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SPEAKERS

Roy, Sarah DePalma, Jimmy Carper, LuJack Tyler

- J** Jimmy Carper 00:00
Beautiful Music for Michael Feinstein and he's going to be here next Sunday, November 16. That theater at Bayou place brand new venue downtown. And for those
- S** Sarah DePalma 00:11
of you who don't know, that used to be the old Civic Center Yeah, yeah, that civic center center somebody's calcium. That's
- J** Jimmy Carper 00:19
what they call Is that what that was? Yeah, it was. Okay. Some old buildings.
- S** Sarah DePalma 00:23
I knew. Yeah. They tell me it's very nice inside I wouldn't know haven't been
- J** Jimmy Carper 00:29
anyway, Democratic Convention. The
- S** Sarah DePalma 00:32
Beatles performed their one year Nikes with the age of that building. When Elvis was a little girl in shorts he performed honey first it was God. Then there was dirt and it was me and it's not necessarily in that order.



Jimmy Carper 00:51

Okay, folks, it is time for the news. I think



Sarah DePalma 00:58

we will do like Walter Winchell. Good morning, Mr. And Mrs. American, all the chips and see this is all the news. That is the news at the top of the news. Michelle is yours.



Roy 01:11

Okay, first off on the news.



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Wow. Before we started, did you see that little thing that Jimmy has over there? I gave Jimmy a part of my present for my birthday.



Jimmy Carper 01:23

Today is Michelle's birthday.



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Today yesterday. Cake.



Jimmy Carper 01:30

Cake in the condom. And at first I was unsure whether I was supposed to put the condom on the cake or put the condom on myself and rub the cake on it or I'm not sure.



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What do you mean Internet Group? What it is, is it's to remind us all to be safe. And now big Roy is going to tell us about the gala Palooza that's coming up. You patrol benefit into patrol.





Roy 01:56


That's right. Well, it's coming here for its Texas Tour. And it's going to be here in Houston. On Sunday, November 9. That's tomorrow night. And that's going to be at 1950 to a West gray at


the last stop there. And there's going to be Scott Kennedy, Kevin May and special guests. Very, very funny man. Mr. Bob. Oh, he


 Jimmy Carper 02:26
is funny.

 Roy 02:27
He He alone is worth the

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price of the tickets. Wow. Scott's a lot of fun tell you know, Scott's on to patrol. Oh, is a real blast to walk around the Montrose?

 Roy 02:40
It is it really is. And then the next item up for bed here is the elegant elephant 97 Oh, my is having its third annual evening celebration at the Houston center club. What is that? At 1100 Carolina at Lamar. Okay, that's the this is where you're going to get to meet the only openly gay congressional representative in the United States. And it's going to be Jim Kolbe from Arizona is going to be there. And they would like for you to confirm your reservation by Tuesday, November 11.

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And how do we do that? You

 Roy 03:23
can call them log cabin, Republican or you can tickets are available at basic brothers the house of Coleman Crossroads market and at local Lobo bookstore over there, Montrose and Alabama. Well actually is just a little bit south of Alabama, about a block or two south of Alabama. And so you can meet your local gate. You're the only openly gay Republican Republican congressman, right Republican congressman, and you can register to win tickets to see Anna de Franco. I wanted to talk about enter any DeFranco last week but we just did not have enough time. And it's coming up. You can register to win those tickets, which is coming up in November register at chances and they'll or new barn and the people there we more than happy to give you more information on that. Also, and I hope Jamie's listening on this one. The Gay and Lesbian switchboard is it's an all profit. It's a nonprofit, all volunteer, all profit is a nonprofit. Volunteer right a non profit all volunteer information and referral line and the gay and lesbian switchboard is looking for volunteers.



Jimmy Carper 04:43

We always are looking for volunteers. We're gonna have I'm sorry, I wasn't listening to what you were talking about the training class coming up, right?



Roy 04:55

Anyways, we've seen no experiences now. Siri and to hear more attended training and orientation says session on Friday, November 20. That's right. And you can call James Janek at 713-529-3211 or leave a message at 529961571



Jimmy Carper 05:20

It's easier to leave a message on 9615 it is yes. Okay.



Roy 05:24

So that's what you need to do. Also a great,



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great thing to go out and volunteer to do. Oh, yeah, I paid on switchboard.



Jimmy Carper 05:33

Yeah. And you can be in the closet and do it because it's a secret location. And oh, yes.



Roy 05:40

You be performing such an important, important. And



Jimmy Carper 05:45

plus, you'll learn a lot about your own community.



Roy 05:48

Right? That's, that's



 Jimmy Carper 05:49

where I got my first. That was my first step into the gay and lesbian community. I really was volunteering for the gay and lesbian switchboard. 10 years ago. I know you look where I am today, hey, oh my God.

 Roy 06:07

Now the Asians and friends and show Houston are celebrating its fifth anniversary on Sunday, November 16, at 5pm at a Montrose area restaurant. Now to get more information on this or to reserve a table call by November 10. And you need to call Albert at area code 713-728-5181. And then the men's network which I keep meaning to talk about every week, and every week, I just, I just don't have enough time. I next week, I'm going to talk about

 Jimmy Carper 06:42

it. Okay, I'm going to talk about a couple of things too. So anyway, the Maria, the men's network,

 Roy 06:48

Jay Z. It's an ongoing support group for gay and bisexual men. And it's going to be holding its next meeting Tuesday, November 11. It's from 715 to 9pm at the Montrose Counseling Center at 701. Richmond, so make sure to be there. Yeah, it's a great play.

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Yeah. What kind of topics do they have?

 Jimmy Carper 07:11

Different all the time? I mean, you name it there. They're all talk about it. It's a great

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group. Yeah, I know, one of the one of the fellows from Q patrol. Shaw went there about three weeks ago, and I talk on street safety related. Yeah. David gay.

 Jimmy Carper 07:27

Yeah, see, all kinds of stuff you can really learn about now. Immunity.





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I was told that one was a kind of heavy subject. And that most of the time, it's a lot lighter than things like



Jimmy Carper 07:38

I've been just about to some heavy subjects there. I've attended, okay. And there's, there's been some heavy things going on. I was listening to lesbian and gay voices last Thursday, of course, they're on Thursday, from seven to eight. And they were doing an interview with Kevin White. And he happens he put together something for access Houston, which is kind of a learning on the computer, and finding your way around all of the the gate parts that you can find, yeah, wow. So he put together this thing with using people from the community. And it's gonna be on I've got a list of schedules that it's gonna be on. And you know, on Warner, it's channel, what 617 to 17. And I don't know what it is on anybody else's bad. Yeah. But here we go. Monday, November the 10th, it's going to be on at 8pm. Sunday the 23rd. It's going to be on at 2am. Now, Friday, the 28th it's going to be on at 5pm. five in the afternoon. Now there's four dates in December, December fourth, at 11am. December the 16th at 2pm. December the 19th at 5pm and December the 22nd at 12am. If you need if you couldn't get those give us a call at 5265738 in about 10 minutes and they grow I will give them to you. Right.



Roy 09:15

Big we're also wants to let all of you folks out there in the Fifth Ward know that the HIV Food Assistance Program is not expanding to the Houston Fifth Ward good and I think this is a much needed and we're way overdue.



Jimmy Carper 09:31

You got that right. Yeah. And



Roy 09:35

to get more information on this, go ahead call area code 713-222-1873 That's Area code 713-222-1873. And earlier tonight Joycelyn Elders was speaking here in black tie dinner, you know, raising funds for HIV and gay rights to already, I think that that was just fantastic.




Jimmy Carper 10:02


I do too. You know, everybody says the N word.





Roy 10:05


I know. The funny thing is everybody does it. Nobody wants to talk about the more


 Jimmy Carper 10:14
masturbation Oh, I


 Sarah DePalma 10:15
see. Oh,


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we all do it. Wherever, you know whenever we can. Yes. The courts got a bunch of stuff going on. Yes. I love the court, the Royal Sovereign and imperial court. One downtown No, no, no. Wrong. Few things going on with the court. Sunday tomorrow, the ninth at 8pm. The Houston Council of clubs are having a show at the venture in next Friday, the 14th. Giovanni who is running for Emperor is having the monthly meeting game at chances. Ooh, yes. Saturday on the 15th that marries the cart will be bartending from two to seven. And also on the 15th. At E Jays. They're going to have the closet ball from 730 closet. I've never know what that is. It sounds good.

 Sarah DePalma 11:12
I'm almost freaking out. Ha.


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And on the 16th next Sunday, Sean, who is Prince Royale will be having a show at the briar patch at eight o'clock benefiting stone soup.


 Roy 11:27
Grit now stones, I'll tell you what anything that benefits is stone soup. If there's any way that you can assist on that, do it well, that's


 Jimmy Carper 11:36
a good deal then because you can go to two gents, the briar patch and and do that and then run back over the centuries and watch the boys take off their clothes.


 Roy 11:45
There you go. And I do want to mention that the MS camp American foundation. Now they've announced the start of its 1998 fundraising campaign. And assistance is provided for 501 C


announced the start of its 2000 fundraising campaign and assistance is provided for 301 C class three organizations that provide HIV related direct care. Okay, and they're accepting applications for grants, you know, for the upcoming season, they're not being accepted and the deadline for submission of these grants of applications is Monday, December 1. Mail those applications to miss camp America Foundation incorporated attention our kitties. CHAIRPERSON 3912 Garrett Street, Houston, Texas seven seven double O six. And Miss camp America does so much good. Oh, no care in the Houston area throughout Texas and the country. You bet.


 Jimmy Carper 12:43
Got anything else?


 Roy 12:44
No, that's that's it for this week. Okay.

 Jimmy Carper 12:47
You've been listening to the new segment with big Roy, Michelle, and Jimmy and everybody else we could get. We'll be back with you in just a moment.

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Hi, I'm Chris Murphy. Please join me in my special guest Phil Pritchett for an early evening acoustic concert on Sunday November 9. Tickets are \$7 and the proceeds will benefit KPFT radio. The show will be from six until 9pm at the fabulous satellite Lounge on Washington Avenue in the heights. Don't forget that Sunday November 9. At the fabulous satellite lounge. It's a benefit for your community radio station 90.1 FM KTF to

 Jimmy Carper 13:47
admit I was walking down the street holding hands with my lover when suddenly we were attacked after being publicly identified as breeders.


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Hetero phobia can kill. Education is the only lasting weapon against bigotry. Which is why the National Federation of contributors to overpopulation wanted you to hear and think about this message. Live

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can be pretty hazardous. But there are ways to make our lives safer. It's as easy as wearing a seatbelt or life vest. And unfortunately, falling in love can be hazardous to but there are also

beakers of the test and unfortunately, having in love can be hazardous to sex there are also ways to make it safer. It's as easy as wearing a condom. You see using a condom properly can help prevent AIDS or you can avoid taking the risk altogether. Protect yourself remains. It's the choice of a lifetime called AIDS Foundation Houston in five to four aids for more information

 Jimmy Carper 15:00

and you're listening to after hours on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station. I'm Jimmy Carper. Sara dipalma, is here tonight as a little post. And we've got swag. Yes, we

 Sarah DePalma 15:13

have Vaalu Jack Tyler in there. And LuJack is very involved in the nice Parker campaign as am I. And I don't know Lu Jack, is that what you came to talk about? Or do you just want to raise hell in general? Well,

 LuJack Tyler 15:26

before I started on that Vigouroux asked me to bail him out. He had a bit of news he wanted to throw in the prior committee was denied a permanent to be in the thanksgiving parade this year. Yeah. So I wish I'd stayed and talked about that a little bit. I'm

 Sarah DePalma 15:42

we On what grounds

 Jimmy Carper 15:45

social social issues. Like what?

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It's a gay organization. It's a gay organization. And it was Come on,

 Jimmy Carper 15:55

you gotta get in front of a microphone. To talk County.

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I'm on Rainbow get in here.



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Officially talking with for the committee. But that is basically what it's about. It's social issues. Bank bank united. They're in charge of the parade, and



Jimmy Carper 16:09

always doesn't do it anymore. Now they haven't done for a while. Yeah. And



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so you'll figure Yeah, we filed. I shouldn't say with the committee of pride committee of Houston filed the permit. And we were not going to I understand we were not going to go down the street and be like, real? Well, the pride if it was for the broadcast may be appropriate for everybody, you know, that type of thing. And because



Jimmy Carper 16:35

of social issues, what they were afraid to share your butter so well, I



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think it was the gay word for Thanksgiving.



Sarah DePalma 16:41

It's too damn cold. No, no, no, Jimmy. One of the things I learned when I was out at the police academy is that the word gay is automatically considered. I don't know how to put it persona non grata. Oh, I know. And just the mere word because there are going to be children present. Just the mere word is too much. Therefore,



Jimmy Carper 17:05


as I'm on the board of the gay and lesbian switchboard, and because our name is Gay and Lesbian switchboard, we are not eligible for a lot of grants because we have the gay and lesbian name. Well, I got I don't think you're but if we didn't have the gay and lesbian name, nobody could find us.





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I got a few issues with BankUnited. And any any group from the city that says we can't be in it because of more social issues. I mean, we have the Clydesdale horses go down on the parade,


which what do they do with the the parade know what I'm talking about is the Clydesdale they push what are they pull what? Yeah. But Budweiser, is that a social issue? Yes, it is. And it is. There's radio stations, that could be socially not acceptable. I mean, there's, and if you look at it, there's the top 500 companies, the fortune 500 companies have been giving us benefits the gays benefits. What do you call it? Same sex marriage? Yeah. Yeah. Tax benefits. Yeah.


 Jimmy Carper 18:08
Yeah. Are


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they gonna deny these groups from being in the parade? You know, like, I don't want to name names, but that I just would like to, we'd like to find out who the other people are being told that can't be in and who Well, anyway, you're not actually speaking for the product. I'm not speaking for the price. And they have decided that I'm just a person that goes to meetings, okay, heard this. And they've decided not to pursue it. They're going to observe the parade. This is their idea is to observe the parade and take notes and see who's been in and who's not in it. And why build a file for next year build file, but I can't sit on my hands. I can't and I'm just Oh, honey, I

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know why there must be a way that all of us can say, find some way to say thank you. Thank you.

 Sarah DePalma 18:53
Yes, I got a better way to say thank you take your money the heck out of your bank. That's right. Yeah.

 Jimmy Carper 18:58
Fu Thank you.

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I think I need it Brian. Did 20 years ago, ya know, some of these people think that they can do this. And it's really they. If they would have said we just don't have any room that we already filled up. But when they say social issues,

 Jimmy Carper 19:20
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I got your social issue right here.

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Sarah DePalma 19:24

This is KPFT 90.1 FM in Houston. We are just slightly to the left of Christian broadcast on your radio dial.

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Jimmy Carper 19:36

That's right. In fact, I do need to say we are KPFT Houston and ke O

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Sarah DePalma 19:40

's College Station about ke O 's Yeah. Hi, College Station.

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Jimmy Carper 19:43

How are you doing, folks?

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Okay. And one more thing. If you remember you always have one more. One more thing.

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Sarah DePalma 19:50

Isn't that what Colombo did? Oh, by the way, I forgot to ask you one more thing, as you

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know who really Who's the one who does the filming for the poor? right you know the there's so many usually it's ABC oh that owned by her Disney. So I wonder you know what

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Sarah DePalma 20:10

I think I think actually thank you since they are the chief sponsor has the control here but anyway,

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Jimmy Carper 20:15

so if you bank you Okay,

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Sarah DePalma 20:17

so Lou Jack, let's, let's talk about any yeah this

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Lujack Tyler 20:20

right this is the bottom line. I don't necessarily know how many folks in our community are completely aware of this. But the reason why we have so many run offs with incumbents with with black opponents is because on the day of the election that was a pushcart handed in to any individual of the African American background and city of Houston that had nothing on it except African American candidates on the ballot, the card

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Sarah DePalma 20:47

was illegal, for several reasons, not the least of which it did not claim. It is required by law to say who sponsored this card. And there was no sponsorship, what

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Jimmy Carper 20:57

we're talking about this, this is news to me, they were pushing it,

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Sarah DePalma 21:01

when you go to the polls, a lot of the candidates put out what are called push cards, you know, well, this one was had no names on it as to who sponsored it. And in essence, it was saying vote only for black candidates and only black candidates were on it. As you went in. Oh, okay. The HCL PC postcard. That's not the point H GOP C card was legal. This one wasn't and it was it was telling people vote based strictly on color.

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Lujack Tyler 21:30

And the bottom line is, is that it worked. And it worked. That's right. And whether or not it was legal or not what what my new position is, is that if it can work on a so called fragmented black vote as to African American voters seen in the city of Houston, it can certainly work in the situation with a nice Parker. And if a nice does not when I did the numbers, the conservative vote on City Council of whether we have Libran or not, it's going to be edged to them. Yeah, Driscoll is probably going to win, Belle is probably going to win crow Robinson is probably going to win. All the front runners are probably going to win for nice does not win this is this is not a situation of black or white a situation of life or death. Her her opponent, Bill Fitch is a conservative spybubble conservative money, who will just vote along the lines of the conservatives. We do not need an individual like that on City Council. This is an opportunity for the lesbian and gay voice of this of the city of Houston to elect someone who is not only qualified, but who understands the concerns of lesbian and gay issues in the city of Houston. We have never got gotten an endorsement from the Houston Chronicle. We got it with a nice

Parker, we had never gotten into a runoff legitimately what a legitimate highly qualified candidate. And nice has gotten us there. Let's finish let's put her over the top. And let's have a reason to celebrate. And, and, and I guarantee you that if a nice Parker is on city council, we will not have a situation such as we are not allowing the prime committee to walk and the Thanksgiving Day Parade for quote unquote, social issues. Well,

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Sarah DePalma 23:09

the thing here is the thing about this is this is a nice and nice is one endorsements of the Houston Police Association. She's one that by he's been endorsed by the AFL CIO. So this is a legitimate candidate had the black vote had they voted based on qualifications just on qualifications, and these probably would not be in a runoff. But what

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Lujack Tyler 23:38

the situation was. And I'm and I'm kind of sorry to say but I'm kind of sort of not sorry to say it. It was a it was an emergency type situation. You had affirmative action on the ballot, you had Rob masback on the ballot. And what the situation boiled down to was it was an angry vote, the organizers of that pushcart, were angry, oh, I can understand that. And we need to have as lesbian and gay and transgender gender folk, we need to have that same type of desperation, that same type of emergency attitude, and that same type of anger, that's going to actually push it nice over the top. So we may disagree with the idea, which I believe that we do. But the idea is one in which we ourselves as, as, as a community heading toward organization can capitalize on, build that same momentum and get one of our own candidates in there.

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Sarah DePalma 24:26

Oh, he said the queer community would turn out the vote. Gay, gay gay candidate would win any election. But any election any election, I don't care what it is. And but I found I know, just through our phone calling. People will say to us, well, I'm going to vote. You know, like if they can remember. Or there's nothing else to do that day. Yeah. When it isn't showing a rerun. The commitment in the gay and lesbian community was nowhere close what it has what it was in the black community. I've seen I don't understand it. I honest to god don't understand it. and

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Lujack Tyler 25:00

I will share with you a situation that I'm sorry, it's gonna get me in trouble. But at this point, it's about a nice it's not about anybody else except nice in my in my life. I attended the the general meeting of the Houston Dallas and Political Caucus on Wednesday. And a motion was put on the floor by myself that that that organization, which has been around for the last 23 years, contribute every dime, and it's PAC account for the benefit of a nice Parker, I was overwhelmingly defeated on that. And my position was, and still is, if that would have been a black organization. And the black president came in and said that we're going to contribute 25 cents from our entire fund to the Les Brown campaign, they would have been no questions asked, they would have that would have been no motion on the floor, and everyone would have been happy about it. Gay people, in my opinion, to some degree don't want it that bad. And so

what my position is, is that you have to want it that bad because if you don't want it that bad, we're going to end up with a conservative on City Council and the race that the nice Parker is, is is running in, and we will be a sadder group or community for it. And that's what my position is. We need one, we're going to have to one we're going to have to get out there, push cars, make phone calls, take 10 people to the pole. And just do it be like Nike, just just do it. Tell

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Sarah DePalma 26:22

people how to get hold of a nice how to get a hold of the nice Parker campaign and where they're headquartered. Okay, they're in Hubbard financial, you're in the Hubbard financial building, which is a California and Montrose one block north Westheimer. one block north of Westheimer. Is grant Martin said at the meeting the other night, just show up. Don't call, don't call the number. Just show up. That's all you got to do. I can tell you as their as their coordinator for the phone banks, what we need desperately, desperately is we really need people who are willing to get on the phones, you're not necessarily going to have to ask for money. You need to ask for votes you need for me the the turnout in run offs typically just sucks. I can't put these away. It sucks. If we actually turned out the gay vote just on the cable alone and East would win. Yeah,

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LuJack Tyler 27:18

I agree. I agree. Because the African American vote certainly came out in early register voted. You had judo and bony on one of the black radio stations every hour on the hour telling folks this precinct was was lunch and black folks need need to get out and vote. And so I have that same type type of attitude. We're going to do it we're going to win, this will not be me sitting up here after December 6, which by the way is is the date of the runoff election, December 6, which is on a Saturday, you will not have me sitting here on Saturday, December 6, crying about the fact that nice, Parker did not win, we will I repeat, we will win on December 6, and that's the bottom line. We

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Sarah DePalma 28:00

will win we can win. But the trick here is that people actually have to turn out. And that's going to be the big thing is will we get them turned out. It's nice that they went out and voted once but now they have to go out and they have to vote a second time. And they have to make their vote count. Will they do it? That's the real question. I don't know the answer to that. Well,

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LuJack Tyler 28:19


I do. And I have faith and I have confidence that we that we feel that this is a situation which is which is highly vital to our everyday lives. And we will actually get out and we will vote and we will win.

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Sarah DePalma 28:33

Well, let's hope so. I, you know, I was just looking at some of the some of the material we had

well, let's hope so. I you know, I was just looking at some of the some of the material we had here on 35 races in which gay and lesbian candidates were running 17 were victorious. Yeah. Houston could very well and the ATF do that. If we get off our butts. And we go out there and actually make it happen. Yeah. I don't know. I mean, it's it's up. It's up to the it's up to the people who live here as to whether they want to get out there and do it or not.

 Lujack Tyler 28:59


But you gotta want it sir. There's nothing else I can say about I got

 Sarah DePalma 29:03

a piece of music I want to put on. It seems like an appropriate piece to play given what we've talked about. This is Elton John, don't let the sun go down on me. That's always been one of my favorite songs, too. Don't let the sun go down underneath that.

 Jimmy Carper 29:24

That also has that great version of candle in

 Sarah DePalma 29:27

the wind. And Vanessa called in she said that the the phone number for nice Parker's campaign is 5217338 Are we knew that. She wants to remind everybody that yes, indeed. They still do need donations. Oh, yeah. Yes, they do. Of course,

 Jimmy Carper 29:43

even more so now, because they were talking about that. I don't I'm sorry. I was. Yeah, in the lobby, but her opponent. Deborah Bill was on lesbian and gay voices talking about how her opponent had sunk a lot of money into the last couple of days. Unlike zoomed ahead have a nice because she was she was number one it


 Sarah DePalma 30:04

was his own personal money. Yeah, right. These nice doesn't need the money for the billboard that you see right you gotta give it to her and she needs television time desperately to name recognition in a runoff. Name recognition is everything. And if people don't know the name of nice Parker when they go in, they're gonna vote for the name they know. Yeah. We don't want it to be the opponent. We want it to be Parker. Parker. Right. Parker. Yeah. And that takes money. It does. Yeah,

 Jimmy Carper 30:32

 Jimmy Carper 30:32


I was. I was hearing that 32nd spot during the news in the evening. Runs 1000 bucks. Oh, yeah. But if you want that same 32nd Spotlight during Allen, it's 20,000. Willing to network level. I

 Sarah DePalma 30:48


don't know what it is locally. 20,000 bucks. I think that's true in the network. I don't know if it's still true locally. But yeah, but yeah, a TV

 Jimmy Carper 30:56


is not cheap. No, it certainly isn't.

 Sarah DePalma 30:58

Well, let's talk about some of the stuff that I've been involved with recently. There's been some, we alluded to it at the early part of the show. After Dean McKellar passed away, I took her place teaching class at the Houston Police Academy, right. So we taught I taught my first class out there this past week, how was it? It was like going back to Texas a&m. That's how it was.

 Jimmy Carper 31:29

They never told you about it. Hmm.

 Sarah DePalma 31:30

I get up in front of the class and said, Okay, now then, am I male? Or in my female? And as an officer, how will you determine that? And you can see them all sort of turning and looking to one and go like, this is a trick question. How do we answer Yeah. And I thought, Well, that's exactly the point. That is the point. Earlier in the class, Mindy Snodgrass who is now teaching that since then, he's no longer can do it. Mindy Snodgrass asked them to name some of the stereotypes, they had heard about gay and lesbian people. Some of them were what you'd expect, you know, gays and lesbians who recruit, you know, not all crap that also but some of them were really kind of surprising. It talked about the promiscuity in the gay and lesbian community and that kind of stuff. And then this one guy got up. No, I

 Jimmy Carper 32:19

think it's higher in the strike community,

 Sarah DePalma 32:21

I think it is to this one guy get up and said that he was a veteran of the Gulf War. And he didn't want gays and lesbians to be in the military. And Mindy said, Well, what's the problem? He

want gays and lesbians to be in the military. And Mandy said, well, what's the problem? He said, Well, if he was in a firefight, he said, You know, sometimes you're laying on top of one another, he doesn't want to have to be thinking about whether the guy that's on top of him is gay, rather, to which Mindy replied, if you're thinking about whether the person on top of us gay in a firefight, you're in more trouble than heaven, he can topple you. Which is, you know, that's exactly right. But teaching the Houston Police Academy was very interesting experience. They were more interested in my relationship with Laurie than they were about anything else I had to say about professionalism, or what we expect from the police officers and what is acceptable behavior.

J Jimmy Carper 33:09

Or don't tell me Don't tell me it's what do you do in bed? No,

S Sarah DePalma 33:12

I had bet Mandy and she hasn't paid me yet. I better asserted that my first question was going to be which bathroom? Do I Yeah. Oh, yes. That. And it was the first question, I turned to Mindy and said, I'll take a Coca Cola. And of course, the class had no idea what that was about. But I just knew, you know, and I'll turn to him and said, Look at me. Can you see me coming out of men's room? This is well known as the next question. Right in the discussion, they were much more interested in my relationship with with Laurie, they didn't seem at all interested when I began to talk tell them about the different elements of the community. The drag community, straight cross dressers, transgender people,

J Jimmy Carper 33:55

they just got blurry eyes, right? They just didn't care

S Sarah DePalma 34:00

just didn't dissolve the same. It's all it was all the same, and they didn't care. And I was really kind of upset by that. Because it was important to them to know. And I explained to them what how, for example, how heterosexual cross dressers are going to be utterly petrified of them, then it's scared enough they may even attempt to run. And so they have to be able to be calm, to be professional, in handle it in a manner and they all kind of looked at me like why,

J Jimmy Carper 34:28

but doesn't that tell you something about how the general public sees us or sees trans transgendered people?

S Sarah DePalma 34:39

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J Jimmy Carper 34:48

that's as good as being as happy as a pig and chiffon. That is fun.

S Sarah DePalma 34:54

They don't know they they see Salas queer? Yeah. And the star Didn't know who's out there with this very nice man his name escapes him right this I'm Marcia lowness, Abu something like that was very good. He get up and said, look, there are gays and lesbians on this please for I know many, of course, that you will be changing in locker rooms with gay and lesbian officer, you just won't know it, you won't know it. You know? And so you need to understand these issues. And interestingly, there was the women of color who got it, it seems so often to be the case. Oh, yeah, the women of color. Got it. And we talked about discrimination. And we talked about some of the other issues they clearly got it sure

J Jimmy Carper 35:35

they've had the devil discrimination all their lives. My impression,

S Sarah DePalma 35:39

I'm sorry to say was that this was largely a class above as well. And and I suppose that shouldn't be surprising. They're recruiting out of the general population. So you're going to get