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I [Introduction] 00:08

The following program contains language or images of a frank or sensitive nature, which may be considered objectionable by some listener discretion is advised. Oh yes, you've tuned into After Hours a continuing tradition on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. The crew of After Hours is ready to bring you news, interviews and music geared for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people. Hear it on After Hours, we may be diverse, but we have one thing in common. We are all out of the closet and urge everyone to come out of their closets. That means standing up for yourself, taking responsibility for your own life and being proud of who you are. Realistically, we know not everyone can do that because of a wage job or frame of mind. That's okay. We're here for you too. So sit back, relax, and enjoy this week's edition of After Hours.

S Sarah DePalma 02:13

And you thought the only thing we did was politically correct, Doc.

J Jimmy Carper 02:20

Welcome to After Hours queer radio with attitude right here on KPFT Houston in KEOS College Station. I'm Jimmy Carper.

S Sarah DePalma 02:30

And I'm the sweet transvestite. From Transylvania. Sara DePalma.

J Jimmy Carper 02:37

That's right. And why do you think that we're opening up after our show with Rocky Horror Music?

- S** Sarah DePalma 02:44
All I know is I sure like watching you bounce around this studio honey. Because it's Saturday at midnight?
- J** Jimmy Carper 02:51
Because Rocky Horror turns turn 21 on Thursday.
- R** Roy McCarthy 02:55
Oh, he's an adult now.
- J** Jimmy Carper 02:56
21 years ago that movie came out. Can you imagine?
- S** Sarah DePalma 03:01
In our house we have his first spare bedroom and we have some posters of Rocky Horror in Japanese. We I mean, Laurie is the Rocky is the Rocky Horror expert. And I love that show everywhere. Rocky Horror.
- J** Jimmy Carper 03:14
I love that show.
- S** Sarah DePalma 03:16
It changes even those red lips.
- J** Jimmy Carper 03:18
Oh, yeah. You know, people like me. If you think back to oh, I remember, you know, at the Alabama theater and we you know, we brought rice and we brought water pistols and all of that. And that was like years ago. There's a whole new generation of people enjoying Rocky Horror now.
- S** Sarah DePalma 03:37

Laurie said that she went to Rocky Horror not too long ago and she's disappointed. She said because those people didn't really know how to have fun. They won't let them bring the squirt gun. No, no.

J Jimmy Carper 03:47

No, no. No, no, no, no. No, it's very limited. Very limited. And there's they use a whole lot more cuss words. Well as the audience responses.

S Sarah DePalma 04:01

Well, I think they're missing out.

J Jimmy Carper 04:02

I think so too.

S Sarah DePalma 04:04

I'm sorry for that because by golly Rocky Horror is institution,

J Jimmy Carper 04:08

Oh, it is.

S Sarah DePalma 04:09

More important than President.

J Jimmy Carper 04:12

It really is.

S Sarah DePalma 04:14

No longer too.

J Jimmy Carper 04:15

Yeah. And to thank, you know, with with all the wildness going on in that movie, there's not one

bad word in it.

S

Sarah DePalma 04:24

It was really funny because I was telling Jim, he said, oh, my politically correct friends are going to hang me for this. And I don't care. It was worth it to watch Jimmy's tush swing in the studio friends.

J

Jimmy Carper 04:36

It's fun. It's fun. That's what Rocky Horror is all about.

S

Sarah DePalma 04:40

It well. Yeah. And Laurie, that one is for you.

J

Jimmy Carper 04:43

And we're glad that Rocky Horror is 21 and hope that you know we can be around for the 50th birthday.

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Sarah DePalma 04:50

Well, I sure hope so. You know, it's a funny thing. Tim Curry has said all sorts of things about being Rocky Horror. He's loved it. He's hated it. But you know he's made a whole career. We've traded a whole career off of that. Who would have believed Susan Sarandon would have gone from that to winning an Oscar?

J

Jimmy Carper 05:05

Yeah, that's right.

S

Sarah DePalma 05:06

You know, and meatloaf has had a pretty good career, all things considered. So, no, it wasn't exactly a black movie people made it out. That's right. That's right. Of course, it isn't exactly Oscar material.

J

Jimmy Carper 05:17

Yeah. It's fun. It's fun. That's what a lot of cinema is all about.

S Sarah DePalma 05:22
And you know, it's funny to do the same thing now with Priscilla.

J Jimmy Carper 05:22
Yes. That's become a midnight movie also.

S Sarah DePalma 05:25
It's becoming a cult classic. And it's like, I don't know. It's not quite the same thing as Rocky. You know, it's not a participation type new. Well, I never got into the ABA thing anyway.

J Jimmy Carper 05:38
Oh, my God.

S Sarah DePalma 05:43
Get the webserver I didn't think you'd like it. Exactly. What was it? That object ever did? That was any good? No, I'm sorry. Welcome to after hours. Radio with capital A attitude. Yeah. Well, we're having fun here tonight.


J Jimmy Carper 06:06
That's right. That's Sarah G. And big Roy in the background. And big Roy wants to remind you that he is available tonight at 5265738 for your comments and requests or problems.


S Sarah DePalma 06:20
If you don't want to talk to Roy asked for Barney. He'll know what you mean.

R Roy McCarthy 06:26
By Barney, I'll pull out my purple sweats on.


S Sarah DePalma 06:33
I'm not even going to touch it.


 Sara G 06:34
It's too easy to say this is a radio out.


 Jimmy Carper 06:38
That's it? Yeah. Yeah. And we'll leave it.


 Sarah DePalma 06:42
That's it. Just be glad this is not color television friends.


 Jimmy Carper 06:47
Oh, kidding. No kidding.

 Sarah DePalma 06:53
Well, we have a special guests coming in from the court tonight. And I understand that he actually advertised it.

 Jimmy Carper 06:59
Yes. He put a put a what do you call those? Commercial press release. Yes. In the Voice last week?

 Sarah DePalma 07:10
Well, good.

 Jimmy Carper 07:11
Yes.

 Sarah DePalma 07:12
That should be interesting.

 Jimmy Carper 07:13

I met him last night. And I said, you know, I'd like to talk about the beginnings of the Court and how it came about. And he said, you know, you're right on target, because there's a book coming out. It's being formed right now. There's a couple of people in Houston, who have just written the Houston chapter. And a whole, a whole book of the history of the court system is going to be out soon.

S

Sarah DePalma 07:41

That's very interesting.

J

Jimmy Carper 07:42

Isn't that?

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Sarah DePalma 07:43

I bet there a lot of people in the audience are saying what chord what court?

J

Jimmy Carper 07:46

Exactly.

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Sarah DePalma 07:47

What you're talking about judges are what? No, no, not exactly. So stick around in the one o'clock hour, and we will have a visitor come in. And they'll she'll explain about the court and the hey, this, the court has raised 10s of 1000s of dollars.

J

Jimmy Carper 07:59

Unbelievable. Unbelievable. The charity is what the court is all about. And they give and give and give of themselves.

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Sarah DePalma 08:09

That's it, where I have got a little sneak peek information. Those who may not know I'm creating change was taking place this week in Washington, DC. And just before I left, I got a quick report from Jessica Xavier. And we'll get we'll give you a little insight into what happened with Creating Changings. Jessica will be a guest on the show next month. Also the transgender leadership, much of it met with the Human Rights Campaign within the last few days are talking about transgendered inclusion and to end it. And I will give you a quick peek into how that meeting went. It's it's a mixed bag. It's a mixed bag. It's not bad. So don't worry, you don't

have to tune out because you think I'm gonna blast somebody. That's not going to be the case. And also tonight, we're going to talk about the fact that I have resigned as director of it's time, America. And also it's time, Texas. We'll talk about that tonight. Yeah. That remember. Last time I was in the year I said, well, there was going to be an announcement Now we talked about Yeah. Well, there's the announcement. That's not news to the current transgender community. They have known it for a couple of weeks. Oh, but it's the first time that I've talked about it on the air. So we'll we'll talk about that tonight.

J Jimmy Carper 09:19

Totally news to me. I mean, there's very-.

S Sarah DePalma 09:22

Yeah, I didn't get a chance to know out there about it. No. And so we'll talk about that. And we'll also talk about some upcoming shows. And also by popular request. In the last Oh, two or three weeks, I must have had about eight or 10 phone calls from people saying, you know, I heard about the show that you did with so and so will you replay it? Well, no, because it's a three hour show. However, however, as time allows us tonight, there are I do did bring some cuts from two shows that I have had just a ton of requests for. One is the show that we're Beth Richard was the co host and sure we had Cheryl Kosta on the program who's one of only three openly transgendered radio hosts in the country. And we've had a lot of requests to replay that program. And it's simply too long to do it because Beth and I talked about a whole range of subjects. But I did bring in some cuts in this time allows tonight, we'll play some of those. The other show that I get, I must get two or three requests a week about this. And that's the show that we did with Ray Hill and D, McKellar dealing with legal rights. I have actually donated a copy of that tape to TATS, which is the Texas area transsexual support. But even Sal, there are a lot of folks who apparently have not heard it. And again, as time allows tonight, we're going to play some cuts about that, and will give me give me an opportunity in to hear some of that. So this is this is the time I guess we need to talk about Lady Victoria Lust.

J Jimmy Carper 10:57

Yes, it is. Yes, it is.

S Sarah DePalma 10:58

I've been dreading this. Oh, absolutely. I've been dreading.

J Jimmy Carper 11:03

Everywhere you go in this community, people are, are just besides themselves. There's a in The Voice this week this, this is a good reason to to keep and cherish this copy of the Houston Voice on the front page is a color photograph of the Lady Victoria live- Lust, aka Marvin Davis, who

has raised untold 1000s of dollars. And I'll tell you why it's untold because Marvin never, never kept track of how much money he made.

S

Sarah DePalma 11:37

Actually, I think you would have embarrassed if you brought it.

J

Jimmy Carper 11:39

Yes, absolutely.

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Sarah DePalma 11:40

The people who who If you'd said, you know, it's been 1000s say, well, so yeah, here's what we need more.

J

Jimmy Carper 11:46

Hundreds of AIDS patients have benefited because of Marvin's efforts, because of the the Lady Victoria Lust holiday fund, where they doled out money to indigent AIDS patients to be able to afford things they couldn't have the rest of the year, and retreats, all kinds of things just for PWA's. And I don't know. You know, it's kind of fitting that we're going to have a member of the cart because-.

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Sarah DePalma 12:21

Little did we know when we scheduled this.

J

Jimmy Carper 12:23

Yeah, yeah, it was lady victoria lost was one of the early members of the Royal and sovereign Imperial Court of silver star, single star.

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Sarah DePalma 12:33

It's, I was talking having a conversation with somebody the other day, about the number of people that that I have known in the last on the last, I don't know, eight or 10 years that are gone. And it's an amazing number of them who drag queens in. The first one that I remember is a person that many people Houston may not remember a person by the name of Tiger Lil.

J

Jimmy Carper 13:00

Oh, yes.

S

Sarah DePalma 13:01

Tiger Lil was one of the one of the few people who did live performances in her shows that I can recall, and became very, very famous in New Orleans. And since then, it's been just a continuous stream. But this is one, that community will not easily replay

J

Jimmy Carper 13:16

No, absolutely not. In fact, when they were listing the honors that Lady Victoria Lust has received over the years they did they didn't have enough room in the article to list them all. Maybe there's, there's like two or three paragraphs worth and that just covers the surface.

S

Sarah DePalma 13:33

I'm a great admirer of Henry David Thoreau. It so happens we share the same birthday. Not the same century, but same birthday. And I have one of the things that Henry David Thoreau often talks about, is he often talked about how there were so many different ways to live life and said but there are basically two kinds of people. There are those who watch life go by and those who lead it. And Lady Victoria Lust was the leader. She led life she didn't watch it.

J

Jimmy Carper 14:01

On Saturday, November 16. At noon, they will be your balloon re release related Lady Victoria Lust at the BRB at 2400 Brazos and at one o'clock, there is going to be a bus tour from the from the BRB going to Mary's and several other bars and back and this was provided for in Lady Victoria Lust's will she is providing this this bus tour as a celebration of her life. And I've got a piece of music in CD number one right there.

S

Sarah DePalma 14:39

Okay We ready in this is by the Flirtation is I believe? Yeah, very appropriate.

J

Jimmy Carper 14:44

I think it is for lady victoria lust

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Sarah DePalma 14:56

That was Pink. And the song is called Give and Take.

- J** Jimmy Carper 15:01
Yeah. And I think has a nice message to the, to the queer community about respect, self respect. And that's something that, that Lady Victoria :ust had and emanated all her life.
- S** Sarah DePalma 15:15
You know, the thing the thing about her is that she was one of those people who didn't like to take a lot of credit for it either.
- J** Jimmy Carper 15:20
Oh, absolutely not.
- S** Sarah DePalma 15:21
She was not a big person to go out and say, Hey, respect me, because no doing this wasn't like that. And I was I was not aware that she had passed away until I came in today. And Jimmy told me about and that's twice now you've done that to me the last time I was here, someone else had passed away is that oh, did you know and what? No, I guess I need to get down here and start reading the paper more often.
- J** Jimmy Carper 15:43
See you live out in the boonies.
- S** Sarah DePalma 15:46
Outside of the loop is not the boonies. I've got another friend who and he's convinced that anything outside the loop means lions and tigers and bears.
- J** Jimmy Carper 15:56
Oh, my. So I agree. I agree.
- S** Sarah DePalma 16:00
It isn't quite that bad.
- J** Jimmy Carper 16:03
Oh, big Boy. I also wanted to mind everyone that we have an extended show tonight

Oh, big Roy. I also wanted to remind everyone that we have an extended show tonight.

S Sarah DePalma 16:09
We do?

J Jimmy Carper 16:09
Well, you don't. I'm gonna make you stay. But

S Sarah DePalma 16:16
All of a sudden, I thought that the time change was last year.

J Jimmy Carper 16:19
The return of the sons of musical chairs is taking the night off. And so from 3am to 6am. We're going to we're going to be spinning some tunes here with DJ fag.

S Sarah DePalma 16:34
I'm not touching.

J Jimmy Carper 16:36
Yeah, we're gonna we're gonna be doing probably all queer music from three until six.

S Sarah DePalma 16:41
So you folks who are saying, well, you know, I'll be in the bars till two o'clock. Hey, get back at two o'clock hop in your convertible. It's a nice guy for you know, click up the radio and let Jimmy just you bet TJ faggy. Wait, you can tell we're in strange mood here tonight. Is there a? I don't know, Halloween was last month? I don't know.

J Jimmy Carper 17:04
It's well, you know, it's National Gay holiday anyway.

S Sarah DePalma 17:07
That's right. Yeah. So I had a phone call from somebody who said that they heard us talking

about Halloween and said, you know that they hadn't really considered the risks of going out. And that they were glad we talked them.

J Jimmy Carper 17:20
Right. Right.

S Sarah DePalma 17:21
And you know, that's one of the strange things about the show that we do sometimes will say things on the air and I'll think to myself, is there anyone out there actually hearing any of this? And then a few days later, some Yeah, call me and say you know, I heard what you said in it. It makes me feel pretty good. Actually, it's it's nice to know that, you know, something we say actually registers somewhere. Sometimes it's like, it's like being on the internet occasionally, I think goes into cyberspace and only the Martians ever know what's going on?

J Jimmy Carper 17:51
Well, I don't know. I also got a I got a piece of mail this week.

S Sarah DePalma 17:54
You did?

J Jimmy Carper 17:55
I did. I have been on the air. Talking about how jealous I was because Scott Lewis had received this beautiful card with a pop up.

S Sarah DePalma 18:08
Was it from a Hispanic member?

J Jimmy Carper 18:11
No, it's It's it you know how much I I like prison art. You know, it's it's an art medium all by itself?

S Sarah DePalma 18:18
I have never heard of it.

J Jimmy Carper 18:19
Yes. And so I got a card this week with a pop up member.

S Sarah DePalma 18:26
Okay, and got it.

J Jimmy Carper 18:28
And it was much, much nicer looking than Scott's. And it was from an openly queer man to Oh, who listens to the show and enjoys every aspect of it.

S Sarah DePalma 18:41
We've had several cards and phone calls and letters from folks who are-.

J Jimmy Carper 18:45
Thank you, Paul.

S Sarah DePalma 18:45
Who were in, in jail or in prison who were listening to the show. That's one of the things about radio is that it was a no walls can really hold it. Radio over the years has been responsible for doing a lot of things and goes through prison walls.

J Jimmy Carper 19:01
Yes, it does. Yes. One guy got really a wonderful letter from from the man who did the card. Well, that's really, really, really nice. And, you know, it's, that's, that's how we get paid around here.

S Sarah DePalma 19:15
Yeah, it is. And actually, when I made my decision that I was going to resign from the other things, one of the reasons I decided I was going to keep the show that I was wanting to keep doing the show was it was in fact, because of the calls and the stuff that it makes me at least feel like I can be useful somewhere.

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J Jimmy Carper 19:30
So we're reaching people.

S Sarah DePalma 19:31
Yeah, yeah. Well, I guess we got to talk about the resignation. Yeah, yes. We got to talk about that first.

J Jimmy Carper 19:37
Yes. Because I'm really surprised. Well, first of all, I was surprised. You had been the head of its time Texas, right. And he had said to you, you know, you know, I don't want to do anything national. I don't want to get that involved. And all of a sudden, you took over the national-

S Sarah DePalma 19:53
Took it to keep it from collapsing. And because if I didn't, it was going to die.

J Jimmy Carper 19:57
Now what happened?

S Sarah DePalma 19:59
Well, actually, it's a whole lot of things. Let me start from the beginning. I guess the first thing is that I took a full time job. Well, that has a lot to do with stuff. Right. And so right off the bat, the time has simply got constricted. Yeah, it wasn't possible to do. It's Time Texas. And to do It's Time America on the kind of time that I had available. So that was that was a, I'd say that's 50% of it. Right, there is just the lack of time. But there were some other things. There's been an awful lot, there had been an awful lot of political infighting between transgender leaders. And I frankly, just didn't want any part of that.

J Jimmy Carper 20:41
Sarah?

S Sarah DePalma 20:43
No, no, no, no, let me explain. Okay. My only purpose in ever being a transgender, ever taking a leadership role in the first place, is that I felt I could do things that other people didn't, because I knew how it was just that simple. I knew how to do it. And part of what I tried to do is to teach other people how they could do it too, okay. But I found that it was harder and harder

to actually spend time doing that, because I was fighting a constant rearguard action from this group and that group and the other group, and I had told him several times that this, you know, had to stop that it was not what we were supposed to be about. It was not what the community wanted. And I just couldn't, never could, I'm not going to name names on the year, but I just couldn't ever get people to understand that is this. If, I guess maybe I'm from an old school, my feeling is if you're a leader, then that's what you do. You know, you lead, you don't bicker. You can discuss all you want to but you make a decision, you live by it. And I found that I couldn't. I couldn't find many people in the community who were willing to do that. So that was part of it. And then part of it honestly, is I got tired of receiving hate mail from people within our community within my own community. Well, and I'm not talking about, you know, well, people disagreed. I'm talking about hate mail. I'm talking about the kind of stuff like I hadn't seen since I left Texas A&M. And I understand that people are living in there are people who live in the closet, and that they see what we're doing is threatening. But it's, it's really discouraging to try and do what I was what I was doing, and have people undercut you contact the opposition in some case and say, well, they don't speak for me, and then have that thrown in your face. I found that real hard to do, and then have to try and fight the gay community on top. Again, I'm not gonna name names on the air, but there are in the last couple of weeks, there have been several instances of people that I felt thought were friends of transgenders, who have just really severely let me down. When it came right down to it. It was looked out for themselves first in the rest was just talk.

J Jimmy Carper 23:04

Well, you know, what you're stating is not unlike any other part of the queer community?

S Sarah DePalma 23:11

Oh, no, I know that. I know that.

J Jimmy Carper 23:13

And I have seriously doubt serious doubts at it. That not that way, throughout the world, any type of group, you know, the, the black community has same types of problems and all of that. And I recognize that too. Not that I've ever wanted to be a leader. But, you know, I realized, halfway through doing this, this thing called After Hours that I could come in here and do what I do, and get other people to do what they do on the air. And I don't have to deal with you know, this is radio, half the people don't know what I look like.

S Sarah DePalma 23:50

That's right. That's right. I have, I've decided that I am going to continue to work on behalf of a name change bill. I have been working on this bill for for two years now. I think this bill has an excellent chance of passing in the state legislature. If it passes, it would be of tremendous benefit to the people that I genuinely believe in. And I want to talk about that a little bit about why it is that I've kept the show when I haven't kept up. I've seen on the air many times, that I am a firm believer and role models that I think role models are just crucial. And I've often

wondered how my life would have been different. Had I had an openly gay teacher somewhere along the way, or an openly transgender teacher, someone that an adult that I could have sat down and talked to and the fact that that didn't happen, I know you can look back on your life and say, well if this has happened and if that had happened, and there's nothing you can do about that there's really not a lot of point in playing the what if game, but all the same. I really do believe in role models. And I have had numerous calls and in little cards, from people that that are below the age of 18, who are listening to the show, and they're listening to it on Walkmans. And I believe in what I'm doing on the show, there, they are telling me that I am serving as a role model, which is kind of it's a little bit, it's a little bit scary, I mean, but at the same time, I also realized there's a responsibility there. And I really do believe that we have to show people that being transgendered is not a death sentence, it's not a reason to commit suicide, it's not a reason to become an alcoholic, it's not a reason to become a prostitute, that being transgendered is something you can deal with, like anything else, and that there are healthy ways to deal with it.

J Jimmy Carper 25:50
Sure.

S Sarah DePalma 25:52
And, and I have come to see how much this show is doing that I have heard from people and in so this, there's an area where I know I can still have an influence, and feel good about it,

J Jimmy Carper 26:06
You know, and that may, that may be the key right there. The transgendered community is much like the gay and lesbian community in that we come from all stratas. And so the big thing in the queer to gay and lesbian community anyway, is that, you know, gay people cannot agree on anything for more than a minute. Period. Yeah, because we are so diverse. We're all colors. We're all we're all stratas. And so, we may, there may not be a queer leader, there may not be a transgendered leader, but there are going to be a lot of people like you who do one thing really well. And you get that, you know, and then that's the step or step on the ladder or a rung up, and other people. Jane Fee has done her thing.

S Sarah DePalma 27:00
Oh, yeah. And Jane Fee before I resigned, and I talked with Jane extensively before made the desicion.

J Jimmy Carper 27:06
You know, and lots of other people are gonna do the little thing that they do best.

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Sarah DePalma 27:11

Yeah, I actually, I talked to Jane before I made the decision. And we talked about several things. And Jane has had the same experience I did. And to a large extent, that's why she is basically backed out of doing it too.

J

Jimmy Carper 27:24

And she's probably seen more of it than you because she's been in it a lot longer.

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Sarah DePalma 27:29

Yeah, she she's had specific goals that she set out to accomplish. And once they were done, she got out. I had some specific goals in I think in the short time that I was there, I accomplished them. I was determined that it's time America was not going to die. And it was on the verge of doing that. Today, it's time America, signed on to become part of an organization called Gender PAC-. Good. Which is on which they hope will be a transgendered version of the Human Rights Campaign. And I'm very pleased with that I fought for it. I believed in it. And today they signed it. Jessica Xavier will probably take over as the national director. So I know ITA is in great hands. Good. It's time America had not picked up a single chapter in almost a year. And the few months that I had it, we picked up 21 chapters. So ITA is off and running. And I'm very proud of that. Okay, my biggest my biggest disappointment is that we were never able to accomplish anything with the gay community that was meaningful in Texas.

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Jimmy Carper 28:38

Well, Sarah, your contribution is that you got the organization to pick up 21.

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Sarah DePalma 28:44

Well, that's right. That's right. My biggest regret is that the LGARL will go blindly on their way into the legislature, and they will say gay, lesbian, gay, lesbian, gay, lesbian, until hell freezes over. Transgenders will not get into hate crimes legislation, because no one else in the state was willing to pick it up and fight for it. And I say that to the transgender community here. The opportunity was there, no one was interested. So it didn't happen. The same thing is true about several other pieces of legislation. We're going to try and take a Texas version of it through and we had we had people signed up to support it. But no one else in the state was willing to fight it with me. It would have been Phyllis, myself and nobody. And I said I'm not willing to fight for community that won't fight for itself.

J

Jimmy Carper 29:31

Simply back take care of your own stuff for a while.

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Sarah DePalma 29:33

Exactly.

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Jimmy Carper 29:34

And gear up for the next fight.

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Sarah DePalma 29:35

Yeah, exactly. And I would say this to the train to transgenders out there. There was a person who came over to my house last week, you know, she knows who she was. And she seemed a little disappointed that I was quit and like sort of disheartened not saying you don't do that. The transgender movement is not a transgendered woman is not Phyllis transgendered a movement is you-

J

Jimmy Carper 29:59

Yeah.

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Sarah DePalma 30:02

I talked to Jessica Xavier today. And they just as I think I mentioned early in the show, eight transgender leaders met with the Human Rights Campaign to talk about putting transgenders into end. This is long story. We've been talking about it on the show now for more than a year. And essentially, the HRC, at the end of the day has done nothing. After more than a year, after more promises and talk, they've done nothing. And Jessica Xavier has basically said to them, Look, we're coming up in February to lobby Congress again. And if you want to come with us and see that what we're telling you is true, that we that ended can pass just as easily with us in it is it can, without as in it come how long. So the HRC has essentially said yes, that's what they're going to do. And in theory, what they've said now is, well, if they see that we've been telling the truth, like forever, they may reconsider getting us in otherwise they may think about doing an amendment. Well, if that's going to happen, that isn't going to happen, because of me, it's going to happen because you out there are going to need to go to Washington in February, in lobby on behalf of your own rights. And I've talked about it on the show, I'll keep talking about it, I believe in it. If I can get the time off to go in February, I'm gonna go. But in the final analysis, whether the transgender political movement succeeds or fails, is not dependent on me, it's not-.

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Jimmy Carper 31:35

Nor should be-.

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Sarah DePalma 31:36

-anybody else know, it's dependent on a large number of people getting off their, you know, what, and making a decision that they think things like end it are important. It's been one of the real disappointments to me to this point, that there hasn't been that we have been able to convince people that it matters to them. They seem far more important in their hormones than they are in fact that this could keep them employed. It's very strange. In I guess, the gay community probably started out that too, there's extreme sense of powerlessness. In the transgender community, there's a sense that they are second, third rate fourth grade citizens, and so nothing they do would matter. And they can't be taken seriously. If there's anything I've tried to communicate to you and the show, is that's bull. Yes, it's utter absolute nonsense. But that still persists in so I'm gonna stay on the air, and I'm gonna keep trying to convince you that it's nonsense until you get it good.

J Jimmy Carper 32:32

So anyway, and that's, I think that's the point of the show is what we say in the beginning of the show every week. Yeah, I think it is take responsibility for your own life.

S Sarah DePalma 32:44

Yeah. And honestly, it has been it was I have to admit to this was the first weekend I can recall, where I didn't spend my entire weekend sitting on the computer answering 120 emails. You know, instead, I went out and spent the day with Laurie working on our rose garden.

J Jimmy Carper 32:59

Okay.

S Sarah DePalma 32:59

And it was kind of nice.

J Jimmy Carper 33:00

Well you know, sometimes that's what you need to do. I've, I've been asked to be on the board of different organizations and asked to do this and asked to do that. And, you know, I have to say, no.

S Sarah DePalma 33:15

Yeah.

J Jimmy Carper 33:16

You know, doing the show. And a few other things that I do is enough. Yeah. There's got to be time for for Jimmy somewhere.

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Sarah DePalma 33:25

Well, that's right. And I'm gonna take Jane Fee's advice, Jane Fee has basically said that she is going to kick back and that she is going to be an advisor to the transgender community. And I have told them the same thing that that I'm not going to disappear, if they want advice, or whatever, I'm certainly willing to help. But I'm not willing to go out into more leadership roles and lead till such time as I can see, there's some support for it.

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Jimmy Carper 33:51

Okay.

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Sarah DePalma 33:52

Which just makes sense-.

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Jimmy Carper 33:54

Yeah it does. It does.

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Sarah DePalma 33:55

And I had-.

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Jimmy Carper 33:56

What you do here is very important.

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Sarah DePalma 33:58

I'm really convinced of it you me because I've had so many calls and from people. I've gotten a number of calls from people who are young and below the age of 18, who are listening to this who know they're transgender in there and other all over the place. I mean, I've talked to people in Woodville and Baytown and all over the-.

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Jimmy Carper 34:15

Of course, we're everywhere.

- S** Sarah DePalma 34:16
Yeah, I mean, really, and they're scared shitless in plain English, hell yeah. And then they hear us on the air saying, Look, you know, this is not a death sentence.
- J** Jimmy Carper 34:25
No. And so when you are a valid person, yeah.
- S** Sarah DePalma 34:28
You know, you can handle this. You can deal with it. You can survive it. You can live a wonderful life.
- J** Jimmy Carper 34:34
Very wonderful life.
- S** Sarah DePalma 34:35
Yeah. The other thing that I guess we got to talk about on the years, there was some time back that I made some mention, but I was that reconsidering whether I was going to have my surgery or not.
- J** Jimmy Carper 34:43
Yes.
- S** Sarah DePalma 34:44
And the answer is no, I'm not.
- J** Jimmy Carper 34:45
You're not-.
- S** Sarah DePalma 34:46
I'm not going to do it.

J Jimmy Carper 34:46
You're not going to have the surgery.

S Sarah DePalma 34:48
Nope. I think I think-.

J Jimmy Carper 34:50
It was it because it can't give you anything more than you have now.

S Sarah DePalma 34:54
I don't see what it adds to my life. Frankly. It's an incredibly invasive surgery. It's extremely expensive, it's potentially dangerous. And what when I'm all through with it it's hard for me to see what I gained from it. I'm as happy now it's very been my entire life. You know I'd be surgery does anything different for-.

J Jimmy Carper 35:13
You're you know what you're saying is that I am more than my genitalia.

S Sarah DePalma 35:17
Yeah, yeah. Now I realized that our society thinks I'm crazy. So what I've always heard studies that I was crazy what else is in? Honestly, that's, that's really what it came down to is I looked at it and said, Okay, I could go out and spend 12-.