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SPEAKERS

Sarah DePalma, Vanessa Edwards, Chris, Roy McCarthy, Jimmy Carper

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Oh,

J Jimmy Carper 00:41

it's time for after hours news and views and like big Roy said it's gonna be a lot. A lot of news and very few views. I want to start out by giving you a couple of things. I was at a wonderful show tonight, the MSL Montrose softball league. Oh, yes. Jackson dresses.

R Roy McCarthy 01:07

Oh my goodness. Well,

J Jimmy Carper 01:08

you know I was there because as a as the VP of the game has been switchboard. This was a fundraiser and benefiting the game that's been switchboard. This was an incredible show. It's kind of a contest between different teams who put up their jocks to and the, the winner is the one who brings in the most money. Well, and the winner was riches with my friend John that I bowl with that this fantastic number. And that one number alone brought in over \$450

R Roy McCarthy 01:44

Well, you know, it's like I always says, If you can't be athletic, being athletic support, they're

J Jimmy Carper 01:49

huge. That show just ships alone brought in over \$1,800 Plus, they were paying like seven bucks at the door. And it was like, Oh, I have several 100 people there. It was incredible. And wonderful show and also tonight, was the ventures venture inns birthday, actually kind of if you don't change it, yeah, it was born again. Oh, okay. Richard is born again. The own new owner, Bobby has had his grand opening. They've redone the bar. It's completely different. Sadly. Oh, yeah. Then the cults put on a wonderful feed. Yes, it was. It was very, very nice. It put on by the lady bubbles, who happens to be the first lady of the Colts since John's his real name John's lover Dan is president of cults John and Dan were on last week as a matter of fact, they were for our grand marshal show.

 Roy McCarthy 03:00

No, I was gonna say since you were talking about the switchboard, yes. The benefit for the switchboard. The switchboard is still looking for volunteers and classes are beginning.

 Jimmy Carper 03:12

Yes, we're going to have them the second weekend of July, July. That's because a lot of people become aware of the switchboard during Pride Week. The other thing I wanted to tell people is that we're going to be giving away tickets at the end of this news broadcast. Oh, you will? Yes.

 Roy McCarthy 03:32

Thank you for telling me.

 Jimmy Carper 03:34

That would be very good. We have got Gay Men's Chorus tickets for their upcoming show.

 Roy McCarthy 03:40

And you know what last week, folks, those that ticket that we had it when real quick? Yes, it did.

 Jimmy Carper 03:45

Now it's it happened at the theater. It's at the wisdom center. Collins theater 500, Texas, Saturday, June the 19th.

 Roy McCarthy 03:54

So can you just give me a chance to get out there?

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Jimmy Carper 03:57

Yes, we'll be giving these away to tonight. Because it's next Saturday. Leave it to you.

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Roy McCarthy 04:05

I want to welcome everyone to this week's edition of after hours news and views. Chris is here with me this evening. And I want to start giving a shout out to Randy down there and Beaumont and to Tony way up there and Midway. Love y'all. I want to start off tonight's News and views with among others is actually the news that the Internal Revenue Service has yanked the tax exempt status from the pat robertson's Christian coalition, stating that they are a political action committee group. Using mainly the fact that they pass out postcards, political postcards in the churches, and do other political things at his churches, including fundraising for political candidates, and rightfully So they, their thing was their tax status was yanked. And many of the different churches, many of the different churches are that Pat Robertson relied on are now telling pat robertson that he is unwelcome because they are afraid of losing their tax status.

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I am so upset over that whole thing.

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Roy McCarthy 05:28

Well, we told him, You know, it's funny that people in the gay community told Robertson he couldn't do that. But then again, bigots don't listen to us, but what can you say? Okay, then, Chris, you have something about an ecumenical service. Well, staying,

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Chris 05:44

I guess in the religious theme and ecumenical worship service, part of

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Roy McCarthy 05:48

the first ever of its kind. I couldn't read in here.

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Chris 05:53

The first ever ecumenical service for gay pride weeks, it will be occurring in about seven hours. June 13. I'm sorry. Scratch that. 19 hours 7pm at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, why Missoura the worship will be led by the Reverend Sid Hall, Pastor of Trinity UMC in Austin and the Reverend Steve seven a defrocked Lutheran pastor of the Lord of Life Church in Ames, Iowa. The reception follows follows will be held, will be hosted. I'm getting like Roy now I can't

read can't talk at the reception that follows will be hosted by the more light Presbyterians. The event is being sponsored and coordinated by a Lutheran is concerned and more light Presbyterians with help and support a varying United Methodist Church, MCC er and other leaders in the gay affirming religious community. For more information contact Gale Ricky 281-440-0353 or Victor Shil 713-466-4438. And I do recommend you wait until the sun comes up.

 Roy McCarthy 07:02

Okay, now I want to mention first ever that I know a professional sports franchises teaming up with a gay group gay and lesbian group to sponsor an official gay event. The Houston comments are inviting everyone to enjoy a Mexican buffet dinner and drinks before the Houston comments vs Utah jet stars game. And they were playing. They're teaming up they're teaming up with the Human Rights Committee. And the money is going to be raised for the for the tickets and everything is going to be raised for the Human Rights Committee and you know, for your ticket price that includes dinner, a drink ticket, game ticket and a buffet dinner with with the comments. And so this is a for the where I can remember this is the very first time that a professional sports group, Chris is shaking his head saying no.

 Chris 08:04

As we said the last the first time you announced this couple months ago. The San Francisco Giants every year has an A as a one day event that they hold for parades charities, where the players even wear red ribbons during the game and all the gates well.

 Roy McCarthy 08:21

Not really a gay disease. Human Rights Campaign is a gay political rights organization.

 Chris 08:28

I thought well

 Roy McCarthy 08:31

okay, now we got talking about AIDS. Talking about AIDS groups. We have we have with us, David

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David David Martinez from AIDS Lions of the Bay Area. And we are here now to push that we are having our second annual performance arts evening at the Grand Opera be at 94 Grand Opera House in Galveston. It'll be Monday June 21. And tickets will be \$25. And all the proceeds will go to AIDS and lions of the Bay Area and also the AIDS coalition close to Texas in Galveston to help with our clients with their drug copay and clinical copay. Our own Houston Marsha

Carlson and with her little grandma some she's known as grandma Jr's, when she does karaoke, she gathered up a bunch her bunch to help us do this fundraiser and we decided that Marsha can give Galston a good boost and really make Galveston come out of their little closets and for Marsha to really give her a good time. Performing herself he took Tucker routine. Plus we have people like Mani Mitch Kangra Danny Bryant, who will be doing a country number. And also Scott Mackey from the bears. He'll be doing two numbers. Believe Fiddler on the roof and Sam from lemons rose

 Chris 10:04

Oh, sorry. So we're gonna suspend are going to be held.

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This will be Monday, June 21. And once again, this is at the at 94 Grand Opera House in Galveston. You can call for tickets at area code 409-765-8094 or 1-800-821-8094. And I believe also, they're already on sale that you can get it to Ticketmaster. And what a way to start off I believe Gay Pride week starts on 21st. Before the big parade, it was set. It's Monday before the big parade, I believe. And so what a way to write up the colors and go see a nice good cabaret show, courtesy of Marsha Carlson.

 Chris 10:46

All right, okay, for everyone to attend.

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We hope you all can be there. Paul, thank

 Roy McCarthy 10:52

you very much for coming in.

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Thank you very much for having me. Appreciate it, guys. All right. Oh, I

 Roy McCarthy 10:56

wish I was one of these gorgeous Jews. This one here.

C Chris 11:02

That's why we're sitting on opposite sides of the table here. He knows me too well, sharing secrets and everything. Thank you guys.

R Roy McCarthy 11:11

Okay. Anyways, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute is going to be holding a forum on organizing for domestic partner benefits. And like I said, they're going to be hosting that forum. And it's going to be at 7pm on Tuesday, June 22, at the Houston lesbian and gay community center, which is located at 803 hearts on Avenue at Stanford, here in the heart of Montrose. And the forum is going to be co sponsored by the executive and professional association of Houston and the greater Houston Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. Now last month, the Policy Institute released a comprehensive resource on domestic partner partnership benefits for journalists, public officials, advocates, employees and employers. The form panel will also include Richard Shaw, head of the Harris County, AF of L CIO Council, and Reverend Diane Dale Minnis. She's a minister and a priest of the apostolic Catholic Church. That's North American old Catholic Church. Representatives from the National Organization for Women, and the gay and lesbian bisexual, transgender corporate and government employee groups will also participate. Steve Walker city of Houston HIV prevention program manager and founder of the African American Lesbian Gay Alliance will also serve as panelists representing the gay lesbian, bisexual and transgendered government employees. And what do you got for a zero Chris on the Pride Parade meeting?

C Chris 12:48

Well, starting up there if you are going to be walking down West timer, go riding or riding. Or if you keep focus our staff here somebody who's gonna be on a pogo stick. During the Pride Parade, you need to attend a mandatory general meeting for the pride pride pride parade participants. So that 10 times fast. It'll be Tuesday, June 15, from seven to 830. At the Metropolitan multicenter Service Center at 1475 West grey Avenue. It is a mandatory meeting. It's required for everyone who's going to be having a unit in the parade. At least one person must attend from each group. For November for more information, call the pride committee of Houston. We don't have a number on here. It's strange. Oh, to see if I can't find this for you check them out on the internet at Pride houston.org Or just dropped by the Community Center at 803. Hawthorne.

R Roy McCarthy 13:53

Oh, okay, I got an axe talking about the the Lesbian Gay community center. Tomorrow, no, Thursday is going to talk right? There is going to be a barbecue at the community center. from three to 7pm. It's a pride BBQ is open to everyone. And there's always going to be an open house. And it's going to be an informal social event to celebrate the accomplishments of the center and you get to meet people and have free food and a fun day with Gail to be had by all and what else is happening while

C Chris 14:32

you're at the community center. You can sign up to volunteer. They're looking for volunteers to help run the property and service and some of the other special special events and programs that they're going to be running out of the community center here. For you can go to the command center is located at 803 Hawthorne, Hawthorne at Stanford, and if phone number to contact them is 713-524-3818

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Roy McCarthy 15:00

Okay, now I want to mention that this past week, on Tuesday, right here on KPFT Terry Gross, who's the host of fresh air, which is erg here on on KPFT. She did a great interview with a woman who started the Gay Straight Alliance in Salt Lake City. And the interview lasted almost 40 minutes. And even though they've been doing gay radio for 17 years, they were in awe of the great questions that was asked by Ms. Gross. And so, once again, KPFT is on the cutting edge and ahead of others.

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Chris 15:45

And we can officially now talk about the mirrored ball.

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Roy McCarthy 15:50

This price price is going to be we're really going to have a ball

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Chris 15:53

it's there is going to be mattress Mack McElveen of Gallery Furniture has donated over \$20,000 to the Houston pride committee, and a giant mirrored ball 17 feet in diameter will be suspended 100 feet off the ground at the intersection of Westheimer in Montrose.

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Roy McCarthy 16:12

Gonna be just anybody who's designing this ball. The same people who designed the power of Houston Southern Lights show

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Chris 16:22

Oh, there it is. You're trying to make it look like actually read this. The game is tough enough to read ahead of it. skywatchers who designed most of the power of Houston spectacular events, we'll be building the disco ball. It's gonna be made up of 60 802 inch mirrors. That is huge. And there's gonna be a dress rehearsal. You can get a sneak peek at it on Friday, June 25 at 9pm. Just come by and take a look and see what it is and then see how everyone's gonna reflect off of that come Saturday night

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Roy McCarthy 16:52

and who's going to be there to sing Saturday night?

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Chris 16:56

Well, dirt one of the floats is going to the Gallery Furniture float is going to feature Miss Martha wash.

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Roy McCarthy 17:01

There you go. Now, and hopefully she'll

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Chris 17:05

be talking about raining man not sitting in the rain.

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Roy McCarthy 17:09

Well, you know, it's kind of funny. Every year. I've been attending the pride parades here in Houston since 82. It rains the day of the parade, but and it may rain just before the parade. But it won't rain after the parade. Even when we had a very first nighttime Parade, which our own Jim Carper was the CO Grand Marshal, right. It rained before the parade. But didn't rain on the parade. The funny thing is, too is that when it stopped raining before that there was a beautiful rainbow in the sky. Kind of like Judy Garland looking down and she gave her her blessing on us. We're talking about you and the first one and Gotcha. And we were talking about the chances of raining on the parade this this year as a rains before but it never rains during well.

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Jimmy Carper 17:59

I can know one time it started raining right toward the end of the parade. And that that's that's all that nobody went away. I mean, they still stood there and watch Well, I

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Chris 18:12

ran into an official with the the Pride Parade here in this evening before starting up on cue patrol. And we're sitting there looking at all the lightning strikes. As we're starting as I was waiting for other people to show up for patrol. And it was going I just hope it doesn't do this on the night of the parade.

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Jimmy Carper 18:31

AUDIO: I don't know if it rains a little bit before the parade. It makes it kind of ugly things off a

Actually, if you know if it rains a little bit before the parade, it makes it kind of coolis things off a little bit.

 Chris 18:37

I think the lightning part was part of this feels too scary.

 Jimmy Carper 18:39

I still have these tickets to give away folks. Well,

 Chris 18:42

we haven't got that with the news. Yeah,

 Jimmy Carper 18:44

okay. Oh, you're not no.

 Chris 18:47

Well see actually according to the clock in here, we haven't even started because he this clock isn't moving. So as best we can tell as

 Roy McCarthy 18:55

we start oh seven,

 Jimmy Carper 18:56

it's you've started trust me.

 Roy McCarthy 18:59

Anyways, talking about the pride and everything. The Pride Parade channel eight is not only played its Elementary, but it's also ran a local story featuring hatch and a local interview giving an opposite view. And we've been very critical Chaley for not showing gay and lesbian programs supplied by PBS. But it should be noted that this program did not air in Dallas, and they're going to be showing another one called after Stonewall. In the not too distant future. So keep an eye on the TV Guide because some great things are coming over there.

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Chris 19:42

Dust off the tuxedo and bring out the dresses. Prom Night 99 is occurring. So made last time we're gonna get to plug it the hatch. Prom will be occurring next. Saturday Yeah, Saturday at 8pm. It is open to the public It's weird to be held at the Lovett Inn at 501 Lovett Boulevard. Teens it's free admission adults \$20 Doesn't say if that's a couple of per person. They hatchlings they will probably be quite bubbly coming in next week on their show after their night out on the prom. And if you didn't get a chance to take who you wanted to in high school, now's your chance to go.

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Roy McCarthy 20:23

Okay. Whigs on fire. They're going to be have a party with complimentary well drinks featuring entertainment of the body pointer of the Pointer Sisters. And that's going to be at Rich's at 1201 San Jacinto. And that's going to be next Saturday on the 19th. from seven to 11pm. Again, next Saturday evening from seven to 11pm. At Richard's at 2401. Sentence No, will be Bonnie pointer of the Pointer Sisters. And they're raising money for the charity group wigs on fire who does who do an awful lot of fundraising for age groups and everything else. And I assume we're going to have a commitment ceremony. No people already say I should be committed but try following

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Chris 21:19

an order or what number are we on the

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Roy McCarthy 21:23

right page? Yeah, no, I gotta go find my article there.

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Chris 21:29

As you can tell, we are quite organized. There will be a commitment ceremony Sunday, June 13. They're asking for you to join them to affirming your relationship with your partner. This there'll be a nondenominational ceremony and reception including a champagne toast. The donation is \$25 per couple and will be held from four to 6pm. On Sunday, June 13, at the First Unitarian Universalist Church at 5200 Fannin. For more information call 713-313-1600

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Roy McCarthy 22:07

No, you gotta tell him about that played by queer body.

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Chris 22:10

Oh, yes, Tim Miller. Cephalon reason likes to put a little bit of nudity in his show. And I've seen

it not that I haven't seen this show, but I've seen the show. Last year's one, which I don't remember the title of it. Unfortunately, my queer body will be coming to Houston. It's the critically acclaimed one person show. The tickets are \$20 and it runs until June 20. At theater la be at 17 Oh, let's Pacific be pronounced lamb. I'd ask for a ruling but Jimmy's not listening 1706 Alamo. For more information call 713-868-5516.

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Roy McCarthy 22:57

Okay, and there's a gay there's a gay pool tournament coming in. And that's the independent billiard League of Houston and they're having their annual pool tournament to help raise money for local community organizations and age groups here in the Montrose area. And this is an amateur event which is open to everyone. And the rules that they use there are from the billiard Club of America, and it's going to be next Saturday again June 19. From 12 to from 12 Noon to 10pm and it's going to be at slick Willie's right on down there on Westheimer at 1200 Westheimer. If you'd like more information, call them at area code 713-522-4814. And we've got a beauty pageant or a spoof of

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Chris 23:48

beauty pageant back on the right page now a delightfully is jumping all over the place here and was handing me a book this time normally tear everything out. That's one of the few times ladies and gentlemen our source is out smart Magazine did you 99 pride issue, along with the Houston activist network handle that. But on Saturday, June 19, a delightfully funny long running off Broadway musical comedy spoofing beauty pageants, called pageant will be held, all contestants are female impersonators, and the audience determines the winner. Take \$20 and it's going to be 8pm once again on Saturday, June 19th. At the new heights theater 339 West 19th Street for more information call 713-869-9827.

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Roy McCarthy 24:41

Okay, and I promised I promised Jimmy that I would do this article and listening so we don't have to anyways. Looking for was one of the leading international gate Asian events of the year. Then think of icon 99 The International Convention for gay is for gay Asian and interested non Asians and it will be held in London England. If you are interested in contacting to gay Asian people, you can get them at www dot long. Chris, you're better at these email things than I am

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Chris 25:23

WWW dot long gang club all one words Ello NGYNG cl ub.org/icon. Oh, and also staying in the foreign website. We've talked about it before several times, if you just type in gay dot and two letters, you'll come up with some interesting sites. Well, Latvia, Latvia, the former Soviet republic. It's only gay group homosexuality Information Center has a new webpage at www dot GAE dot L V. So if you are of Latvian descent and want to meet some of your fellow queers, contact them on the net. Okay, hold on. I'm plugging one other thing. Oh, okay.

J Jimmy Carper 26:12

Oh, plugin high.

C Chris 26:16

Q patrol is starting off this month with partial fundraiser part membership drive. We are at work, we are really looking at getting more members into the group. You can look for us. Next week, we're going to be out that Friday night, Pacific street with the raucous caucus, which I thought was going to be this weekend. But it's next week, we're going to be out with you all may have been help us both. Also, take a look. We might be in the Pride Parade this month this year. And also we haven't one of the thing. We are having some T shirts for sale with our neural slogan we have have been a lifesaver join que patrol. And they are on. They're available at Lobo for a \$15 donation. And it's a nice black T shirt with big the lifeguard symbol there the Red Cross blue stripe. And that's going to help us to keep our funds going. And we really look forward to seeing more people come out and join us we walk the streets. And if you do and here. If you want more information on cue patrol or to join us call 713528 safe that's 5287233 or you can email us at q patrol@aol.com. Boy, that's easy

R Roy McCarthy 27:36

enough. Oh, okay. And I want to thank everyone for listening in to this week's edition of after hours news and views didn't have too much time for views. But we sure packed in the news

J Jimmy Carper 27:46

now for those lucky people who have been listening intently. First of all, we want to

C Chris 27:52

have the people who are living in Canada where cabins or condos Amira let

J Jimmy Carper 27:56

me slap you real hard

C Chris 27:58

promises promises. First

J Jimmy Carper 28:00

of all you're listening to after hours on KPFT Houston and KUO's College Station and I've got

if you're listening to after hours KPFT Houston and KC 93 College Station, and I've got two pair of tickets to give away to the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston's it happened in the theater that's happening next Saturday night, June the 19th. And where's big ROI? He's already hit the phone. So he is and he's standing right there in the hallway and he's not listening to what I'm saying to him. You listen, because he's gonna have to answer the phone. Because when I give out the number, then Bry what you better tell them that I'm gonna take callers number three and four at 526-573-8526 KPFT right now, call in

 Chris 28:51

one of the things you want to contact us on. If you want to contact us here at the radio station. The email address is after hours KPFT at hotmail ma i elle.com You've written to give that out

 Jimmy Carper 29:03

Okay, so I'm leaving you now two pairs of tickets 71352657385 to 6k p f t

 Sarah DePalma 29:17

as Ray is Ray Hill would say that for those of you who can spell better than you can count it that's

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okay

 Jimmy Carper 29:42

ah okay. And we are here with I'm Jimmy Carper and Sara dipalma is here.

 Sarah DePalma 29:52

While we were in the break, we got a call from someone who wanted us to talk about get let me back up in case you just turned in. Tonight we've been doing a discussion about transgendered youth. Yeah, so it's really not just about transgender youth and includes gay, lesbian, bisexual as

 Jimmy Carper 30:10

well, coming out saying and how to deal with

 Sarah DePalma 30:13

how to deal with it. And during the break, we're caller who wanted to know, wanted us to address the issue of if you're a teenager what how to handle if you get outed in school? Yeah. And I'd like to tell you, I have that answer, but I don't know, I don't know how to handle it. First of all, it's been a long time since I've been in high school. So I'm probably not the best person to address that issue. But even even at that I don't, I don't know how you'd address that, at that stage. Because I think you'd be a terrible risk for violence,

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Jimmy Carper 30:47

unless I've listened to the hatch, folks talk about being outed. And it's not easy for them as gays and lesbians. So I can't imagine what it must like, be like, for transgendered youth to be to be outed. And

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Sarah DePalma 31:06

that's something we didn't talk about Jimmy and that is that if you are a transgendered youth, it's a little bit different situation. You can be gay and lesbian and be in the closet. But a transgendered person, if they decide to start the transition process, there is nowhere to hide. That's right, you are always visible all the time. And there is that's one of the differences between gay and lesbian teenagers in a transgender teenager. And that once you start the transition process, once you start that process of living, or we are dressing across gender, that's it. It's open season, because there's nowhere for you to hide. A gay person can hide in the closet, a transgender person never can. Hmm. Not one, not as not while they're in transition, a lot of people would work after the process over the while you're in transition, you're vulnerable. And I would think that's doubly true for a teenager.

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Vanessa Edwards 32:04

Absolutely. I think a lot of the children it would depend upon how well they can deal with this issue themselves. Some individuals that it is something that they do rather proficiently and feel very comfortable with, like Danielle, yeah, they would not have the problem that say, for instance, someone that's just kind of discovering this themselves and going through this initial self discovery phase, and isn't quite 100% Sure, they're going to have a more difficult time just because of the fact that they don't exude the same level of self confidence.

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Jimmy Carper 32:46

And we say this about Danielle people listening may not know who she is. But not only was it obvious to her parents that that she was transgendered, but I believe she wants mentioned that her school voted her most likely to change her gender,

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Vanessa Edwards 33:06

right? I pretty much says it all, or like Alex McClendon and Georgia than we were talking about earlier. Now, when she was outed, she, um, she apparently had no problems with it herself, at

least, you know, not from the student standpoint. And as far as she was concerned, it was a much easier attempt at transitioning. As for any just run of the mill kid that grows up in has always been the quote unquote, little boy, or little girl, and suddenly, all of a sudden changes in midstream. Especially if they haven't exhibited these tendencies beforehand, it's going to be a little more difficult for them to convince their peers that this is something that is serious to them, number one, and number two, their peers are going to have a very difficult time just trying to make this kind of a mental switch themselves, because it's a very, very tough period for anyone from the junior high through the high school and even early on into college years, because they're just coming to grips with their own sexuality and puberty. And they need I guess, some maybe some stable aspects to their life, because a lot of the other aspects are changing. Their bodies are changing their their sexuality is awakening, regardless of which direction that's going, or there's a lot of things that come into play in the last thing that they want. Switching completely is knowing that their friends, or even their parents, for instance, are not quite what they thought they were, if indeed something like that, that they assumed was a constant, all of a sudden becomes not a constant anymore, but something vastly different. It kind of tends to turn their world upside down. So they have a difficult time just trying to, I guess, understand this themselves, much less, except

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Sarah DePalma 35:16

here's some some information that I got from PFLAG Ohio. And here's the way they word this. Most parents think they know and understand their children from the day of their birth. Even though they claim to old stories, and sometimes evidence confusion in telling some of them, most remain confident that they know what's going on inside their child, they lose the perception they once had of their child, and yet don't yet know if they will like the new person that is replacing what they thought they knew. Those who experienced the biggest shock when their child comes out probably those who suffer the greatest feelings of loss and rejection. It's not that they separate from the child, as much as they feel that the child has willfully separated from them. And that's, I would think, for a parent, that's got to be the worst possible feeling. You know, that you have willfully chosen to separate away from your parent and challenge their beliefs, and perhaps challenge their religious faith and challenge their their, their, their, and their sexuality. I mean, there's almost no part of what a parent believes that isn't changed. The very minute I've a teenager or teenager or person comes out to them and says, I'm not as you thought, whether it's due that they're transgender, or that they're gay.

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Vanessa Edwards 36:41

So you can imagine what this would be like, this is in relation to the parents. Can you imagine what this is like for children in school, that obviously don't know how to deal with their classmates suddenly becoming the opposite gender

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Sarah DePalma 36:56

isn't hard enough being a teenager, you know, I don't recall my teenage years that finally, it was so complicated and so confusing. And then to put gender issues or sexual orientation on top of this. Oh, my God, that's awful.

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Vanessa Edwards 37:12

The only thing I could say to the child that's trying to transition, um, any youth that tries to transition in high school, junior high or whatever, they basically got to take it on a case by case basis, yes, it's not going to be something that's uniform. But if indeed, it looks like it's something that is not going to be accepted, or is going to put them in some kind of physical harm, or at the very least, adverse social harm. And by that, I mean, you know, more verbal threats, taunt, you know, intimidation in other fashions, I would say go ahead and try in either a avoid doing this until you are out of high school, or be try pursuing another school. Yes, it's much easier to do that than to try and stay in a difficult situation, and be the lone wolf and try and push this consciousness through an entire student body, you're talking about 1200 students that may disagree with you, and you're the only one. And maybe you might find a handful of others who might be supportive

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support, assuming that they can get past the peer pressure.

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Sarah DePalma 38:35

Well, high school is so is so much more difficult today, I think, than it was when I was married. It's far more complicated, much more violent. Yeah. And, and anyone that's different, I think, is at much higher risk. And not just necessarily are gay or lesbian. Laurie tells me stories about what it was like for her to be a disabled teenager in high school, and how she was beaten up for being different as a disabled person. Sure. So I think it's just hard to be different one peer pressure is at peak, which is what teenagers are. And I agree with it. If I could give any advice to a to a teenager that's transgender or gay, or transgender, I would say if you can hold off you any kind of a transition process until you get out of high school to graduate from high school. That was my that's absolutely the first option, I would say, because it's so hard. It's hard enough just being a teenager and trying to understand what's going on in your body. But to try and deal with the with the kinds of things that are going to happen once you decide to transition. Oh, my God, that's a load. Yeah.

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Jimmy Carper 39:47

I need to interject here. One of our winners, we need for him to call back and give us some more information. Raul, please give us a call back. And I have one more pair of tickets to give away that number is 526573852 6k PFT. That's a pair of tickets to the Gay Men's Chorus. It happened in the theater happening next Saturday night. June the 19th.

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Sarah DePalma 40:16

Nice ticket, good seat from what I can say to these good seats. Yes. Well, let's talk a little bit about what happens now to the parents. Okay, so you've made your decision that you want to tell your parents. Now then, let's start, let's talk about some realities here for a minute.

Chances are your parents, what's your parents know about transgenderism they saw on television. So it's not very factual. It's not real, it's not realistic to go into a discussion of this with your parents, assuming they are going to be knowledgeable, because they won't be it's possible. It's also possible they're gonna believe in the tooth fairy. So with that, I would say, the first thing is, have some sympathy for your parents, you're going to give them some news, that is going to forever change their perception of you. You're the child they thought they knew. And you're going to sit down to them and say, Mom, Dad, you know, really, I'm gay. Or I always thought I should be a girl. Have some sympathy for your parents? They were raised in a society where that those kinds of issues simply were not publicly discussed.

 Jimmy Carper 41:41

And they know probably little if nothing about them.

 Sarah DePalma 41:45

Yes, be patient, be gentle. My gosh, this is gonna be hard for them.

 Vanessa Edwards 41:50

One aspect is that a lot of parents tend to go through a lot of self blame. Yes. A lot of so

 Sarah DePalma 41:57

what did I do wrong? Yeah.

 Vanessa Edwards 41:59

And they just cannot get beyond that fact. That's something that I think a lot of us don't realize those of us who transition is that they're going to spend a lot of time questioning themselves and beating themselves up privately, if not publicly,

 Jimmy Carper 42:15

what did I do to make my child this way? And that

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was one of the first things I told my parents I said, it's not your fault. I couldn't ask you, personally. So my parents are great. Growing up, I couldn't ask for a better set of parents. But I noticed probably what they did the first two years, they probably beat themselves up the first two years, we weren't speaking to each other.

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Sarah DePalma 42:36

I was five years old. The first time I went to see go and tell my mother, I wanted to be girl, how old were you?

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I was probably seven, seven, Vanessa, when I was getting beat up at school every day. Usually,

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Vanessa Edwards 42:51

I never really did approach that when I was six, my dad basically picked up on the fact that I was a little bit too pricy and was gonna make me a little boy, I got beat up a lot. When I was like, five, we lived in these projects at MIT. It was, you know, it was kind of not one of the nicer areas of LA. And my dad noticed that I got continually, you know, the, you know, what kicked out a weekly basis, semi weekly basis. And so he decided, okay, well, he'll put a stop to this. And that's kind of where my repression phase came in. So I didn't really get the chance to, you know, breach this subject with anyone.

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Sarah DePalma 43:32

Well, the point I wanted to make to the parents is you didn't cause it? No, you didn't create it, you have a darn thing to do with it. I did. Sampling, there's a lot of discussion about what creates transsexualism? You know, was it a hormonal wash that occurred in the womb, or it didn't occur? You know, is it some genetic thing? And the truth is, nobody knows. And I tell you, I honestly think it's a waste of time to be asking questions like, well, you know, what, what makes a person gay? Or what makes a person lesbian? What's it matter? Your AR issue, deal with it? You know, it's like asking, you know, why? Why did I get cancer? There's no reason for it. It's the randomness of the universe and half of

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Vanessa Edwards 44:17

it doesn't go anywhere. No matter how much you overcompensate a long time ago, I used to pray every day that I would wake up and be a girl. You too. I went through a phase where I was going through the overcompensation. So I would pray every day that I would get rid of these thoughts in it would never happen to this

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board or the old. The the other prayer that goes with them. If I'm meant to be the, the elders now the other gender, please do something to

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me now would be good.

Vanessa Edwards 44:52

My final prayer is just to understand and be understood. Yes, that's the three phases that you go through And unfortunately, there's no real hard and fast answers. The more I think about it, the more I think that there are immutable characteristics in this. They've at least had one study that's kind of pointed, at least from one aspect, the libido. There are indeed compelling differences between male to female transsexuals and heterosexual males or even homosexual male as

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the Dutch brain study. And well, that's

Vanessa Edwards 45:28

what I'm speaking. Okay. And it's, that's just kind of the tip of the iceberg. I think there are a lot of differences and a lot of studies that really need to be pursued. But unfortunately, there's not a lot of people that are willing to take these on, because, number one, there may not be a lot of money involved in this. Number two, a lot of the people who are awarding the monies for these grants usually don't want to pay attention to these specific subjects, they're more concerned with things, pharmaceutical that they might be able to make money off of, hopefully,

Sarah DePalma 46:08

and if your parents tell you they're going to take you to a therapist to cure you. It runs

Jimmy Carper 46:15

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Sarah DePalma 46:18

your ex homosexual stuff that you leave that's it forget it there's no such thing as an ex homosexual stop it and

Jimmy Carper 46:25

there are these these so called clinics that claim that they can you know, change your, your child from get from gay to straight, or anything like that. It doesn't work. They use this aversion therapy. They it didn't work in the 50s when they were using it, it didn't work in the 60s. It's not

going to work in the 90 rule not

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Sarah DePalma 46:53

work. You may learn how to drill really well, but

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Vanessa Edwards 46:57

you should do no no go from being open to being repressed. That's the only difference. That's right. How to repress. It never goes away. That's it.

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Sarah DePalma 47:08

Here's something and,

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Jimmy Carper 47:10

you know, when you start repressing things