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Jimmy Carper 00:07

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Sarah Dipalma 02:06

Hello, Houston

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Jimmy Carper 02:08

and welcome to after hours queer radio with attitude right here on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station Bryan. Hi, I'm Jimmy Carper. And with me tonight,

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Sarah Dipalma 02:12

Sarah DiPalma

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Jimmy Carper 02:18

tada, and actually, We've got a couple of oh gosh, wait a minute. Wait a minute. I gotta turn on the mic here.

 Sarah Dipalma 02:30

Yes, that helps some.

 Jimmy Carper 02:34

Does this mic on here? Yeah. Yes, it's on we can hear you very nicely. Yes. And who do we have in here?

 Gigi 02:42

Gigi with BiNet knee and

 Jimmy Carper 02:45

also Michelle with BiNet. And Dennis Barnett. What do you folks gonna do tonight?

 Sarah Dipalma 02:53

Later on the second half of the show, we're going to talk about paganism and bisexuality. And even do a little bit of a pagan ritual. Oh, okay. See you

 Jimmy Carper 03:05

in the second half of the share event? Yeah, I see your lighting candle. Oh, yes.

 Sarah Dipalma 03:10

These are the most fun.

 Jimmy Carper 03:11

Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. Oh, that's tough. Okay, you can see some of the some of the little tools all have been assembled here. That is obviously a fertility symbol. Okay, well, I'll talk to you later. Two headed one, two headed one. Yes. Okay. JJ, Michelle. And Dennis. We'll see you a little bit later. And

 Sarah Dipalma 03:47

well yeah interesting way to start yeah

WELL, YEAH, INTERESTING WAY TO START, YEAH.

J Jimmy Carper 03:50

That's gonna be fun later on. You know, with that, we're gonna do a little kind of what are we going to be doing?

S Sarah Dipalma 03:57

I don't know. It looks like they're sacrificing right wing politicians in there or something? Oh,

J Jimmy Carper 04:02

that's fine. I think we're going to do kind of a stone Solstice type type ritual here. Yeah. That'd

S Sarah Dipalma 04:09

be interesting to what kind of? Yeah,

J Jimmy Carper 04:11

I mean, we're talking about Christianity and Judaism and Kwanzaa and all of that. How about the little Solstice stuff?

S Sarah Dipalma 04:18

Yeah. Well, it's all right by me. You know, I started to tell you is, is I stopped at my usual stop and go for coffee on the way and there was a couple in front of me, who were definitely three sheets to the wind. Oh, and were had decided they were apparently not quite drunk enough yet. So they decided they had to stop and get pop some wine coolers, so they can get back in their vehicle. What, folks? I know, I realize it's Christmas and everything. But come on. Let's be smarter than that. Okay. Yeah. I mean, really, whatever happened

J Jimmy Carper 04:51

to the designated driver and all that kind of good stuff.

S Sarah Dipalma 04:55

Yeah, well, I just thought I'd mention it. I mean, I realized that it's the holiday you know that Tonight, we're going to just sort of take it easy since we're only I'm only doing half a show. Um, as I was listening to the tapes from this year, I got to scan through lot of them left a lot of loose

ends, we talked about a lot of issues, never talked about how they turned out. Yes. So tonight, we're going to sort of button up things here at the end of the year. And we'll talk a little bit about what's become of some of the guests that we've had on the show. What has become of some of the issues that we've talked about? And how things have turned out, okay, you know, just at one end of

 Jimmy Carper 05:33

the year, end of the year type of thing, we're gonna probably have a lot of queer Christmas carols in between,

 Sarah Dipalma 05:39

you know, that's something I was going to talk about what, um, it's very interesting to me, I am one of those people, I am sick of Christmas songs. No, because they don't, I don't feel like they apply to me or my life at all. And I would have to think that for an awful lot of people, that's probably true. How many times can you hear chestnuts roasting on an open fire? I mean, that's it's idyllic. How many people actually actually have that kind of a Christmas? Have

 Jimmy Carper 06:06

you ever had a roasted chest? Not? It's the most disgusting thing. I ate them in New York, you know, they sell them on the street corners there. Oh, it was dry and mealy. It was horrible.

 Sarah Dipalma 06:19

What it used to do, it occurred to me that there are going to be a lot of people who will be alone on Christmas. Oh, yes. And they're going to be alone on Christmas Eve. And I wanted to say to those people, if you're out there, and I know that you are there are some tools that you can use to cope for being alone at Christmas. And one of the things that I learned when I had to spend Christmas alone, is don't spend it in the house. Instead, go volunteer at AIDS Foundation, and do a dinner. Sure, you know, give of yourself get out of the house. And it's amazing how you can get rid of that loneliness. You. So I know that sounds silly to say, Well, I'm not going to be alone. Instead, I'm gonna go do volunteer work. But you'll be amazed how much better you'll feel for it afterwards. Because a lot of a lot of his so called Christmas spirit, I don't think it applies.

 Jimmy Carper 07:11

Oh, gosh, you're talking to the wrong person. Because I love the Christmas season. And I get into it. And I love all the Christmas carols and the decorating and all of that kind of stuff. But that's that's what I you know, I like the closeness of friends. And we'll see I am wary of choice type of thing.

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Sarah Dipalma 07:28

I do too. But I've been kind of paying attention to how many people I know who are spending Christmas alone. Yes. And there's a lot of them. And I have to wonder for those folks who are listening to these Christmas carols day after day after day, if they don't just find themselves saying To hell with all this stuff,

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Jimmy Carper 07:45

though, I hear a lot of people saying yeah, and that may be that people are either alone or feel that they are alone,

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Sarah Dipalma 07:54

which is in some ways a lot worse. Yes.

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Jimmy Carper 07:57

And it's more self imposed in many cases. Yeah. I mean, you when you think about your life, you probably have a lot of you have a lot of friends. Yeah. Yeah, a lot of people you can reach out to but somehow we feel that this season. It's it's it's absolutely super special. And you have to be around people you are very, very, very close to and all of that kind of stuff. But that's not necessarily true. It's it's it's a spirit of giving a spirit of renewal and that that type of thing and and even even people you don't know very well, it's fun to be with. It's just the closeness. Yeah, I'm

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Sarah Dipalma 08:37

not a very religious person. But I like to go Oh, God, I'm not either. I like to go to the MCC er, Christmas. Oh, yeah. And it's amazing. I know a lot of the folks there in talk to them. And many of them are dispossessed by their families, because they've come out. Sure. I know many transgendered people who are spending Christmas at Mar house, because they have nowhere to go. Or they're going to fill us his home because they have nowhere to go. And I guess what I'm saying is, if you're in that situation this year, don't spend so much time feeling sorry for yourself because there are more of us out there than you might imagine. Oh, yeah,

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Jimmy Carper 09:10

there's a lot of us. A lot of don't buy

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Sarah Dipalma 09:12

into Christmas has to be perfect.

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Jimmy Carper 09:14

So how many people do you know? And then on the other hand, the other side of the coin, how many people do you know who are going to be with family and are dreading that? You can't wait for it to get you know, oh god, I've got to go and put up with the family. Yeah.

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Sarah Dipalma 09:31

Yeah, you're exactly right. At Christmas says Christmas is really what you make it Yes, it is. And I think that's the bottom line.

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Jimmy Carper 09:39

I'm going to be with a couple of families of choices. Yeah. On tonight, because this is officially Christmas Eve now it's after Christmas. Yes. I'm going to be with the family of my best friend who died six months ago. And his I've been doing Christmas Eve with his family now. for four or five years, and they saw no reason to, to stop doing it now. Now, this is a typical family. And I can tell you that the kids are going to be screaming, and at least three of the dozen or so adults will be arguing and fighting with each other or not talking to each other. You know, it's a typical family situation.

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Sarah Dipalma 10:23

It's funny, I was just watching Saturday Night Live before it came in, and they were doing the dispatch dysfunctional family Christmas, right. We're in Estes Park, there's probably a lot of that. But for I guess all this is a long winded way of saying that I'm glad that we're doing these gay Christmas carols, and the great gay Christmas songs. I think we need to hear more of them. I'm waiting for the day we hear about 104

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Jimmy Carper 10:43

Yeah, yeah, true. Or K qu we

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Sarah Dipalma 10:48

may be long gone for a while you might go ahead and do some music

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Jimmy Carper 10:52

as we'll talk. As a matter of fact, I was going to start out with Venus and they all be a home over Christmas. But since we've been talking about this, they do another one that I think fits more. It's called I Hate the holiday. Okay, so listen to this, folks. Huh, that was garland Ganter. The general manager of KPFT

**S** Sarah Dipalma 11:18

you know what I want for Christmas? I want some Texas Christmas carols, Texas Christmas carols does Jingle Bells make any sense living in cell tech. Wow.

**J** Jimmy Carper 11:26

Now. And what's up SOT Anyway,

**S** Sarah Dipalma 11:29

well, I've always wanted to know the idea of a white Christmas in Houston. Twice a decade. You know, no X is Christmas, Carol. This Christmas, you know, something? Something appropriate for this part of the country.

**J** Jimmy Carper 11:44

I'll have to look that up and see what I've got. Well, I've got a lot to,

**S** Sarah Dipalma 11:49

you know, I believe it or not, I actually got the idea of weeding Snoopy the other day. Yeah. And Snoopy was out in the desert decorating his cactus. Oh, yes. That was yeah, that's his uncle or his uncle. Yeah, yeah. Actually the neighborhood that I live in, in southwest Houston. They have really gone all out this year for decorating

**J** Jimmy Carper 12:06

Oh yeah. I love Tell me where it is. Because I I'd love to just when I have the time, go out and drive around and see these neighborhoods.

**S** Sarah Dipalma 12:15

Our neighborhood is bordered by beach not on one side Bel Air on the other. It's and it's not far from Sharpstown Mall. And the it's it sort of sort of blue collar area. And they have really gone off the street is beautiful warehouses kind of looks poor because we didn't decorate anything so but it really is it's and I really like that

**J** Jimmy Carper 12:39

i Yeah, I'd like decorating. I do I do. Our house

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Sarah Dipalma 12:42

is weird. As I was driving into downtown Houston. Tonight's the first time I've seen this building divided up into green

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Jimmy Carper 12:47

or green. Yes, that's really nice. It's not nice. There's a building across the across Louisiana from the tenneco building about the 1000 block of Louisiana that has this forest of trees, and each tree has like 1000 lights on it. It's just absolutely gorgeous.

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Sarah Dipalma 13:08

That's the to me, that's the nice part of Christmas. You know, it has nothing to do with anything except I

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Jimmy Carper 13:13

went through. I went through a neighborhood. close to where I live. It's on Scott Street, around Rosedale. And there's a couple of neighborhoods in there that like, every house is decorated

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Sarah Dipalma 13:28

channel two, he had them on. He had them on the news the other night, at that particular neighborhood. Oh, yeah, they had them on they were talking about currently the big traffic jam out there. People going out there.

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Jimmy Carper 13:37

Yeah, it's beautiful. Really beautiful.

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Sarah Dipalma 13:40

Well, let's talk a little bit about some of the shows that

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Jimmy Carper 13:42

we've done. Yes. Yeah.

 Sarah Dipalma 13:44

We've done a lot. You know, as I was listening to the tapes, I think some of the best parts of the show are still have been some of the discussions that you have I have had about our guests afterwards. Hmm. We've really had some amazing discussions that are shout

 Jimmy Carper 14:02

well, because I guess we're talking from a non transsexual and asking questions of transsexual you know, maybe, maybe I tried to play the part of asking the questions. Everybody always, always wanted to know.

 Sarah Dipalma 14:19

Well, it must be working. Jane Langley, who is a we had on the show we, we did a live interview with Jane Langley. She was in Melbourne, Australia. And Jane has taken a tape of our show to the Australian broadcast network, who was investigating the idea of doing a documentary about us. Wow, at least a documentary piece, because as it turns out, this show is one of only two shows in the nation having an openly transgendered host. And apparently, we're one of only two in the entire world. Wow. And talking to several folks in Europe. No such show exists in Europe, not even in the Netherlands, where it works

 Jimmy Carper 15:00

That's, that's amazing. I would I would, I would really expect it either in the Netherlands or in Germany. You know, these videos. No one's heard of it. What about like Scandinavian countries?

 Sarah Dipalma 15:11

No. In fact, I asked Jenny San who lives in Norway, and is the head of a something called Euro Fantasia, which is a European version of the Tea Party. And they have never heard of anything like it over there. Oh, and so I we have something very unique here in Houston. It's one of only two in the entire world apparently. And of course, we were the first so that we have reason to be proud of. But in January, we had Jackie Thorne on the show. Yeah, we had Linda and Cynthia Phillips Oh, my favorites. So cross dressing. And in February, I think was one of the best shows we've done, which was the show we did with Dr. Cole. We had Dr. Cole and we had several guests on here from his, his clinic. Now if you're not familiar with this, the clinic in Galveston is called the Rosenberg clinic. And it is a place where people who think they may be transsexual it is where they go to discuss it discuss issues of transition. They go to discuss their life issues, and try to decide whether they are in fact transsexual. Yeah. And we were lucky enough to have a several people on that tape. And I thought some of the interviews that were on that tape were some of the best on Oh, yeah. No show that has been like that. And that tape tapes and copies of that have been sent all over the world. No kidding. Yeah, I've been real proud of

 Jimmy Carper 16:38



Jimmy Carper 10:50

real busy doing this, haven't you? Yeah,



Sarah Dipalma 16:40

I'm doing it at my expense. But one of the one of the guests on that on the show, the very last guest worked in a newspaper in Arizona, a gay and lesbian newspaper. Yeah, we remember that which recently was torched? No, in the newspaper is going to have to completely rebuild. So I just, you know, one of the things about doing a show,



Jimmy Carper 17:06

the woman who was like, going go transitioning at like age 50. She's



Sarah Dipalma 17:11

50 years old, you know? Yeah, that was an interesting show. Because our guests ranged in age from 19 to 50. Yeah. And each of them had very different story. Yeah, if I ever get sick, or anything, that's the one show would like to rerun. I mean, this,



Jimmy Carper 17:25

this woman looked at life as an adventure. And it was just wonderful. Because at age 50, most people would think, Oh, I'm too old to do this.



Sarah Dipalma 17:33

She had she, I've listened to the tape several times. And she said something that really caught my eye really has caught my ear. She talked about how close she was committing suicide, and said, no one should have to kill themselves over this. After all, it's only gender. That's right. And I've never forgotten that. It's only gender. Why should you have to? And I point that out because a friend of mine, who was going to the University of West Virginia, killed herself three weeks ago. She was a graduate student there and was having a fight with the university. They did not want to allow her to use any of the restrooms. And it was a terrible situation. They finally said she could use one restroom on the far side of campus and it was going to be marked her restroom per other and the humiliation of it was simply too much for her who



Jimmy Carper 18:26

was it that we lose now? Who was it that was on the show and and out? Kate Bornstein was talking about the silly restroom thing



Sarah Dipalma 18:36

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Sarah Dipalma 18:50

it was Brian went through that Phyllis told me that she everyone had that she had a problem when she first started out. She actually wet herself a couple times because she couldn't get to the restroom in time. In the entire courthouse, she was allowed to use one restroom. That's incredible. In this case, this person killed herself. So

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Jimmy Carper 18:52

there is no reason why restrooms shouldn't be coed anyway, just put stalls in and what difference does it make? Who's in what stall?

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Sarah Dipalma 19:01

Well, Martine Rothblatt, pointed out that the idea of sex segregated bathrooms is fairly recent. And there are many places in Europe where it's not so

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Jimmy Carper 19:08

right. So I've seen that that's where I first ran across in the seven days when I first ran across coed bathrooms was in Europe, and it was a little weird at first, but then it was like, Well, why not?

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Sarah Dipalma 19:21

I don't want to see what you're doing. I mean, really, I don't

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Jimmy Carper 19:25

quite you see in Europe, the stalls go all the way from floor to ceiling. Yeah. So it's not like you can peek underneath. Yeah. Well,

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Sarah Dipalma 19:37

in March, we did a show, which I think also was unique. And that is we talked about religion in the queer community. Yes. We had a panel of guests from the community. And I thought that was pretty good discussion, to have the people who are on that panel. have since moved Wendy Allen and Denise cop had moved to Arizona.

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Jimmy Carper 19:57

Oh, that's that's loss for Houston. It's a

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Sarah Dipalma 20:01

terrible loss for Houston. And it's a loss for activists in this city. Yeah, but I got a nice piece of mail from them. And I have to say it's an interesting story. When the internees are of the Phyllis fries Sarah dipalma School of activism. Oh god, no. Which means you start by getting in somebody's face and then you go from there.

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Jimmy Carper 20:22

Okay, there's the famous fellas line and, and

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Sarah Dipalma 20:28

to this to this talentless just outside of Tucson, Arizona. And Tucson is not a big city to start with. No, it's mostly retirement, Eric, from what I understand. But anyway, when do you Denise went to this, this meeting of this gender organization? And apparently there are a bunch of classic cases. Oh, God, so poor, windy, not knowing any better. got up and said, Well, we're going to start it. It's time Arizona. And let me tell you what she said she looked around and half the room and empty. Oh, oh, gosh, Arizona has never met two people like this. They're going to get an education, or they've got

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Jimmy Carper 21:03

their work cut out for him.

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Sarah Dipalma 21:05

I got an email from somebody in Arizona the other day, I wanted to know who are these two crazy women? A wait till they get started. You ain't seen nothing. But I'll dish that discussion about religion I thought was really very good. Yes. Yeah. And one of the guests that we had on that show was Father John J. McNeil, John J. McNeil was the author of the church and the homosexual. Yes. And he was on talking about his new book, and talking about what it was to be gay, in a priest and be Oh, and if you're not, if you don't remember the interview, John McNeil gave up his priesthood, because it was a choice between keeping his lover or his church, right, when he decided he would keep his lover. And so he walked away from 27 years in the church. And he told this wonderful story about coming to terms with the idea that he no longer knew where he was going to be buried. Yeah. It was very, very touching. And finally, some friends in within the church bought him a burial plot in upstate New York, so that he would not be able to know where he was going to be buried, buried, and He wanted his tombstone to read. Here lies a gay man who took a chance on God. And I thought that was I thought that was just lovely. Yeah. And incredibly courageous. And then we had a scoop, we got the only interview in the country with Mel White. Yes, that's true. That was, as far as I know, that was a national school. No, White was a easy minister in the Metropolitan Community Church, who was doing a sit in and pat robertson church, as I recall, yes. And got himself arrested because he used leave, and started a hunger, a hunger protests.

J Jimmy Carper 22:46

He was the one that years ago, he was the ghost writer, right?

S Sarah Dipalma 22:50

He was a ghost writer for Pat Robertson and Oliver North. Yes. And then he saw the light and became homeless. As they would say, he was saying, oh, boy, I can hear

J Jimmy Carper 23:01

the all we wanted to do. Yeah. And all he wanted to do was talk to Pat Robertson about

S Sarah Dipalma 23:08

just about, what do you want us to talk to him about was that he discovered his own family had sent money to Pat Robertson. And he was upset that Robertson was taking money from little old ladies and getting himself rich, while give it while these people got nothing from it. He just didn't think it was right. And he also didn't like what Pat Robertson had to say about homosexuals. Tell him so to his base. And pat robertson thought I have a better idea. Let's slap his cat in jail. But the we hit a national scoop on that we're the only radio station in the country to get an interview with Mel White. That was great. And that was one of those things that came about because I was on the internet just was

J Jimmy Carper 23:46

pure. You're leaving me in the dust kid? I'm still a computer virgin, and you are just talking to people world? Why?

S Sarah Dipalma 23:53

Well, I get I my internet, sometimes I have 150 messages a day. Gosh, and it gets to be a little bit much sometimes. How can

J Jimmy Carper 24:02

you answer 150 Different people in one day? Well,

S Sarah Dipalma 24:06

I do what's called a broadcast letter. Because oftentimes people writing about the same thing. Oh, I may address 10 people at once.

J Jimmy Carper 24:14

Oh, it's like one of those old Christmas letters. Yeah, you

S Sarah Dipalma 24:17

almost have to because it's just not possible. I get so many phone calls, in emails, especially from people around the country, saying that they've lost their jobs and what do they do? Or can they have a copy of the name change bill? One thing I've been very proud of, I can truly say that as I sit here at the end of the year, that I am very proud of my personal accomplishments and the accomplishments of the organization that I run. We have had a fabulous year and Texas is far and away. Well well along with along with Maryland, as one is the leading political organization in the country. In Texas, we are just leap years ahead of everyone else a Texas and Maryland. Partly I think that's because As Jessica Xavier runs Maryland, and partly because you have a real out loudmouth redhead here, who runs who just basically doesn't care what other people thinks this is we're gonna go for sure. And they don't have that in other places in the country yet. Of course, Arizona may change. Yes.

J Jimmy Carper 25:14

But I may be in the running by next year.

S Sarah Dipalma 25:17

You have very may very well be. But I've been very proud of that. And consequently, the downside of that is that and now nationally known,

J Jimmy Carper 25:26

what's that? Why is that such a downside? 150

S Sarah Dipalma 25:28

emails a day? Oh, well, yes. But I try to answer when I can. A lot of them are from young people. We get a lot of emails about the show, actually, from people who want copies. One of our guests in April, and I want to talk about this one for a second. We had two guests in April, who are nationally known authors one one was Martine Rothblatt. Now Martine Rothblatt, is the author of the apartheid of sex. I have used her definition of sex and gender in my talks ever since I've read her book. And every time I've used her definition, I catch it. Her version is sex is the biology you're born with. Gender is all behaviors that's expected of you because of your biology. Well, we just had a meeting with the Lesbian Gay rights lobby of Texas in Austin two weeks ago, which was very successful. Okay, well, I'm going to talk about that after we do some more music that was very successful, very cordial. But when I use that definition of

gender, I looked around and is often the case all the women were shaking their head, yes, they understood it. Men all had this blank stare, like which I thought was very interesting. And we also had Gordon McKenzie on the show. Yes. And I'm going to tell a little personal thing about this four minute Gordian McKenzie. As I was listening to that tape, at the time, I said, Gordon McKenzie was the person who was most responsible for helping me decide that I was not going to have the surgery. Well, I'm backtracking on that. Where do you mean, I'm not? I'm not so sure that I won't have the surgery? Oh, wow. Well, I mean, you backtrack on that a little bit

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Jimmy Carper 27:13

this this whole year, you've been talking about surgical complications and how expensive it is, and yeah, and all the different problems. And so yeah, why now? Why are you changing your mind? Actually,

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Sarah Dipalma 27:26

it's a lot, it's a lot of different things. I've just had a very unusual an odd experience. And I guess, I wanted to bring it up in the context of Martine and Gordian because this was what was in their books at the time. I just recently had to apply for medical insurance. Now, I have not had medical insurance for a long time. So this was a new concept from before. And it's my first time applying for medical insurance, since I transitioned. Oh, now for the listeners, you may not know that I am a non operative transsexual, meaning I have not yet had the surgery. I've not had a sex change operation yet? Well, these are as often the case on many forms. It says male, female, a mother. And at the bottom of the application, it says any material misstatement will cause you not to be covered at the time of your insurance. Well, that kind of puts me in a funny position. Yeah. Okay. I'm legally female. Mentally female, becoming physically more female all the time. But I've not had the surgery. So technically, I'm not. I'm not either.

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Jimmy Carper 28:34

If you're legally if you've had your name change, and you're legally female, Doesn't that count?

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Sarah Dipalma 28:39

I don't know. Most hospitals will still put you in the wards according to your biology. Oh, yeah. And what you have between your legs. So you know, we're dealing with insurance companies, you you don't have to give an insurance company much of a reason to say, well, we don't want to cover you. So I decided I would simply tell the truth on the application and wrote down transgendered female, because there was no place in the application for other. There's male who's female. And yes, that's it. Yeah. And I felt like I didn't want to make a material misstatement. So I said, Fine, I'll put down as it turned out, they covered me, I was shocked. Wow, I don't know if it's because they didn't know what a transgender female was. And simply said, well go ahead and cover what the hell or exactly what, but um, there are more and more of those kinds of incidents have come up and getting tired of it. Oh, I'm getting real tired of it. And it's right now I'm really struggling with this issue. I don't have the answer to this. There's part of me that says, Why should I go have surgery? So that I don't have to? Because so that I

can conform with what society says so that I can conform with being one or the other. Okay, so this is that part of me that says, Why should I do it? Oh, gosh, and there's a part of me that she's tired enough to say, the hell with it. Let's just get it over with.

J Jimmy Carper 29:52

Is that the real reason? I mean, is that a reason for doing it?

S Sarah Dipalma 29:55

I don't know. I don't know. It's, it's that and there are 100 Little things that come up over the course of a year. That just make me crazy. I would love to join a health club is another example. locker rooms are problem. Oh, yeah. And there are a whole host of issues like that. And that's exactly what I'm asking myself right now. It's our

J Jimmy Carper 30:17

so you're going to you're thinking about having the operation for other people, not for you.

S Sarah Dipalma 30:24

Yeah. And you know, that bothers me. And so that's, I'm sort of stuck in the middle of this. Yeah, I'm really and because there's a part of me that says, I'm sick and tired of it. I just don't want it to deal with this anymore. And part of me that says, Why should I alter my body to make somebody else happy? In so I'm stuck. I honestly don't know what the answer for me is,

J Jimmy Carper 30:43

if you altered your body with your lover be happier.

S Sarah Dipalma 30:47

She says that it would make no difference to her that she wants me to do what I'd be happy with. And I believe that Okay, so this is really this is my issue. Okay. And I don't know how it's going to turn out right now. i It's up in the year for me.

J Jimmy Carper 31:03

But I mean, all the things that you voiced, those are very real issues. Yeah. And you know, I don't I don't mean to downplay any of it. It's the kind of thing that you can't

**S** Sarah Dipalma 31:12

very well go to your therapist and say, because the therapist will. That's another thing that the therapist is gonna say, Well, how do you feel about this? Well, therapist, that's not a good enough reason to get surgery in order to play the game

**J** Jimmy Carper 31:24

in. Oh, that's right. That's right. This is the game thing, right?

**S** Sarah Dipalma 31:28

Yeah. What you have to do is go to your therapist and say to your therapist, I hate my genitals. I've always hated my genitals. I want them removed, so I'll feel better. Well, I don't really feel that way. It's not that I hate them. It's that they're a complication I could do with that. Okay. Now you go to your therapist, you say that? And she says, Well, that's is that that's, you know, according to my book here, one of the three reasons, so you can't do it. So stay tuned. I don't have the answer to the wow. It's, it's it certainly has become an issue for me.

**J** Jimmy Carper 32:06

I'm really surprised that all of this Yeah. Well, because you were I mean, you were always the one that was like, No, I'm not gonna have it done. I don't need it. And there's complications that can arise and well, it's very expensive.

**S** Sarah Dipalma 32:19

It's all true. But also, what I'm finding is that there can be a lot of complications if you don't get it. Yeah.

**J** Jimmy Carper 32:23

And if you do have it done, you know, it's a lot easier to what if you find yourself falling into the mindset of, okay, I'm a woman, and I'm just gonna go into the closet. I'm not trans. I'm trans. I was way

**S** Sarah Dipalma 32:39

too late for me to do.

**J** Jimmy Carper 32:40

Well, I know. But I mean, you know, other people have, you know, like gone to another state and stuff and gone. Woodworking.

**S** Sarah Dipalma 32:49

I think that's yeah, that's not part of my personality. Make.

**J** Jimmy Carper 32:51

I know, that's not part of your personality. But, but, you know, once you have female genitalia, that may change your mindset. Well,

**S** Sarah Dipalma 33:02

I've thought about that. And I really don't think so because I've known too many. I've lost too many friends. I've had too many friends who've committed suicide of watch. A good friend of mine is suing her employer right now over harassment. I don't know that that doesn't change the that part of it. Okay. But I really don't know how it's going to turn out. It's it's an issue for me, I think, I guess at some point,

**J** Jimmy Carper 33:23

kind of like life, isn't it? You just don't know how it's gonna turn out.

**S** Sarah Dipalma 33:27

Yeah, at some point, I'm going to have to make a decision and ask myself, I think what's more important to me? Yeah. You know, is it more important to me to deal with the practical aspects? Or is it more important to just say, I'm going to keep fighting the fight? Yeah. And I don't know. So, you want to do some music? We'll come back

**J** Jimmy Carper 33:42

some more. We have been getting lots of phone calls while we've been talking here. And let's see. Let me just go over a few of these here. Tom. Ah, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Tom called in. He's not feeling too well, and he hasn't even left his apartment. I'm sorry to hear that. Guy. Yeah, he's had some surgery here recently, on his hand, so I hope everything's okay with Tom. Because all of our wishes go out to Tom listens every week. Even when he was in the hospital. He bought a radio. Had somebody buy radio for him so we can listen to the show. Tom is one of our good long term listeners. And Gary called a couple of times, Gary, I did get the tapes. And I have them with me tonight. If we can set something up, give Roy a call back 5265738 of Andre called in and his birthday is Monday. Hey, Christmas Day, right? Christmas day. Yeah, Christmas Day. Wow. Okay, so we'll we'll be doing a birthday cake dedication for Yvonne Dre later in the show. But right now

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Sarah Dipalma 34:57

before we get to music that is online. One Oh, that is going to be co hosting with me in a couple of weeks. And she wants to talk about the surgery.

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Jimmy Carper 35:07

Okay, well, let me run in there and see about putting her on the Okay.

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Sarah Dipalma 35:13

For those of you who don't know Jimmy is taking his annual trek to Hawaii. I just hate it. He's gone Hawaii without me for a second year in a row. Stanley takes me there for my birthday every year, which is in January, January 13. As a matter of fact, and so we're leaving on a Tiffany. And Beth Richards is going to be joining me his co host here for in January while Jimmy isn't doing son sand surfing Speedos. So let's see if we can get Beth on here.

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All right. Sounds like Sarah. We've got her. Hello there, dear. How are you? Oh, pretty good. I played again. Yeah, yeah, well,

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Sarah Dipalma 35:50

it's Christmas. And I know you've got Christmas wrapping to do Santa gotta come to your house.

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Oh, yeah. We have we have youngsters here who are who are looking forward to it a lot. Oh, good. Well, Sara, you said something again, that bothered me. And it's exactly what Jimmy was saying. And I think you should ought to stick to your guns. And that is that if you really want SRS because it's what's right for you. And for those of you out there who don't know, SRS is simply an abbreviation for sex reassignment surgery. Some people call it GRS gender reassignment surgery. There's a couple of other things that that people call it that, you know, abbreviations. I'm not sure what they all are. There's such an alphabet soup out there. But my therapist, I don't know, how come you keep having occasions that don't match up with this? Told me that that wasn't an issue. What would make me happy with that issue? Whether it was that I hate them or not? Or what? Because my I feel very much the same way. It's a severe annoyance. Do I hate them? Not just the body part? Do I hate a work? No. So I'd have it ticked. But I have a work taken off. Yes. Well, then, you know, and, and I have yet to have a therapist, you know, discount me on that issue. And I think that you're absolutely right for something about 1015 years ago, there would not be a therapist in this country who would sign up for that. But the times they are a change, and they say,

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Sarah Dipalma 37:16

Well, I'm gonna find out that because I am, I have decided that I am going to go back with a therapist for the first time in several years, to try and try and talk this issue out. And I'm going to take a good look at this issue. And I realized that I need a professional to go through this with that this is not something that I can just I can reach on my own. And, you know, you know me, so you know, this is a tough issue for me, why is beyond your years? But yeah, because there's a part of me that says, Why should I alter my body to give in to what somebody else thinks I ought to be. And there's a part of me that's just tired of putting up with the bowl?

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Well, I've had the same issues. And I want to encourage you to, again, stick to your guns, if if if writing in transgendered above that x in the female boxes, what it

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Jimmy Carper 38:01

takes? That's right, if more people did that, and there would be another category.

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You know, they're, you know, what is this? Is this, like, you know, two boxes and in the whole universe, or are there people I mean, there's more choices than just those two, and Martine Ross that will bend your ear for months. On that very subject.

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Sarah Dipalma 38:22

I made the mistake of mentioning this to Martina and email and I got an 11 Page answer from

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you did. Kate Bornstein the same thing, same story, like why does there have to be too these are some of the people who are like really, really activists in just that aspect of things. And, and if it's what you want, if it's the way you need to be to, you know, feel right about yourself, go for it. But if it's there to solve other people's problems, is that rope to really want to do?

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Sarah Dipalma 38:54

Well, that's why I'm gonna go back into therapy. And I'm going to take another look at it because I you know, if anybody understands how important this decision is, it's me. And, you know, I, I guess something has happened to me bet since since this last birthday. I think there's something about having hit 45 No, I mean that sincerely. There's a better realization that that,

at this point, there's probably less time in front of me is there is behind. Yes. And it's brought about a new urgency that wasn't there. And it's made me look at a lot of issues that I hadn't considered. And this is one of



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them. I had a close friend who had her SRS with Dr. Beiber. In 91. She laid in her room recovering with her roommate who was 75 years old.



S Sarah Dipalma 39:39

Wow, I didn't know they would do it at that age. Dr. Piper claims that



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that is not his oldest patient, who was 83. Wow. And both of them gave the same reason. They'd been living full time for years. They were pretty happy with their lifestyle. Sex was at that age, not much of an issue. But they didn't want to die with But the wrong genitals for their self?



S Sarah Dipalma 40:02

You know, that's the question that Laurie asked me that made me reconsider it. Laurie and I were talking about this one night over dinner. And that was the question she asked me, she said, Do you want to die this way? And my answer was no. And once that came out, all of a sudden, I had to re examine this issue. Maybe that's another aspect. Yeah, I had to realize that I had to really re examine this issue. Because all this time I've been saying, Oh, no, no, I'm never gonna do surgery now. No, no. And then out pops this answer that shocked the hell out of me. But it also knew was the truth. And it's like, wow, so I really don't know where this is going to go. I have. I am going to start with therapist again after the first of the year, and I'm going to take a look at this issue. It's not it is not Dr. Cole, by the way. It Beth knows why. But yeah, you know, i There's no rush on this. I don't have to decide this today, tomorrow or next week? Well, you're gonna I'm gonna look at it.



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The reason I bring it up at all, is that you're not alone in these decisions. I mean, it's exactly the same issues I'm facing. And I'm sure there's others out there who are thinking the same kinds of along the same kinds of line.



J Jimmy Carper 41:09

Why does life have to be gray? Why can't it be just black and white? Oh, hey, wouldn't life

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be easy? And wouldn't life be easy if there were a lot of things that were black and white?

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Sarah Dipalma 41:19

But it is black and white? Those are called Republicans?

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I'll tell you one of my me. I'll tell you one of my catchphrases in this life is it's not boring. And if it was black and white, it would be portable, right? Yeah,

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Sarah Dipalma 41:32

that's true. That's true. Beth looking forward during the show with you. Yeah, talk to you in another month. Okay, listen, you have a Merry Christmas say kiss the kids for me. Have a good holiday

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everyone. Bye bye bye.

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Jimmy Carper 41:47

Okay, now we will go to a piece of music. Jerry at the tiger truckstop. Well, either Jerry hay, making a request and it it's it's one of them. I really liked this song and I'm, I want to play it and just an all humor. So if I don't want to offend anybody out there, but it's a takeoff on winter wonderland. And it's called walking around in women's underwear.