, which is nothing new. But it made me feel better to get it off my chest. Because I kept saying to it's not a hate the name. This is a transgendered woman. How Why is it so hard to say? I even went so far as to go to the Associated Press manual, and what's proper for use of transsexual and treat as gender people in email that's who is here, right read the stuff you're supposed to be reading his newspaper journalist no response. Oh, well, Jimmy, let's go some music and we'll come back. Let's we'll go after Dobson. Okay, I



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have got a piece of music from just one of my favorite transgender artists and all I can say as girl Where have you been? You have put out one CD. It is time for another. This is Veronica Klaus.



S Sarah DePalma 1:00:25

Oh yeah, this is good stuff. She



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has the most terrific album called all I want. And this is my favorite favorite piece from it's kind of bluesy kind of gospel II. It's called Blind hearts and knowing glances and you're listening to it on after hours. KPFT Houston



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Veronica Klaus, and that was blind hearts and knowing glances. What a gorgeous woman she is. And to answer Jimmy's question. Where the hell are you girl? She is performing a one

15. And to answer Jimmy's question, where the hell are you going? She is performing a one woman show in San Francisco called family jewels, the making of Veronica Klaus. And so if you're heading out to San Francisco, check out the Steinbeck's presents Steinbeck, Steinbeck presents dot o RG is the website and it is a independent nomadic theatre company based in San Francisco. And what is she calling her show? Family Jewels, the making of Veronica Klaus Pretty cool.

 S Sarah DePalma 1:01:33

Pretty cool.

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And it's a beautiful picture of the I mean, the the cover art for the poster for it. It's kind of kind of that

 S Sarah DePalma 1:01:46

that awesome thing that Kate Bornstein would do, you know it was a squat and do it. Did you go out and do a show like that and the making of Kate Bornstein. You know, Kate Bornstein is a wonderful Trans activist, and she came in here to do an interview with me one time here. Yeah. Yeah, she did it, which was but she shows up. She's a little tall woman to start with, right. And she's wearing a top hat and tails. And it made her like, she's six foot nine, you know? And I looked at her I said, Why do you do that? She says, Honey, I liked the attention. Well, at least that's honest.

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Sorry, I just realized that was like nothing her show has closed now. Already. It was a one off show. Oh,

 S Sarah DePalma 1:02:27

well, she'll turn up somewhere else. I guarantee ya when you're talented, and you're good looking. They find places when

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she was best Shantus by the San Francisco Bay guardian for 2004.

 S Sarah DePalma 1:02:38

That's pretty good stuff.



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If you know what a Shantou says



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she didn't choose is like a diva. Only with more talent grants



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as a thing as a personal revolution from a husky boy to a voluptuous chanteuse, a story worth telling



S Sarah DePalma 1:02:55

a shin twosome trying to think trying to think someone that I could describe as a shin tus Barbra Streisand would be would be a shin tus, very elegant, very dramatic, lots of use of the hands very expressive, that it'd be a chanteuse a diva gets dead bitchiness to the rest of that. That's when you know you're a diva is when you get big enough you can demand m&ms And only one color and they have to give them to you. She does that with her show. That's one of the one of the things that she demands as part of her and part of her contract. Why she this show? She gets green m&ms only green? Yeah, I you know, hey, look, when your chair you can demand stuff and they give it to you. You know, fortunately



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you can special order that. Yeah, I wouldn't want to be the person sitting there picking the redwoods out. Honey, if you're if you're shelling out the money to get share, you go to the website and you'll order a bag of Joe's green m&m Which



S Sarah DePalma 1:03:45

reminds me, for people with just talking about divas on satellite the other night they had a concert. It's about three or four years old, with oh, I just do her blank. That's terrible. It'll come to me in a minute. She did. Tina Turner. And this woman does a two and a half hour concert by herself. I'll have you know,



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oh my God, how old is she?

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Sarah DePalma 1:04:10

She's 63 years old when she does this good. And she's got legs better than 19 year old. I'm thinking this woman 63 It's an incredible concert. I don't know if it's still on. I hope so. If you get a chance to see it. It's worth it. Okay, anyway, I wanted to I wanted to talk a little bit about James DOPPS. Focus. Yeah. Now, if you were in Galveston within the last couple of weeks, you saw signs that said love one out? Oh, yes. And that was actually put together by a group called Exodus. Exodus is one of two large groups that believe that homosexuality can be cured. Right that it is not a that it's not a that they they will just say they describe it in terms of it is an illness to be cured. And when the gays and lesbians say A this is a load of crap. Their responses Well, the gays and lesbians really haven't tried it to find out. Right, right. Well, that sort of pissed me off. Right? Well, you know, I didn't want to lose my temper. So I went to James Dobson. Now James Dobson is the director of a group called Focus on the Family, right, right wing to the extreme. And I went and looked at his website. Now the website is pretty slick. And at first glance, you think, Well, this guy isn't so bad, because you think he's going to be Fred Phelps, right? But when you read it a second time, and start to think what isn't there, you begin to realize what a lousy, I'm cleaning up my language, whereas What a nasty, sneaky, deceitful person this is. And I want to start out this is a letter that was on his website. Now it's after one o'clock, so I'm going to say a couple of words here. But hey, if James Dobson can say it on his website, we can say it here.

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As long as you remember, just remember to say FCC, if it have that word, oh,

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Sarah DePalma 1:06:01

it will. No, I wouldn't use that word anyway. Okay, now, I'm just gonna read this letter exactly as it is, and we'll take it from there. I've been putting this off for a long time, so I'm finally writing to you. I'm a 13 year old boy, I have listened to your tapes, but not the complete set. I did listen to the one on sex though. Getting to the point. I don't know if I have a serious problem. All through my life. I have acted and looked much more like a girl than a boy. When I was little, I would always wear fingernail polish dresses and the sort. I also had an older cousin who would take us into his room and show us his genitals. Perhaps related to Michael Jackson. I'm afraid I says that. No, no. Oh, no, that's just a little aside there. I'm afraid I have a little sodomy in me.

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One second. Repeat that.

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I'm afraid I have a little sodomy in me. Oh, I'm reading it word for word. Right. It was very hard for me to write what I just said. And I don't want to be homosexual. But I'm afraid very afraid. And that was hard to write to. Now remember this supposed to be a 13 year old boy right?

Come on. Yeah. Through though my through my higher grades in school. The kids have always called me names. They call me gay and they call me fag, etc. and have made fun of me. It's been hard. I have masturbated I guess. So he says I've been masturbated I guess, but gone too far. When I was little, I tried to do more than that. I once tried to suck my own penis. This sounds very bad. And it looks even worse when you read it. I pray that nothing is wrong with me. Very recently, I have done such things as looking at myself in skimpy underwear. Whenever I wear it. I feel like a sexual sensation. Yesterday in the bathroom in front of the mirror. Wait a

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second. How old is this person supposed to be? 1330 sexual sensation. Okay, go

S Sarah DePalma 1:08:13

ahead. Whenever I feel it, I feel like a sexual sensation yesterday in the bathroom. I wiggled my body very rapidly making my genitals bounced up and down. I get a little bit of that feeling mentioned above as I write this, as after I did this, I immediately asked God for forgiveness when in the shower but and went into the shower and did it again there. I prayed more and felt very bad. I talked with one of my pastors and told him that at some point, I probably preferred a man's body over a woman's. Now that was hard to say. He said he didn't think anything wrong was wrong with me. He apparently thought that this is a path passing fast phase, but I feel badly and I wanted to why I feel this way about my spiritual life. I came to Christ only about a year ago, but I've grown very much. I've also done lots wrong. And I am a Mennonite. Okay. She explains a lot of the problem here. What denomination are you? I have been baptized and I'm well liked in my church. I'm afraid I am not straight. That's much easier to write than to say, and I know I will go to hell. I don't say I love God and I want to go to heaven. If something's wrong with me, I want to get rid of it. Please help me. Okay. Yeah, go ahead.

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Any further is there with this letter? Was there a link to donate to focus on the family?

S Sarah DePalma 1:09:48

Yes, at the end of the day. Oh. Very, very interesting how you picked up on that? Yeah.

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A 13 year old Mennonite wrote that is now minute nine, if I remember is like Amish

S Sarah DePalma 1:10:05

very similar to the Amish. Yeah, they except that they're they they except modern things



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trying to figure out you know, the Mennonites have no problems using electricity or automobiles, right? Well yeah, I was just because I was just trying to figure out you know, how old is this 13 year old? Send an email to James Dobson?



S Sarah DePalma 1:10:22

Well, first of all, I think what's wrong with his child? Is he needs a good sex education course.



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Well, of course,



S Sarah DePalma 1:10:29

I don't know that this is a religious issue is I mean, really, this is a shame. This is a shame and guilt deal. Mm hmm. This is a kid that really needs a good sex education course. And maybe a counselor sit down with him and say, you know, masturbation is a normal, healthy part of humanity. People have been doing it since the start time they're going to do it the time ends prior. So quit feeling guilty about this. Stop and enjoy. It's why God gave you a right hand.



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Our apologies to anyone left.



S Sarah DePalma 1:10:57

Left Handed. I'm sure you have fun as well, it just backwards.



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Those are the ones that are going to hell, if you use your left hand. We'll be



S Sarah DePalma 1:11:06

hearing from people shortly don't you pick on the left hand people. Now supposedly, that's a 13 year old. Now I want you to listen to James Dobson's reply. Okay. He says here, I was deeply touched by Marx letter. I know him well, even though we have never met. He is representative of many other preteens and teens around the world who have awakened to something

terrifying within something they don't understand. Something that creates enormous confusion and doubt. These kids often right often recognized very early in life, that they are different from other boys.



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Oh my god.



S Sarah DePalma 1:11:47

Oh my God. They may cry easily. Oh, they may be less athletic. Oh, they may have an artistic temperament. Oh my god. We're stereotypes that we can maybe that we florists



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comments on other people's hair and fashion.



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Oh, no. Is that male nurse.



S Sarah DePalma 1:12:08

I mean, some of them may prefer the company of their own same sex. They may not enjoy roughhousing the way other boys do



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live lives. They enjoy the roughhousing.



S Sarah DePalma 1:12:20

Some of them prefer the company of women. I believe it's his company, a woman gotta get to the next page here. This is all for James Dobson's website. They may walk, talk, dress and even think of femininely Can somebody tell me how you do? Yeah, I saw that. How does one think of femininely? I read this three times. And I even went to the dictionary. I thought maybe I misunderstood. But no. Okay. This, of course brings rejection and ridicule from quote, real boys. Oh, I guess he's less than a real boy who tease him unmercifully and call him queer and fag in QA.



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You even notice all of you know his response. He's putting all of the responsibility onto this 13 supposedly 13 year old

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boy or girl late or later in here, the article he beats up on Father's something awful, it's all father's fault. Even when parents are aware of the situation, they typically have no idea how to help. By the time the adolescent hormones kick in during adolescence, adolescent hormones usually kick in during adolescence as a full grown gender a full grown gender identity crisis threatens to get there. What is this about gender identity crisis? Now what did we miss? I swear to you, you can read it yourself. That's honest to God what it says it gets it gets better. This is what Mark was experiencing when he wrote and it illustrates why even boys with normal heterosexual tendencies are often terrified that they will somehow turn out to be gay. I don't think there are too many normal too many heterosexual boys out there worried about being gay? Do you know I don't think so either. There is an additional dimensions and it's a poor kid. Mark is in desperate need of professional help. But he is unlikely to get it. His parents apparently don't know about his travail. And the pastor he trust tells him it will pass. It probably won't. Mark appears to have a condition we call Get ready for here it comes pre homosexuality, pre homosexuality, and unless he and his entire family are guided by someone who knows how to assess the probabilities are very great that he He will go on to experience a homosexual lifestyle lifestyle okay as hell is he talking about? What is preset? Homosexuality? I read this and I said, What? Pre homosexuality. And it dawned on me, they has to be pre homosexuality because they can't cure sex, right? So you have to be pre homosexual. They can't claim to cure homosexual. And I thought, All That sneaky. And I had to read it or read it two or three times before that click. And I thought an average person would go read by that. And it never never dawned on them what had happened there. And I thought, why you sneaky little. So and so you. But then I thought, and then he goes on to say, what do we know about this disorder? Well, first, it is a disorder, despite the denials of the American Psychiatric Association. Now we see what this is about, he then spends the next four paragraphs beating up on the American Psychiatric organization. What it is, is he's pissed off because the psychiatrists won't accept his pre homosexuality is being legitimate. All but he doesn't say that. No, and he is present. His page says they can cure pre homosexuality, not to me, your pre homosexual means your 10. You know, I just I couldn't fathom pre homosexuality. I even wrote it off on the side of the side of my notes here. So I would go back and take a look for it. Alright, so here's further explanation today. Okay. The second thing we know is that the desire this disorder is not typically chosen. Okay. Homosexuals deeply resent being told they selected the same lie this lifestyle inclination, in pursuit of sexual incite excitement or some other motive. It is unfair, and I don't blame them for being irritated by that assumption. He sounds very reasonable, doesn't it? Yeah. Who among us would knowingly choose a path that would result in alienation from family rejection by friends disdained from the heterosexual world exposure to sexually transmitted disease? Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, tuberculosis?

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Oh, oh, he's

 Sarah DePalma 1:17:19

making fun of training homosexuals. And he's not saying bad things about them.

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That almost gives you the impression that if you're not gay, then you're you can't get

S Sarah DePalma 1:17:30

I'm missing. I should become a gay so I can be I'm diseased carry tuberculosis or, or this package still? Yeah. Where do I sign up? I feel deprived. And we haven't we know we still we have gender disorder to go back to yet here. Says Third, there is no evidence to indicate that homosexuality is inherited. Well, isn't that nice of him to say so. But wait, there's a motive behind this. And despite everything you may have heard to the contrary, there are no risk. There are no respected geneticists in the world today, who claimed to have found a so called gay gene or other indicators of genetic transmission fine. This is not to say there may not be some kind of biological predisposition or an inherited temperament that makes them vulnerable to environmental influences. But efforts to identify such factors have been inconclusive. Despite this lack of evidence. Here we go. The Gay and Lesbian organizations and their friends in the mainstream media continue to tell the public that the issue was settled because gays you're born that way. Oh, you can't be born that way if there's no genetic predisposition to it, so he's not being nice. He's sticking the knife in her back. Right? Well, you nasty little sneak you in love one out it. I'm beginning to see what love wins out here. And then he goes on to quote Newsweek, as is this is a Newsweek said that there was a gay gene. I went out and got the magazine. It didn't say anything. But hey, he can say that if he wants to. Finally if homosexuality was genetically transmitted, it would be inevitable, immutable, irresistible, and wait for it on tradable. That's right, it would be on Fortunately, it's not. Prevention is effective. But wait, wait, I

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want to go back and he just say that is inconclusive. That means that they don't know one way or another. That's what he just finished. Now.

S Sarah DePalma 1:19:37

We don't know. Yeah, gotcha. Okay. We can hear what we don't know. i Okay, that's what you can see why I read this article a couple of times. What in the hell? Okay, prevention is effective, change, change, hope is available, and who fixes this? While Christ is in the business of healing of course. hear again, gay and lesbian organizations in the media have convinced the public being homosexual, as predetermined as one's race and that nothing can be done about it. This is simply not true. There are eight love it. There we go. There are 800 known former gay and lesbian individuals today who have escaped from the horrible homosexual lifestyle, and who found wholeness and their newfound heterosexuality. Spelt the same way



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800 Not 700 998 100 in the entire world in a quote,



S Sarah DePalma 1:20:33

he actually, he actually says at one point, he knows all of them. He knows he's Oh, 800 Okay, all right, just being I wonder where they found 800 queerness. Several years ago, when I was in queer nation, there was a church in the heights that did an ad that said they did homosexual healings. That was too much for me. I you know, that was just too much for me. So I got several friends together from from queer nation, and we went to this church, and they had this elaborate ceremony and they do the laying of hands on you, and they anoint you with oil. And they called on the Holy Spirit. And it was really dramatic. I mean, I was truly impressed at the gastric alley theatre. And then we get through we all kissed each other at a good time. And obviously, they're, you know, they're homosexual cures didn't do a very good job, because I had a real good time. But, you know, that's, that's what they did nothing. Okay. Okay, so now we're going to return. Okay, we have to do station break, I'm told, Okay, hang on. We'll get to station break.



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Station break. Dean Becker is called and that's why Oh, okay. Hi, Dean. Hold on. We don't have one there yet. So push. Dean Becker. You there.



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Good evening. How's everybody doing?



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Fine. How are you?



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I'm good. I don't have much of a report this week. But I do want to encourage folks to contact their state elected officials. In regards to a medical marijuana bill. Elliott Nash day has presented a bill that's a