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And I was constantly fighting to get my unemployment checks. Because even though my employer was not fighting my unemployment check, the referee from the Texas Employment Commission decided that I didn't deserve unemployment for being transgendered. And so that was a year and a half fight before we ever got our Fordist \$43 a week. unemployment checks. And at that time, my spouse didn't really make that much money either. And we had car payments, house payments, child support payments, never missed a single child support payment, by the way. And I lost my train of thought,



Sarah Dipalma 00:48

well, you're, you're talking about how, how long it took you find a job, oh, yeah, to



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find a job. And 1978 or 79, I decided I'd go back to school, because I could get my GI Bill and I would get a master's in business administration, that would buy me another year, it would bring in additional income. And it would also give people in business, who would regularly be at the University of Houston and evening in the business school, the chance to meet me and see that I wasn't all that bad. Who knows maybe one of them would be in a personnel section, or maybe one of them would be an engineer getting an MBA, and they come to know me as a person on get a job. When I applied. I discovered that U of H had a joint degree program joint business and law where each college saw their electives filled by the others core curriculum. So I applied for both. And I went to law school, principally learn how to defend myself not to be a lawyer. While I was in law school, I started an Amway distributorship. And I made pretty good money out of that didn't make the money I'm making as a lawyer, but I make good money out of that I had good product. And I learned an awful lot read a lot of the books that they push at ship, I learned a lot about self esteem, learn about a lot about goal setting, learn a lot about setting affirmations, and learn just better everything I know about business, despite the MBA from that experience, and sold to a lot of gay bars sold a lot of gay bars. And I had a pretty

good business going. And another architect and architect who was gay, gave me business because I'm a licensed engineer, I have a CEO. And he would have me see a lot of his drawings. And I would charge him a whole lot less than an engineering firm would. That was rock along pretty good until 96 when Ronald Reagan's recession finally hit Houston. And the housing market in Houston went kafui. And a lot of other stuff did and so my Amway business that was had a very strong commercial component to it, and my housing industry business went to pot. And so it was wrong to start practicing law. But I never have had a job since 1976. I've always been self employed.

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Sarah Dipalma 03:29

You were actually blackballed by the Engineering Society, weren't you? That's correct.

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That's correct. I, I asked the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to investigate my firing. And they did it took them about 14 months, they came back and they said, Miss fry, there is no doubt about the fact that you have been discriminated against. It's very clear, it's very obvious. It's very well documented. We've got it all. But it's not illegal. Of course, I didn't know back then. But just one year before the Uline case had been rendered. That's the federal case coming out of the Court of Appeals in California, where an airline pilot Karen Uline, had been denied her job at Eastern Airlines. The wording of the appellate court was that her challenge was on discrimination on the basis of sex, which is illegal and it was illegal. Then the appeals court came up with some very twisted logic and said, You are not fired. Karen, you line on the basis of your sex you were fired on the basis of your change of sex. So you know, as far as the law goes, and our employment goes, transgendered people don't even have sex. As far as you know, until we get new case law. I'm not can't be hired or fired because I'm male or hired fired because I'm female. I I can be fired because I changed from one to the other. So we're in kind of a limbo lane.

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Sarah Dipalma 05:07

Now you've told me before, but I don't think the audience probably knows this. You went, how many years? I remember you telling me you went, you went and several years without NBL use the air conditioner in the house.

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Yeah, it was tough. We learned to we learn to make it. We we didn't go out, we ate at home. We went from buying milk at store to buy and powdered milk. Because that was a little bit cheaper. We turned off our air conditioners, and from 1970, the summer of 1977. We let them run during 76. Because we still had a little bit of money in the bank and I thought I'd get a job. Starting the summer 77. We didn't turn on the air conditioner again until Oh, I would say the summer of 92. That was after I'd been a lawyer a couple of years and we started feeling that we could count on my income. So we went for about 15 years, 14 years without our air conditioner and our heater. In the wintertime. We left that thing on at 67 all the time.

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Sarah Dipalma 06:18

Now, I want people audience to think about this for a minute because I have people come to me all the time. And they say to me, Well, what is it that drives Phyllis? What is it that makes Phyllis the Firebrand? What do you think about that? 1976 to 1992 is that right?



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Well on their condition. Yeah. 7070 90

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Sarah Dipalma 06:40

So you struggled for more than 15 years and all this time knowing that you have absolutely no protection under the law. Folks if that was what that happened to have been you wouldn't that have put a fire in your belly? Do you suppose you might have said wait a minute, I'm not going to let this ever happen again. Is that part of what Phyllis fries about?



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Possibly, I cried a lot. I cry on awful lot during that time. I don't take rejection Well I never have and the intense pain was very bitter, extremely bitter took me about same time we turn off the on the air conditioners about the time I finally got rid of the bitterness that I was and my spouse my spouse went through the same thing with me and her soul and only you know, if listeners think that well fellowship opportunity deserved after all. Let's look at my spouse. The only thing that she did was stay true to her marriage vow. And not only did she have to go through all of this with me. She was shunned by most her family. And she was terrorized a couple of nights whenever I would be gone and teenagers would come and bang on the windows, doors and yell obscenities at her and she picked up a lot of the obscene phone calls. Most obscene phone calls came around the two major Christian holidays. She had to clean up the driveway several times when epithets were spray painted on it. Our house was liked a lot i i Just resented it so that I just made up my mind that I was not going to go through the door for myself, which obviously have and let it swing closed. I was going to rip the door off the hinges. And I was not going to let the bigots get away with it. There's no reason why anyone should go through. I went through there's no reason why anyone should go through what my spouse went through. That's that's part of it. Another part of it is I know that I've always been for the underdog. It's just part of my makeup. I don't know if it was if it was a particular hormonal wash in the womb that made me that way. But I've always been for the underdog. I've always been extremely optimistic. I've always seen silver lining and every cloud those are part of me that's innate. And being a freedom fighter is it's it's a good fight. It's a tough fight. It's a hard fight. Sometimes I get angry. I get angry when people call sometimes because there's so many other people including myself like yourself and D to Denise and Wendy and, and Cheryl and other hard workers out there that have been taking a lot of hits. And we've needed help for a long time and somebody will call me up. And I don't know, there's just something about the way they express themselves. That really angers me because they haven't wanted to help anybody else. They don't plan on helping anybody else. They haven't participated in any way shape or form. But now that their particular ox is getting gored, they don't just want help, they're almost

demanding help, and get those calls to hide. I don't suffer people like that very long. Also, some people can think that I am gruff. I am, but that's come with years of practice. That's kind of a self defense mechanism. And also, I don't like to spend a lot of time on the phone. Some people say that, you know, they can't get a decent conversation out of me. On the telephone. Well, they weren't there. This summer starts my 20th year valid cause of activism. Those people weren't there, when I would spend two or three hours at night on the phone several times a week trying to help somebody else. And then Jughead wouldn't even listen, you know, take any of my advice. But there's there's a lot to it, who I am now didn't just happen. It's been a long evolution, it's been a long process. So I don't know if that helps.

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Sarah Dipalma 11:44

Let's talk about being a transgendered attorney. Now I've tried to imagine what it's like to go into the courthouse and have people realize who you are. But how did happen that? How did it happen that you became an openly transgender attorney? Or was that the point from the very beginning?

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Well, I went to law school out of the closet. And from the time in 1976, when I came out of the closet, I stayed out of the closet, I just flat stayed out of the closet. after I'd finished my electrolysis and the hormones did a lot of work on my face. I've never had facial surgery, but my face did not look like it does. Now the hormones did a lot of work. So those of you who are taken and be patient, the hormones take about three to four years to really work on your face. But I went to law school, the closet, fought the Christian legal society, thought a lot of a lot of ugly people. And in fact, in in March, of all three years at law school, I would reach a plateau of pain that I would go into a crime jag, I would be so depressed that I would go into a crying jag and I'd miss maybe a whole week of school. It would just build during the first and second semester of each year. But when I graduated, and when I was in law school, we would interview with different firms for jobs. Well, I knew none of them are gonna give me a job, but I knew it'd be good for them to meet me. And so it was political thing. And actually, that's how I met Al Alice, all of her parents because she was interviewing. And no, I never I have gotten a job from her. But Alice and I remain good friends and she was on the bench. I would take transgender people through her court, there was no problem. tell our listeners who she Eleazar prepared is the Chief Justice of the first court of appeals in Harris County, which is a state appellate court. She's the Chief Justice and she's a fine person. And she's spoken twice to our our law conference. But I, I became a political animal. Because I was reaching out. A lot of this was reaching out so that people would see me as a normal person. So maybe somebody would give me a job. I got involved in the League of Women Voters. And up until just last year, I was an elected officer. I was elected vice president not too long ago, of the League of Women Voters and I was I was unopposed for reelection, as vice president for another two year term. And I had to turn it down because law conference was growing so so quickly, I didn't have time for that. Although I'm still an active League member. And I was very active in Democratic Party politics. I grew up in a kind of an apolitical family. My grandfather's political, but my parents weren't. But I became very political. A lot of it was through the caucus work and I'm not a rich No member of the gay lesbian Political Caucus. But I am a very early member of the gay and lesbian Political Caucus, I think I joined, if not within the first year, certainly within the second year, and put a lot of energy into that. I quit about five years ago when they wouldn't put

transgender into the name. And then they wouldn't even debate whether they would even put it into the mission statement. And it was done very viciously and with a lot of hate at that meeting, so I quit that. But through politics, I met a lot of judges, both in political settings, and also in caucus meetings were screen judges. And then as I went back earlier, talking about 1986, when everything else fell apart, and I hung out my shingle, I decided I'd go to some of these judges that I knew who had met me through the caucus or through the Democratic Party, because I would get elected to state conventions, and I met politician, State House members and state senators, and such. And so I went to a couple of judges and asked them if they'd give me appointed work, and they did not bother and add to it. And I started getting a little bit of work. And some of the judges liked what I did, they introduced me to the judges, and I'm very, very busy attorney, but I was always out of the closet. During the first several months that I was there, I met with about five of the judges that I knew pretty well. And I worked in their courts a lot. And I closed the door and I said, I need to talk to you about something I said, what is that. And I said, I want to make sure that you understand that not only am I transsexual, but I'm a non surgical transsexual, because I don't want somebody from the DHS office or somebody else to decide to try to embarrass me, or to try to put me in jail or to try to wreck my legal practice by trying to make scandal. So if this ever comes up, I can say, well, that's no secret jet zone, zone, zone, zone, zone zone to zone nose. You know, as far as I know, everybody knows and who cares anyway? And they said, Well, I don't know if it'll ever come up, but you got it. And most time I was down at the courthouse, everybody knew, and that was fine. Some people spoke to me, not too many spoke to me. They the prosecutors, I did my internship while I was in law school, did my internship in the DHS office. Now it's a political act to I wanted to get courtroom experience. But the main reason why I did that was because I thought it'd be good form. It was very hurtful for me because they were very rigid in their restroom enforcement. And I had a bladder accident three or four times during that semester, and ended up with an infection in my bladder and blood in my urine, is how bad it was crossing ordinance couldn't have been still in the background wasn't no crossroads in order when in fact, but the restroom warning still was. And they had made up their mind that whether I could beat it in court or not, because of the language about with the design intent to cause a disturbance. Even though I might be able to beat that on a court trial. They were gonna make sure I was arrested. Somebody was anyway. So when I went to practice law, was no surprise to the to the DHS office, it's no surprise to quite a few of the judges. No surprise to a couple of attorneys that were got around real quick because I was out of the cloth. And a lot of the gay people. Not all of them. There were some that immediately welcomed me and embraced me, but most of them shied away. I was them shying away, they were so deeply in their closet that they were afraid that just speaking to me would immediately label them as being gay or lesbian. But slowly, you know that that kind of eroded too. And as I began to practice law, interestingly, another thing happened and that's the hat. Because

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Sarah Dipalma 19:22

the trademark hat if you've ever seen a picture of Phyllis, in any publication, Phyllis is known for her hat.



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Well, I'll wear the hat down the courthouse because it was just about that time that I just happened to stumble onto a nice Panama hat at Pueblo for people, which is a good store here in Houston. And I was wearing it a couple of times during the summer. When I was down at the

courthouse and every time a word I got all these compliments everywhere I wore the hat. I'd always get compliments. Some people are good or bad, some don't. And I just happened to be one that does. And so I said, Well, this is silly. If I'm gonna get compliments from my animes we'll get another And so I got to know when I got an after all became trademark. And actually, I turned it to my advantage once I realized what was going on because as new people would come to the courthouse, and people would, you know, say, Phil describe this filter on that. And if they didn't know me, they'd say, Well, who's Philips wrong? And instead of saying, oh, you know, Phillips, ra, she's blah, blah, blah, you know, some who knows what they'd say, Oh, you know, her, she's the one who wears the hat. So it worked out, worked out really good. Everyone's wants to chat with somebody that asked me about head surgery. And I'd say no, very honestly and openly. So I didn't know if it was a secret or not. But I made sure that me being transgendered was not a secret. And if they asked that, the Esquire article was really interesting. When Esquire article came out last month, it very plainly listed the fact very boldly listed the fact that I was a non surgical transsexual, and I Xerox the page and a half it. I was very honored to be on. And I made sure that that in the law conference brochure, and schedule and a short letter went to all 98. county judges, probate judges, district court judges and appellate judges in Harris County. And so far, I've distributed about 250 oven to my attorney peers down at the courthouse. And I have not gotten a single negative comments. In the past four weeks that I've been passing those out, I have not gotten one single negative comment. In fact, most of the comments are I either enjoyed the article, or I like the reason why you went to law school. And I don't you've read a class, can I say what it is? dirty words, I'm quoting from I'm quoting from the article, the articles opens my heart says, quote, I went to law school to learn how to defend myself. And to let people know that if they fucked with me, I would fuck them back. Unquote. And I get a I get a lot of good stuff out of that.

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Sarah Dipalma 22:09

We're gonna we're gonna finish up on this segment with Phyllis Frey. And when we come back, we're going to talk about a word that is become rather well known of late. We're going to talk about inclusion in the Transgender Law conference. That's all we'll have for this segment. We back a little bit.

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Jimmy Carper 22:30

Who and we are back?

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Sarah Dipalma 22:34

Are we ever the win as you listen to Phyllis talk, I think you get a sense of what what it was like to be the only transgender person, publicly transgendered person in 1976. And I want to talk about the Transgender Law conference for second Erica

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Jimmy Carper 22:55

was just so much about that whole interview that, you know, you and I were sitting here, and I think far we could go on for a half hour just about the restroom thing.

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Sarah Dipalma 23:07

One of the things that Phil us has been able to put together is called the International Conference on Transgender Law and deployment policy. And that conference is coming up. It's going to be held Wednesday, the 14th of June, through Sunday, the 18th of June.

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Jimmy Carper 23:25

Then, just right prior to all of the Pride Week festivities, right was

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Sarah Dipalma 23:30

purposely timed to coincide with spectrum, okay, because when the law conference ends, we all plan to go over to spectrum and support it. Perfect. It was intentionally planned that way because we wanted to show a sign of support within gay lesbian community. The point that I wanted to make is if you've listened to the show you have heard us do interviews with with Martine Rothblatt you've heard interviews with codeine, Mackenzie, you've heard us talk, we've heard interviews with Linda and Cynthia Phillips. All of these people are going to be at the law conference. This year, it is truly going to be international. We truly do have people coming in from all over the world. I want to point out that you do not need to be an attorney to come to the law conference. I am not an attorney, de McKellar, who you will hear in the second part of the interview is not an attorney. The the entire cost for the three days including your meal is including all your meals is \$140. Okay, and I want to point out to you, for example, that some of the people you'll hear are people you're going to recognize Connie more. Oh yeah. Houston, Ray Hill.

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Jimmy Carper 24:38

Well, Connie and has been on lesbian and gay voices many many times anymore as an author that she was on lesbian and gay voices Friday night with Connie Morris

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Sarah Dipalma 24:47

and off board attorney Ray Hill is off board is an off board member on President trains on transgendered imprisonment. Oh, yeah, I will be there speaking But the point I want to make to you is if you have any interest in these issues, or Transgender Law, employment policy, and you know what, almost all of those relate to gay law and gay employment policy, please come to the conference, the if you need to get a hold of Phyllis or number is very easy to reach at 7238368. It's 7238368. I really recommend it. If you're not an attorney. Don't worry about it. Probably a third to half of the people who come are not attorneys, either. But what you will learn there, we'll you'll take away and it's worth it.

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Jimmy Carper 25:38

We'll be talking more about that conference. Because as it comes up, we'll be talking about just about every week as we talk about spectrum. That's right. And in the meantime, what we got to talk about now is that you are listening to 90.1 FM KPFT Houston and 89.1 fm KEOS College Station, Bryan, and we are right smack dab in the middle of a marathon, which is a fundraiser for the station. You know, if you've ever listened to KPFT, our KEOS, that we are non commercial, and that we are run by a very small paid staff as well as over 100 volunteer programmers. Because of the size of the staff that means that the majority of the budget goes toward operation expenses. With your generosity. KPFT employs five full time and one part time employees can you believe that this entire radio station is being run by five full time and one part time person. And the rest of it is all volunteers.

S Sarah Dipalma 26:58

You know, the history of KPFT is pretty interesting. At one time, our state the transmitter was blown up by the Ku Klux Klan, actually

J Jimmy Carper 27:06

twice that happened. I didn't realize twice, thrice. We're the only radio station in the United States that have been blown off the air twice.

S Sarah Dipalma 27:16

The weather your issues involve the environment, feminist issues, issues of people of color, gay lesbian issues, transgendered issues, whether you are a person who enjoys the World Cafe in the morning, the music from around the world KPFT does it all on a budget that you could hardly believe? Yeah, we certainly there are plenty of repairs around here that need to be done. And it's your money that's going to make that possible. We've talked about this earlier, but we are really the last remaining free voice in this city. Houston Post is gone.

J Jimmy Carper 27:56


Believe it work? I can't, I didn't want to mention that too. Because you know that we have the staff kind of Judy Reeves, who is the news director. And what that means to you. Is that, Judy, just because she loves after hours, and she's happens to be a personal friend of mine, reads all these newspapers and cuts out articles, and gives them to me to make sure that we talk about them. Now, you're not going to believe this. But prior to the post collapsing, I would get a half a dozen articles each and every week from Judy. Do you know that since the post has folded and she only has the Chronicle to rely on, I may get one, maybe two articles a week.


S Sarah Dipalma 28:58


The Chronicle owned by the Hearst Corporation gets a lot of its news from the New York Times and syndicate, which as you know, is extremely conservative. If you take a look at their editorial pages, people like Molly Ivan's are no more. Right. So KPFT is one of the last remaining

free voices. You know, you that that \$5 \$250 Hey, what are you supporting? You're supporting your right to free speech here, folks.


 Jimmy Carper 29:31
And we're talking about 526573852 6k PFT


 Sarah Dipalma 29:39
You know, the history of this station really is quite amazing. If you stopped when you think about it, we went on the air in 1970. And in here,


 Jimmy Carper 29:48
we are now celebrating our 25th year right now.


 Sarah Dipalma 29:51
25 years later, we're still here, even though the Congress would like to cut the budget for the the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to zero, we're still here. And if you'd like us to still be here, folks, cough it up. We need it. It's that simple.

 Jimmy Carper 30:08
Yeah, we've been here 25 years. It's our 25th birthday. Why don't you buy us a present?

 Sarah Dipalma 30:17
Did you tell me that this is this is after hours? 400th I forgot to mention

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that.

 Jimmy Carper 30:24
There's just so much to think about. Yes, I it's just it's not really official. But I mean, we've been on the air since September 6 1987. And by my inaccurate count, this should be our 400th Show. Can you believe it?



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Sarah Dipalma 30:43

5265738 We're do a birthday present. We are we're do a birthday present, folks. 400 shows of after hours low and I've been in celebrate,

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Jimmy Carper 30:56

I have been involved with damn near 375 of them.

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Sarah Dipalma 31:04

Just the just the staff of people who have come through this show over the years reads like a who's who have gay lesbian community? Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. You know, and in, if, if for no other reason, then those people deserve your support to stay keep the station on the air, folks, you know, \$10 \$250 will take you well, you know, we've got all of these different, all of these different premiums. And I'm sure that his mail is as long as you've listened to KPFT. By now, you could probably recite these premiums by heart. The truth is, you're really not contributing for the premiums,

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Jimmy Carper 31:41

you're not, you're not giving, you're not gonna call us up just so you can get the t shirt. You're calling to show your support. And let me tell you what that means to me. Personally, I have been here since March of 1988. And let me tell you, this show started in April of September 6 1987. And I have been here since 1988. And when you call us up at 5265738. You are telling me personally, that I am worth something. Because I come down here every weekend do this thing.

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Sarah Dipalma 32:26

And we have staff meetings and everything.

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Jimmy Carper 32:31

Let me tell you, when you do a show like this, this radio



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station, I mean, we get Arbitron. But you, you don't really know who's out there listening. You really don't know

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Sarah Dipalma 32:48

known it's true because I get the phone calls two or three days later And we don't get them

known it's true, because I get the phone calls two or three days later. And we don't get them, we don't we don't know who it is who's out there. And sometimes it's week later, we'll get notes in the mail that tells us taxicab drivers. Yeah, that's it you know the parents of transgendered people in hookers. book but the truth is we do get those kinds of calls and letters. And they're important.

 Jimmy Carper 33:12

They're they're very important. But, but when you call in and give us your show of support, we know just to supporting the show, just who cares. And we also know that a lot of you out there are living at home.

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You're not exactly white, the legal

 Jimmy Carper 33:41

age. And you may be listening there with your radio underneath the pillow because you don't want mom and dad to hear you. And it doesn't matter to me, whether you're gay, straight, bisexual, transgendered, or what? You're listening, because you need to hear us. And we need to hear from the people who can call in and pledge their support to this show. And shoot, it doesn't matter to me, whether you're calling in because you're gay, straight, bisexual, transgender, whatever, it doesn't matter. It matters to me that you're calling in to pledge support for that 1415 year old who can't who just cannot.

 Sarah Dipalma 34:47

We hadn't we had. One of our very first callers on the show was a young lady who called us on a cordless phone literally inside of her mother's closet. And I remember that and I never forgot that because they tells us who the audience is. And I think you'll see you've had people who come up to you and said, I grew up listening to the show.

 Jimmy Carper 35:06

Let me tell you, those are those are there moments that happen now? And then that really make it for me and that, and they're?

 Sarah Dipalma 35:19

And they stick with it. Yeah, really do.

 Jimmy Carper 35:21

There are those people who call up and or I just happen to meet them and they say, you know, when I was 14 years old, I was listening to you and Buddy, or I was listening to you and Jewel, or I was listening to you and Bruce, or I was listening to you and Scott, or I was just listening to Scott or I was just listening to joule, and it really made a difference. I knew I wasn't the only one.

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Sarah Dipalma 35:52

You know, in some ways, I think we're kind of spoiled. Today, we take shows like after hours and lesbian and gay voices for granted. But I think the fact of the matter is that we were important then, and we're important now. And if you believe that, then you need to call 5265738. That's five to six KPFT. For those of you who are tired and have trouble with numbers, give us give us a call. i Our volunteers are saying give us a call for no other reason than they'd like to stay away.

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Jimmy Carper 36:26

Ryan need somebody to talk to both rides that they do. Lisa need somebody to talk

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Sarah Dipalma 36:33

to? I think you had something that you wanted to do. Oh, gosh,

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Jimmy Carper 36:37

yeah. And you know how this gets to me after a while. Now I'm gonna play a piece of music. But I also need to get these folks to call. Yes. I don't know how I'm gonna lead into this. But we were talking about rainbow the clown rainbow to clown. That's right. And I was mentioning to you that rainbow is can be very frustrating because I never agree with rainbow while all the way. But then again, isn't that the point of the show? That's right. We've talked about it a long time that you're not going to agree with everything that you hear on this show. That's the point of it.

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I don't want you


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Jimmy Carper 37:23


do agree with everything. It doesn't matter. But I want you to think about it. I want you to respect it. And sorry,


 Sarah Dipalma 37:39
and we want you to live through it


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unlike


 Sarah Dipalma 37:49
think we're in trouble here.

 Jimmy Carper 37:52
No, we're not but two years ago this week, something happened and I've got to talk about there was a man running around this town very much like rainbow the clan wild opinionated and

 Sarah Dipalma 38:33
integral all around good person.

 Jimmy Carper 38:35
Thank you. Know, I want to tell you something one night as Joe Gray, who is a past CO producer of this show, drugged this guy in and said, You've got to meet this guy. You've got to have this guy on the show. You won't believe this guy. He's wild. He's a real activist. I mean, you can talk about activism. But this guy is an activist. I mean, when this guy believes in something

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he won't shut up about there is nothing you can do about it. This guy will not shut up.

 Jimmy Carper 39:32
And I want you to know that there's a guy out here tonight in the lobby, who was not gonna believe it because he was a very good friend of who I'm about to tell you. On May 9 1993, Randy field I die and this city became a very poor place and now, Randy fields things