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## SPEAKERS

Sarah DePalma, Jimmy Carper

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- S** Sarah DePalma 00:04  
The foreman. I just love that font. That's a well care. Fun control. I love it. I love rod bashing. Well, right group. Oh, I'm sorry. I just think, you know, there's in the 60s there was a whole there were a whole host of groups who did sort of social commentary. In terms of music. I'm thinking people like Tom Laird. Oh, yes. And the foremen are right in.
- J** Jimmy Carper 00:31  
They've got right in that job.
- S** Sarah DePalma 00:33  
They got it really got it.
- J** Jimmy Carper 00:35  
And the other shows play the format.
- S** Sarah DePalma 00:37  
I love their stuff. Yeah, I don't know how they're sick. This compact this got sent to me. But I have been playing if the house and Laurie sick of hearing it already. This This compact is just loaded with with those kinds of songs. They have one in particular, it's called California paid for my can't pay for my education. About some guys, you know, the one song I'm talking about? Yes. They California couldn't pay for their education and other paying for their prison sentences. And I was going to dedicate that to Ray Hill, you know, in his prison program, just just wonderful people. Now, the next this next song, since we're talking about Republicans, and

not all Republicans, we're talking specifically about the Christian coalition, right? More or less the Republican Party, or at least for the moment, at least in Texas, certainly in Texas. These folks have this, this idea in their heads that home is Ozzie and Harriet. Hmm, well, that's nice, but it's wrong. It's the fictional 50s all over again. It absolutely is. Now, there's a new album that I picked up by Peter, Paul and Mary and people are gonna say, Why is she playing Peter, Paul and Mary on a queer show? Wow. Well, Peter, Yarrow first of all, who now wants to his first name is no that's what he's going by now. Apparently has quite a long history of involvement in AIDS projects in with the gay and lesbian community yet for for 1520 years now. And he has written this song, the title of this is called Home is where the heart is. And just listen to the lyrics and you'll understand why we're doing here, Paul. Home is where the heart is about a great song. That CD is from a a series that they did for PBS especially did for PBS called lifelines. And it is just chock full of good music, both new and old. They do a new rendition of Bob Dylan's times they are changing. And of course, for those of us who are from the 60s, that's that's an anthem. Yeah, sure. They also do a version of the great Mandela the real the wheel of life with Richie Havens. That is just a knockout. That's a song they wrote in the 60s to just just incredible stuff. There's one song toward the end of the CD, written by Mary Travers, called Sweet survivor, written for those of us who are survivors of the 60s, of course, and what the message of the song is never surrender, never give in. Never give up right? In, it's just marvelous. I don't normally feel CDs, and especially not normally borrowing from Peter, Paul and Mary. But in this case, that the CD is called lifelines. And I really recommend it. It's the kind of music that when you're through, you're going to say, God, can I go play that again? Yeah, yeah, really good stuff. Music with meaning. Yeah. Now, one of the things about the Republican Party, is they have this thing. I don't even know how to go about this. The idea of two women in public holding hands is like anathema. You know, the idea that two men could kiss in public is like, unbelievable.

**J** Jimmy Carper 03:51

You know, to my way of thinking it's, it's very normal. You see that a lot in the Montrose and just show of affection.

**S** Sarah DePalma 03:58

Yeah. Now, the gay and lesbian community the transgender community has tried to respond to these kinds of attitudes with different ways they've tried to respond to it like Peter, Paul and Mary just did with being very kind and loving and saying, Look, home is where the heart is. But then there are some people who get really pissed off about it and say, That's enough for this stuff. Let's get real. It's what you want to fight. Let's get it on. So that's kind of where this next song goes. This is from the out music CD.

**J** Jimmy Carper 04:26

Oh, yes.

**S** Sarah DePalma 04:27

This this young woman's name is Ian Tilly and the song is called scarlet letter in I don't know if

This this young woman's name is Jani and the song is called Scarlet Letter. I don't know if you've heard this one. Yes. But this is called this is called I'm pissed off and I'm not taking any more of your stuff, folks. I'm just asking for my rights. I'm not going to wear my love like a scarlet letter. Yeah, that's what we are all before and we're hoping for the day that we don't have to wear our loves, like Scarlet letters. Now, this next song is also from the out CD. And I want to dedicate this song to Brian Bradley. As I said earlier in the program, Brian Bradley was one of the most fierce activists that I ever met one of the most dedicated. And one of the most straightforward people that I met. Brian worked for the gay and lesbian community, worked on behalf of the AIDS community. When I first began my transition in, in coordination, Brian was among the very first people to come up to me and say, I'm not sure I understand this. But I will support you because that's what I believe in. And I never forgot that there were many people in coordination at the time, who thought I'd lost my mind. And I'm sure there were others who thought that it was just a phase or whatever. But Brian was never one of those people he supported, because he did believe in equal rights start to finish. And I don't want to be modeling about this. As I was preparing for this to do this show. Yesterday, I ended up in tears. So I promised myself I wasn't going to do that. Instead, I'm just going to go to the song and let it speak for itself. The song is called dance. And for Brian, wherever you are, this is for you. Ryan has been very much on my mind about robot four years ago, this time, Brian and many of others of us were plotting to not exactly to overthrow the Republican National Convention, but certainly to make our presence known to Oh, yes. That was during the peak period of queer aware nation and act up and Brian had some choice things to say I was not at the Republican convention I was downtown leading the fight to keep the abortion clinics open. Right. Right other big fight. That was the other big fight. I saw some things there that I never thought I'd ever live to see. But Brian was involved with the melee that took place at the at the gate Republican convention.


#### Jimmy Carper 07:23


And that still is a thorn in the side of of activist because it was a horrible thing that happened. And then nothing ever came of it.


#### Sarah DePalma 07:33


Well, and it so happens that the police captain who was involved with that had a history with Brian. He had a history with queer nation or her. And there were a lot of us who feel and I still feel to this day, that was his gift even. We can't prove it. But I think so. Anyway, that was called the dance. His name is Dan Martin. I won't get it. Well, on a high note. Now. This this is actually a group of old 60s songs. Some of them are civil rights songs. And again, this is Peter Paul and Mary doing the freedom medley. Now, why, why the freedom Medellin? Because friends and neighbors, there is no reason that you have to give up your citizenship in this country just because the right wing thinks you should. I in this coming week, you're going to hear from the Republican Convention, that gays and lesbians are evil, that we're twisted that we don't belong in the military, and the and on and on and on lap, lap, lap lap lap pool. This is our country. We serve in the military were decorated veterans were fighter pilots. were male, female, transgender, well, all kinds of things. And I'll be damned if I'm just going to hand over my citizenship to these people and say, hey, you know, I'm sorry I'll get lost.


#### Jimmy Carper 08:45


 Jimmy Carper 08:15  
Bologna. Bologna is right. This is our we are part of the pie. We are sitting at the table.


 Sarah DePalma 08:51  
And I can tell you from my own experience as somebody who was part of the civil rights movement and part of the anti war movement, there were a hell of a lot of queer people involved and you got it. You know, it's funny, one of the ministers that we're going to talk about later on tonight, this guy's name is Donald Wileman. Donald Wildman is based in Tupelo, Mississippi. Well, I remember Tupelo, Mississippi, because the day I arrived there, there was a cross burning in the center of town. There is no reason that we have to give up our citizenship. So I think we ought to go out celebrating the fact that we're Americans, and that we can vote against these buggers and elections that are you go with that, that that is the power we have. There you go. So the freedom Natalie, from Peter, Paul and Mary.


 Jimmy Carper 09:38  
Oh, yeah, and good news for night sounds listeners because Pat and Rosie are moving to Sunday night at midnight, midnight to 3am. That's the same time slot after hours has just not a different day, just the next day. They're there they're presently doing both time slots. out. You can still catch them late Wednesday night, early Thursday morning. But you can also get them Sunday at midnight now.

 Sarah DePalma 10:08  
It's I liked it there and Oh, yeah. Twilight Zone.

 Jimmy Carper 10:12  
Is there anyone out? Men that comes from an old Pink Floyd song? Is that right? Yeah.

 Sarah DePalma 10:18  
I think well, it was pretty warped. Well, okay, well, let's talk about the right wing.

 Jimmy Carper 10:23  
Well, first of all you're listening to After Hours. Yeah. We're radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station.

 Sarah DePalma 10:33  
Let's not give them a reason to come get us.



Jimmy Carper 10:35

I'm Jimmy Carper. And Sarah DePalma. Is your host this evening?



Sarah DePalma 10:39

Well, sort of. It's been, it's been a Sarah and Jimmy show, we got to talk about the next show too, because we're going to just before we get started this week, before we would talk about the next show. Mark this on your calendars. The next show, I believe is August the 14th. Okay, second, Tuesday, and now, September 2, Saturday in September, we are going to do something very different. We are going to do a show based on the word community, the meaning of community why community is what it means. I have been soliciting commentary from leaders in the transgender community have gotten some fascinating comments back. People like Kate Bornstein, or Dean McKenzie, marking reflection and Stuart Phillips fry. It goes on and on and on what they think community is what it means to them. We'll do some specially prepared music, we're going to, and we'll change we're not going to do interviews, it's just going to be Jimmy and myself. And we might invite one or two live guests to drop in. And we'll talk about community. That's that's a good subject. I guess partly because that falls on Rosh Hashanah. And I have always admired the Jewish community and their togetherness, they have always struck me as people who have got it the other Lord knows they've taken it on the chin. But what they would have always struck me as people who have it together, I've always admired that. And partly, it's been sort of in preparation for coming out daily, which is I guess, in October, October 11. I thought it would be something different. So anyway, prepare that on your calendars for the next show you something very unique. A show on community about community, not just not talking transgendered community? Oh, yeah.



Jimmy Carper 12:21

What is community? Yeah, how it's changed.



Sarah DePalma 12:24

We know what it means we use the word all the time, you might be surprised. I certainly was-.



Jimmy Carper 12:29

When I was a teenager, I don't think I had a community.



Sarah DePalma 12:33

And a transgender groups are just beginning to develop it. Right. So anyway, let's talk about the Religious Right. We've been talking about the right where do we have in the Republican right wing and what it is? Well, I downloaded some material today from People for the American

way. Now, this is a watchdog group, I think many people in the audience are going to be familiar with them. And the way this report was put together, is they analyzed the specific language of various state party platforms of the 50 state parties. 19 produced no platforms, really, of the remaining 31 state parties. 20 produced platforms in 1996 to produce them and 95 that are still current, and three will produce new platforms this fall after the Republican Convention, six were unable or unwilling to provide their platforms or were unresponsive. So this analysis is done on the basis of 22 platforms that had been provided to them by the Upstate Republican parties.

**J** Jimmy Carper 13:37

That's kind of a surprise to me. I thought like, every state would have a Republican and Democratic Party platform for that state.

**S** Sarah DePalma 13:45

That was news to me. I like you. I thought that every convention did it and apparently that's not so Oh, okay. On the first issue that they analyzed was education. Seven of the 22 platforms examined contain outright condemnation of comprehensive sexuality education, and eight opposed school based health clinics.

**J** Jimmy Carper 14:09

Wow.

**S** Sarah DePalma 14:10

Now, it strikes me that if there is an epidemic of teen pregnancies in this country, as we all seem to think there is getting rid of comprehensive sexual education in school based health clinic is not smart.

**J** Jimmy Carper 14:23

No, it isn't smart. And in the face of AIDS, you've got to have sex education and AIDS education for teenagers.

**S** Sarah DePalma 14:32

I just didn't understand it. Of the language and the platform's parroted many of the same buzzwords that the religious right leaders have used over the years and making their case. The Texas Republican platform opposes tax dollars for any program, which teaches and legitimizes sexual activity, birth control, abortion, and homosexuality Of course, which elevates the rights of students to make sexual and healthcare decisions to a level equal to their parents and calls

upon the Texas legislature to make the dispensing of birth control devices to minor children. Illegal. What? So, we're not going to stop children from having sex, we're just going to stop them from having responsible sex apparently.

**J** Jimmy Carper 15:18

Apparently, I read this and there's a lot of them to this. And we've I don't get it. What happens to these people's minds? They obviously were 14-15 and 16. At one point in their lives back at 57 can not remember what it felt like to have those rush of hormones.

**S** Sarah DePalma 15:37

Maybe it's because they remember they don't want their kids doing it.

**J** Jimmy Carper 15:40

And like they can stop it like their parents could stop them and kill me.

**S** Sarah DePalma 15:45

Strikes me dumb. You never in the history of the world. You've never stopped people from having sexual habit. No, you can stop them from having responsible sex.

**J** Jimmy Carper 15:55

Yeah. Paul does that on a daily basis?

**S** Sarah DePalma 15:58

Yeah. I, you know, I'm sorry. I didn't expect to agree with the right wing anyway, but it just it struck me as being incredible. lesbian and gay students and teachers, and multicultural education are also blamed for problems in the education system, using phrases such as promoting homosexuality, and political correctness to describe what they opposed a number of platforms made sweeping in vague objections to public school curriculum. For example, the California Republican platform simply calls for local school boards to move away from a multicultural, politically correct revisionist curriculum that only serves to divide and produce a divided Americans and produce misguided and uneducated students.

**J** Jimmy Carper 16:47

Oh, give me a break.

- S** Sarah DePalma 16:49  
Now up in California, California. California has more different cultures than than the United Nations does.
- J** Jimmy Carper 16:56  
Yes. You know, I
- S** Sarah DePalma 16:57  
mean, there's a huge oriental population. Does I mean, you name you name it with the ethnic group in the world, it lives in California.
- J** Jimmy Carper 17:06  
What was what was that last phrase they were talking about?
- S** Sarah DePalma 17:09  
Um, the only serves to divide Americans and produce misguided in uneducated students.
- J** Jimmy Carper 17:16  
That's exactly the education I got growing up. When they talked about how great Columbus was.
- S** Sarah DePalma 17:22  
Yeah, it turned out he didn't discover the place.
- J** Jimmy Carper 17:26  
And what he liked to do was take Indians as as slaves and cut off their hands and do all kinds of, you know, nice things like that. I mean, I got the biased view. I got the biased education. Now that we are that we're mixing in the diversity in the buy culture, the Yeah, the multicultural your cultural stuff. We're getting a better view of how this country came about.
- S** Sarah DePalma 17:58  
My daughter actually got in trouble in her school. Because she had the she had the audacity to suggest they were talking about something called the great American dream in which it was



suggest they were talking about something called the great American dream in which it was the destiny of the white Americans rights over the West. It my daughter, my daughter said, you know, I'll put the American Indians didn't think that she got sent to the principal for being a smartass.

**J** Jimmy Carper 18:19

And what about slavery?

**S** Sarah DePalma 18:20

I thought she told the black cowboys in Texas. You mean you were black cowboys? Really? With 100?

**J** Jimmy Carper 18:27

I was hitting, are you kidding?

**S** Sarah DePalma 18:30

We you and I know that now. And did you end? Did you know that there were women who actually accomplished things in history? Until 10 years ago, right. So but of course, the right way is against all this. Likewise, South Carolina's Republican Party platform opposes legitimizing on natural lifestyles in the classroom, without specifying what current materials are activities or the culprits. So such vague statements given endorsement of the removal of a range of counseling services, student clubs, textbooks, library books, in of course, lesbian and gay teacher. Sure. In fact, some platforms specifically stated their support for such discrimination according to the to their platform. I will Republicans oppose allowing homosexuals and teachers in public schools in South Carolina Republicans do not think that known practicing homosexuals should serve as teachers in public schools out there. Well, my thought was, Don't say you're practicing. Tell them you're expert. Practicing homosexual, I'm expert and I'm very good.

**J** Jimmy Carper 19:41

Don't get it. I don't get it. I was. I was taught by maybe straight people, you know, and I didn't turn out straight.

**S** Sarah DePalma 19:49

Well, gay, lesbian, transgendered people don't think I'll have at least parents who are heterosexual for little while.



**J** Jimmy Carper 19:56

I was brought up by straight parents. It didn't work.

**S** Sarah DePalma 20:00

A well worn tactic of a religious right for introducing coercive religion into public school is to labeled non proselytizing education as a religion of its own. The Republican platforms from Texas, Oklahoma, and Iowa, all contain such references to so called secular humanism. Now, bear with me on this one, because I missed the logic here, the Texas platform reasons, that sense secular humanism is recognized by the US Supreme Court as a religion. I don't know if that's true. And our government funded schools are prohibited from teaching any religion. The party believes that secular humanism What the hell a secular humanist, I don't know. And new age, religion in any form should be subjected to the same state and federal laws as other recognized religions. We support the return of Bibles and other religious books to the shelves of public schools and libraries. Of course, there's no evidence that books those books have ever been removed, right? What the hell are they talking about? What is secular humanism is, I think what they're there if I if I follow their their complaint. This has more to do with fact that Pope the prayer in state sponsored prayer in schools, is not legal. It's a misunderstanding. Prayer is not illegal in school. And anybody who's ever had to take the final exam, does a lot of planning, whether it's legal or not. But somehow they have in their head that the Supreme Court ruled that prayer is unconstitutional. It's not. It never was.

**J** Jimmy Carper 21:35

It's just that when you have prayer in school, it it's Christian prayer. And there are Jews or Hindus or Buddhists. I mean, there's lots of other types of religion.

**S** Sarah DePalma 21:50

The form and have a song or have have a song on the CD and one of them says it's time for our state sponsored prayer boys and girls, for those of you who are the godless AP and AP is to Keaton's hedonism. People that you are, you're welcome to put your fingers in both years. agnostics need plug only one year. Yeah. Yeah. Now this is this. I love this one. The Iowa platform employs a whole host of religious right buzzwords opposing school, that advance the promotion of secular humanism, political correctness, New Age concepts, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, philosophy, one world philosophy, one world government situational ethics and the teaching of homosexuality or other sexually deviant behavior as an accepted lifestyle. What's wrong with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals?

**J** Jimmy Carper 22:51

That is, that is too weird.

**S** Sarah DePalma 22:53

Oh, what are they? What are they? Are they having sex with their cows in Iowa? And it's going to their head or where I don't know what's ahead for me, your People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. Okay, I surrender in that one.

**J** Jimmy Carper 23:11

Now, that's this isn't this was an Iowa maybe it's because they think that these folks are out to stop them from, you know, slaughtering cows and stuff like that. And they raised cows there.

**S** Sarah DePalma 23:23

So how can you learn political correctness is with the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals? By the way, they don't like philosophy.

**J** Jimmy Carper 23:29

They're against that. And that's their version of coalition building, I guess. I don't know. I don't know.

**S** Sarah DePalma 23:34

I guess we ought to throw out Plutarch. Yeah, and the Greeks and the Romans, and let's, you know, let's just do it with czar, five of the 22 platforms, reviewed by People for the American Way, Paul for the teaching of creationism in school science classes, which may explain why they don't want philosophy taught. The Iowa platform went so far as to allege that teaching evolution in schools amounted to state funded religion, and asked for the stocking of creationist produced resources in all tax funded public and school libraries.

**J** Jimmy Carper 24:12

Oh, boy, I don't even want to get into that. Yeah, it's like-.

**S** Sarah DePalma 24:16

Yeah, we already discussed school prayer. So I'm gonna skip over that. I mean, it's an old are they serious with that? You know, because this is the problem that I've had when I've talked with the old Carpenter, I realized that Dale is not this type of a Republican. How can you belong to a party who advocates anything? I'm sorry, I know. Gay and Republican to me is no different than being Jewish and Nazi or being black and a member of the Klan, and I do if you're hearing me I don't make me apologize for saying that. It is just beyond my comprehension.

**J** Jimmy Carper 24:47

Yay. Queer. Okay. To make changes you have to get in there to do I agree. And I am glad that they are doing it and Anise Parker brought up Anise Parker brought up a Good point, when she said, you know, in the early 80s gay people were not exactly welcomed with open opened arms into the Democratic Party. It's true. And it took years of coalition building to get where we are.

S

Sarah DePalma 25:15

But I don't think the Democratic party ever advocated the kind of luau. We're hearing from these people. These people right now are in control of the Republican Party. That's a bit scary to me. 11 of the 22 platforms contained positions against legalizing same sex minors. Surprise, surprise, yeah, no surprise for which also support prohibitions on gays and lesbians from adopting children or providing foster care.