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Glenn Holt, Jimmy Carper, Sarah Dipalma

 Sarah Dipalma 00:01

chinder Yes.

 Jimmy Carper 00:03

That's how we're taught.

 Sarah Dipalma 00:03

Yeah, that's how we're taught to Punchbowl. But that's what we're taught. Yeah. Okay. Now then sexual orientation has nothing to do with that. No. So let me give just one example. It is very possible, let us say that you're born male. And you are you transition from male to female. And your sexual attraction ends up being another female. Right?

 Jimmy Carper 00:25

So when you're in your lesbian before your you transition, your male, heterosexual see,

 Sarah Dipalma 00:35

yeah, that's typically the case. Yeah.

 Jimmy Carper 00:36

And so you transition and become a female, but your orientation does not change. You're exactly you still are attracted to females, right? So you become by proxy. Well, in reality,

S Sarah Dipalma 00:49

a lesbian you becoming reality, transsexual, lesbian. Yes, right. I understand that blows people away. And I'm sorry, there's

J Jimmy Carper 00:56

so many things. So many people

S Sarah Dipalma 00:58

think that if you change your sex, then you're attracted. Sexual Orientation almost never changes that. That's right. Almost never changes. I would venture to say 60% of the people who transition from male to female, and up living is lesbians. Yes. Because their sexual orientation remains with women. Yes. So I realized that may be very confusing to you, and thank you for calling in and slowing me down. And again, our number is 5265738. If you have more questions like that, if you want to talk about what we're discussing, please call in, we'll be happy to put you on the year. This is your show. Now, one of the things that we learned when we talked to Congress more than anything else, is that they didn't they had never heard our stories. We went in and we talked to these people about what it meant to become unemployed. We talked about what transition was, we talked about what cross dressers were, we talked about what hate crimes were. And we told our stories in personal terms. When I talked to a Congressman, I didn't go in and say, well, the transgender community is this. I went in and said, I want to talk to you about the things that have happened to me personally, as examples of what happens in the transgender community. Big difference. Huge difference. And it worked. They did listen. They, they were very empathetic. We are going to keep going back year after year after year. We had 100. This year, you watch we'll have 200 Next year, because these people went home and said to the people in their local organizations, we had a great time. Are these congress people they talked to us. And no one was rude to us. And you know what? It was really cool. And I'm not so afraid anymore. Good. And they're going to go home and there's people aren't going to be so afraid, either. So folks, that's the transgender Lobby Day was about good. i There's one thing that I was really struck. I was really struck by the morning that we did our first first conference. In all the television cameras were there. There were several members of the trans have Trius sorority, oh, okay, which is an organization for heterosexual crossdressers and their wives standing next to members of transsexual minutes, which is it would be like putting a member of it it'd be like putting a member of queer nation next to a member of the Log Cabin Republicans. Yes, really. And everyone worked together. They lobbied together because they were after common issue. And I think that I think that's incredible. What do you say you wouldn't want to go piece of music? Sure. Well, I let's go to a piece of music or we come back we'll talk about some things that are happening locally. But let me just say again, the numbers 526-573-8526 KPFT. We welcome your calls. We'll be more than happy to talk about a transgendered issues or anything that's related to add, please feel free to give us a call. Okay. This

J Jimmy Carper 04:16

is Jimmy summer Bill's new album, and a song that kind of sums up what we've been talking about. Someday we'll be together Jimmy Somerville, someday we'll be together and you're listening to it on after hours queer radio with attitude. Heard every Saturday night at midnight right here on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station Bryan. I'm Jimmy Carper. And we have a visitor to the show. It's a group that we encourage to stop by every week and give a report.

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Glenn Holt 04:59

It's great certainly do. It's gladden

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Jimmy Carper 05:01

from Q patrol

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Glenn Holt 05:02

as right. It's been busy time out there. You've probably been reading in the paper about how hate crimes are up. We've just been talking about that. Yeah, that's right. And one of the people who participates with us with que patrol runs a parking lot over by cousins. Oh, yeah. He, that's Marty Marya, yeah, he's got a Q patrol radio. He's really good at spotting things for us, and calling them in and taking notes and so on. And so when we started patrol last night, he called us on the radio and he said, Hey, a couple of things happened last weekend that I want you to know about. And he gave us some license plate numbers. So we can we'll be able to do our thing with that. Now, what happened there was last weekend, there were a couple of Ford Explorer type vehicles came along, people stopped by his parking lot. They looked at him talking amongst themselves really looked like they were edging for trouble. And finally just bagged him and drove off.

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Jimmy Carper 06:09

Okay, fragments may pay you back at jazz, that kind of crap.

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Glenn Holt 06:13

And then something else that happened and everybody needs to be really careful about this. There's a lesson in this now for everybody. Yeah. Somebody was walking in that the streets behind Marty's parking lot. And back there. A car came along, pulled up to a stop and ask this pedestrian for directions to the bars. Yes. As if they were interested in going to the bar. Be very careful. That's right. Well, this person, this pedestrian walked up to the car that had stopped. And don't you know that they sprayed him with pepper spray? Whoa.

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Jimmy Carper 06:47

That's probably one of the nicer things that can happen. Because yeah, because asking directions to the bars is is in the way that David Provenzano got murdered. Because if you know

directions to the bars is is is the way that Paul Broussard got murdered. Because if you know where a bar is, then the people assume that you're gay.

 Glenn Holt 07:05

That's right. Yeah. Anyway, we also had somebody gets shot. What? Yes, that happened. Last weekend. I believe it was because we were running a table over at Pacific Street. Dennis was running a table for us civic Street. And this guy came up to report to Dennis that he had seen this guy gets shot. A couple of blocks away. Wow. And this was over in the West Drew and Crocker. Yeah, I believe. Now understand the guy fortunately was not seriously hurt. Just a grazing wound or something. I know you think somebody gets shot in the chest? Yeah, I think that's got to be pretty bad. Right. But my understanding wasn't that bad. No hurry, but there again, it's getting shot. That's right. Getting shot is getting shot. It's one thing to get fagged it's another thing to get shot can definitely ruin your day. Yes.

 Jimmy Carper 07:55

Yes, they can. Yes. They nothing. That ruining your shirt. Yes.

 Glenn Holt 08:01

bloodstains everywhere. Yes. Plus the whole been going up to sew it up or something

 Jimmy Carper 08:06

terrible. Yeah. On those, you know, \$80 shirts with those horses on them.

 Glenn Holt 08:14

Hopefully it's the real horse and not the little seahorse. But yeah. Anyway. So one of the things that that we're going to do, of course, in q patrol is we're trying to recruit more people as always, to come out and help us out and half the time. Y'all are always recruiting like you and I as well. I mean, oh, we did have fun. That's right. We did. Yes. We saw so many good looking boys. Oh, yes. Herds of them. Yes. Oh, yes. And and we saw some yard decorations. Yes. Unfortunately passed judgment on us being good and some of which we passed judgment on us being bad. But that's

 Jimmy Carper 08:53

right. We've got to get those citations going to Q patrol citation not to

 Glenn Holt 08:59

give you the impression that we were not mistakes out for the bad guys. But when it was a

give you the impression that we were not watching out for the bad guys. But when it was a slow as it was last night, and nothing was happening. We were enjoying ourselves we

J Jimmy Carper 09:08

love when it slow. That means people are safe.

G Glenn Holt 09:11

That's right. Anyway, so one of the things that we're going to do, by way of trying to improve recruitment, is I'm coming up with a program called the q patrol contact point. And Marty and his parking lot over there by cousins is the first of these places and there will be others. Okay. You'll see a poster it's a colorful poster says q patrol contact point. Get more information, ask about joining make a donation. Good idea. Now the reason for this is because so many people have asked Well, I don't know how to get in touch with q patrol. Other people have said well, something happened and I went and tried to tell a doorman about it at a bar or a restaurant, and they were too busy to help. Yes. So what I'm going to do is before we place these things in restaurants, and and bars and so on is make arrangements with the management that if they display this and they will also carry in the in the little pouch, some information about how to get in touch with to patrol and how to file a report. Sure if something happens that so that people won't be left out in the cold. You have to understand the doorman are busy and sometimes

J Jimmy Carper 10:20

they're first. They're working. Yeah, yeah. And

G Glenn Holt 10:23

part of the reason and part of what they're working for is to protect us, those of us who are inside from debt, bad people who want to get in but anyway, Inside you will find a brochure. Whoa, on the computer this evening.

J Jimmy Carper 10:37

That up in front of the microphone so they can can you see

G Glenn Holt 10:39

that? Yes. Anyway, one of the well, the the approach of the brochure, is it It asks some of the fairly fairly commonly asked questions. One of the first of which being Are you the guardian angels? And of course the answer is no Q patrol volunteers have no special training. We're not the we're not amateur police or security. That's right. We don't intervene and we don't put ourselves in any risk. We try not to know our focus as hate crimes. We don't get involved with drugs, prostitution, or gangs, not while we're on patrol. Well, no. No, no, no go go. Then how

this Q patrol work? Well, we are a visible deterrent to hate crimes at the presence of our Q Patrol logo on our T shirts and car doors as a warning to troublemakers that we are watching and we will take action. What kind of action you ask? Well, if one of our patrol units notice that I asked the question Yeah, I also provide the answers very convenient that way, isn't it? You don't even need me here. Do you have one person interview? What? Well, you know, there was this is a sidetrack but there was one time at the venture ran a long time ago they were doing a masters and slave auction. They were actually auctioning off leather masters. Wow. As well as slaves. Ah, and then the guy started, I volunteered to sort of be auctioned off it was raising money for a good cause. And I thought that as a as a gimmick to raise the amount that was being bid for me. I grabbed the microphone, away from the auctioneer and auction to myself

 Jimmy Carper 12:14

off. Good idea. Oh, you are so forceful.

 Glenn Holt 12:18

Anyway, what kind of action? Well, if one of our patrol units sees trouble in the making, we send a report by radio to all of our other units. A mobile unit, which is a car with a Q Patrol logo displayed will follow the suspicious vehicle at a safe distance until we know that they know that they're being watched. We've done that. And we have done that. Yes, yes. We have actually been involved in doing that. Such fun. But you say hate crimes are way down? Well, actually, no, they're not. It's true that our efforts have been successful. But there are always more people out there looking for trouble. Constant patrolling is the only way to keep this. I always have trouble with the word statistics. YouTube, okay. Constant patrolling is the only way to keep these statistics low. It doesn't matter how low the statistics are if you get attacked.

 Jimmy Carper 13:05

That's right. They could be 0.001%. But if you get attacked, that's 100%. Yes. That's right. That's right. So we would love to be able to have patrols every night of the week.

 Glenn Holt 13:19

That's right, we certainly would. Yes. So what can you do? Meaning what can q patrol do if I am attacked? Well, hopefully you won't be right. If you are the victim of a hate crime, even if someone just yells fag at you. We can send a notice out to the owner of the vehicles involved. And we also make our regular reports to HPD.

 Jimmy Carper 13:39

Because lots of times the owners of the vehicles are the parents of the people driving them.

 Glenn Holt 13:46

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GLENN HOLT 13:40

That's right. And they have been told by the son or the daughter involved, that they're going to the library that they're going to the movies, whatever, right. And when they get a little notice in the mail that says that. I mean, obviously their address is we know their address, we know their name, right? That that their stuff is on file with us a gay organization, and that their son or daughter and their vehicle. Were down in the Montrose playing with the queers throwing eggs or doing whatever, yes, then we don't ever see that vehicle again.

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Jimmy Carper 14:14

That's right. It's a very good deterrent, because most of this stuff is done by by teens.

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Glenn Holt 14:20

Unfortunately, yes. They just don't understand. Right? Yes to it. Yes.

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Jimmy Carper 14:25

Yeah. Questioning teens.

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Glenn Holt 14:27

That's right. Well, like I've said before, you know, the the police can only act after the fact we act before the fact. Yep. So what can I do meaning with the person who's reading this brochure? What can I do? Well, first Don't be a victim. That's right. No, and I know that sounds very easy to say. But what I mean by that is, you know, the old phrase there there are no victims only volunteers. Well, yeah, okay. That's, that's what I mean by that. Okay. Follow the safety rules printed in the guide, then and to patrol has always printed some safety rules in our newsletters and so on. And they're very common. Send sort of things. And then if something does happen, don't be afraid to report it. That's talking about that earlier. Right? That's right must report it, you must report it when somebody's gonna pile these statistics. That's right. Otherwise, we don't get any funding for anything to do,

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Jimmy Carper 15:12

whether it's gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered or anything in between. Yes, we have to have these statistics.

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Glenn Holt 15:20

That's right. Otherwise, all the men and we will stay away. Yes. Even it doesn't matter how fabulous we look, they will stay away. But we have seen that happen several times that something has happened. Somebody's got blood all over their face from being attacked, you

know, and we pull out the cell phone and we make the call and No, no, they don't get involved. They don't want to talk to the police. Nothing like Right, right. That's the wrong thing to do. That is the wrong thing. The people who want to harm us think that we are easy targets.

J Jimmy Carper 15:48

And they think that that's exactly what we will do.

G Glenn Holt 15:51

That's right. And we need to show them that they are wrong double exclamation point. And support key patrol with your time and or your tax deductible financial contributions. Right. Got to we are out here for you. But we can't do it without you.

J Jimmy Carper 16:09

That's right. That's right. Because it's the radio time the loan that was taken your cell phone that loan that was taken out to buy the equipment in the first place. That's right, you know, it costs money. And even though everyone who works with key patrol is a volunteer. That's right. And we don't even pay for gas by the way. That's right. I know.

G Glenn Holt 16:32

Sorry. Well, it's like I've said before, 90 to 95% to 98% of the money donated to cute patrol goes directly to putting patrols out on the streets, right? We have very, very, very, very, very low overhead. Okay, so now we get into the recommended safety tips. Yes. Everybody was waiting for these one. Don't walk alone to your car. That's right. And I think last night, we actually saw that we saw we saw somebody walking with somebody else, or they got to drive to their car.

J Jimmy Carper 17:04

Yeah, yeah. drove them to their car, and they got out and waited for them to get into the car. And so we were we were married very high fives for doing that. We also saw single, Lone people walk into their cars,

G Glenn Holt 17:18

right? We we scared one girl, we

J Jimmy Carper 17:21

scare this woman poor thing, because we were driving very, very slowly right behind her. And I

thought, oh, no, I can't do this. Because she knows that someone is following her and going very slowly. So she must be scared to death. So we pulled up so she could see the logo. And she did look very relieved.

 Glenn Holt 17:38

Yes. Yes. Yes. So yeah, I think she also realized at that point that what could happen walking alone? Yes,

 Jimmy Carper 17:44

yes. And so hopefully, she will not do that. Again. Don't not to your car.

 Glenn Holt 17:50

In the morning? That's right. Yeah, anytime after dark really is very bad. So ask someone to walk with you and drive them back or get a drive to your car, whatever it takes. Or flag down acute patrol mobile unit, and we will escort you we will do that number to park in supervised lots. That helps. Yes, if you have to spend \$5 Think of it as good insurance. And that also includes insurance about against getting your car broken. And that's right, as we saw vehicles broken into last night. Oh, yeah,

 Jimmy Carper 18:19

that's right. Yeah,

 Glenn Holt 18:20

we didn't actually see it happen. But

 Jimmy Carper 18:22

we're not talking about just broken into we're talking about like a rock through the window. Well, yeah,

 Glenn Holt 18:27

that's how they that's how the smash and grab works. Yeah, they smash out an entire window. That's why That's by the way. That's why you see so many people driving around with, with the piece of cardboard taped into the back quarter light is because their car has been broken into. Yeah, yeah. Okay, number three, if you think that you are being followed proceeded once to a well lit and visible areas such as a convenience store. Oh, yes. Oh, yes. And don't be afraid to scream for help. That's right. Use

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Jimmy Carper 18:53

those vocals.

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Glenn Holt 18:55

You paid for them? Right.

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Jimmy Carper 18:57

I mean, why do you think they call you screaming going?

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Glenn Holt 19:00

There you go. And number four, pay attention to your surroundings. Don't get caught off guard. Right. Right. Now really, all that we ask is that you dedicate one night each month, that's about four hours to walking or riding on patrol. There you go. Or double dash you this item or pledge up to \$30 up to \$30 a month to support

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Jimmy Carper 19:27

anything over \$30 What? Oh, of

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Glenn Holt 19:29

course we will. Oh, okay.

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Jimmy Carper 19:31

But you're talking you're talking about? Do a little monthly pledge.

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Glenn Holt 19:35

That's right, just so as not to scare people off. I just say, pledge up to \$30 a month when we have people who pledge \$5 a month and that's okay. That's cool. Because that pays. You're getting that money every month. Right? Yeah. And so now it is up to you. What is your response? Will you ignore the problem and hope it goes away? Or will you take positive action by joining and supporting to patrol the area Go are talking about the punch line. You're good. You're good. Well, I mean, I was in broadcasting for eight years. How to write copy. Okay.

J Jimmy Carper 20:09

And you're also a vice president. Vice President. Oh, you're the big cheese.

G Glenn Holt 20:13

I'm the big cheese. Oh,

J Jimmy Carper 20:15

how do you what do you do to get the president? You just like work every weekend?

G Glenn Holt 20:20

Yeah. A lot of work into this. I really do. Yeah, I

J Jimmy Carper 20:24

know. I know. You do.

G Glenn Holt 20:26

It does take a lot of work. I mean, to run any organization. Yes. Yeah.

J Jimmy Carper 20:30

Well, thanks for coming by. Okay. And

G Glenn Holt 20:32

I should also mention, Oh, yes. One more thing. Cute patrol, in order to better serve the community, we are getting a new telephone number. Oh, no kidding. Yes, we're going to get an actual business telephone number, which is going to give us the ability to do things like remote call forwarding, and so Okay, okay. So that when we when we do get our new number, hopefully, it's going to be a Monterosa 520 Number, something like that. So hopefully something five to Yes. Hopefully something easy to remember. Like, remember I said bed length was Yeah. No, that's not it don't don't call bedroom. But something like that, you know, we're still working on trying to get that arranged. Now when we get that, that means that you'll be able to call this one number. And during patrols, that number will be forwarded to the cell phone in our vehicle. So if something happens, oh, yeah, you can contact us directly. That's a good idea. Of course, you can also go to any one of these contact points like Marty and make a report there. Ask for help. Whatever.

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Jimmy Carper 21:34

Yeah. Okay. And in the meantime, that the number that we have now for q patrol

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Glenn Holt 21:41

is 8718519. Okay, or you can always call Jim here at the TV stage. That's right. Radio, same radio

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Jimmy Carper 21:48

station. And of course, that's five to six KPFT.

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Glenn Holt 21:54

And he would be glad to take your information and sign you up and get you working with. Yes, yes. And we would love to have you.

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Jimmy Carper 21:59

Okay, thanks for stopping by. My pleasure. Okay. And now before we resume with Sarah dipalma, and trenched, transgendered issues, I've got brand new music, by k.d. lang. Yes, she's put out a new album, and it's, it's the best thing since ingenue this. You know, I've played it a couple of times and a couple of songs stuck out but this one, I think is going to be my favorite. It's called. I want it all.

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Sarah Dipalma 22:39

Is there someone among us who doesn't want it?

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Jimmy Carper 22:44

Kk.d. lang naturally from Kk.d. lang. Yeah. Oh,

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Sarah Dipalma 22:47

if she isn't the fantasy and nearly every lesbian in the world, I just don't know. I like that. So I'm glad to hear her finally get back to some real.

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Jimmy Carper 22:56

J Jimmy Carper 22:00

This is pretty music. It's it's all slow and sensual. The whole album?

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Sarah Dipalma 23:01

Oh, that sounds like an album I need to kill you. I want to pick up on his talk and talking about hate crimes for a minute. Yes. With Halloween coming up something that you and I have talked about once before. For many, many transgender people Halloween is their first time of ever going out anywhere in public.

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Jimmy Carper 23:20

That's right. Because that's that's the safe night of the year.

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Sarah Dipalma 23:24

That's right, you don't have to look good to go out in public. Your first time and Halloween. And many, many transgendered people use Halloween is their first chance to go out in public. Now, if you're one of those people, and you're going to go out on Halloween, I want to give you some words of advice. Yeah. First of all, if you're going to go out on Halloween, you don't need to go out and get a second form of ID. But if you're going to do it, anytime after Halloween, go to the Department of Public Safety and have them take a picture of you. As you look as a female and face in face. Exactly right. Because if at some point you get stopped by a police officer, and you don't look at all like your ID, there's a problem.

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Jimmy Carper 24:12

Yes. But if you have that second one, that second

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Sarah Dipalma 24:15

one, and be honest with them say look, you know officer, I'm a crossdresser This is Houston. You're not going to shock. Yeah, and if we go okay, let's work hard for that. Yes, she did. Yes, she did. And I also want to pick up on the safety rules. If you're out there on Halloween. Go with group Oh yeah, don't go out there by yourself. Look like you are you have someplace to go. Don't be just lollygagging out there look like you have some direction. In other words, don't sit out there and make yourself a victim. Talking about that. That was exactly right. Many of the people that I talked to transgender people that I talked to, who are who become victims of hate crimes, in many ways. If you talk to him, you find it well they were just kind of standing around doing nothing and, you know, it's like standing out there and saying I'm alone. So hearing That's right.

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Jimmy Carper 25:05

It has to be big city living you have you have to know your environment and you have to look

it has to be big city living you have to know your environment and you have to look like you know what you're doing and have a place to go.

 Sarah Dipalma 25:16

Yeah, don't be naive that you know, just because it's Halloween, don't go out there and feel like, well, you know, everybody's out here tonight, so I'm safe. That's not necessarily true. certainly true. You know, the gay bashers in the queer bashers know that you're out there and Halloween? That's right. That's right. Let me also give you a couple of addresses. I understand the woman who called last week, one of the things that she wanted to know is, where could they go to socialize? Ah, her husband and her husband is a crossdresser. They're not very comfortable just yet in work, or they go to socialize. So let me give you a couple of places. The first one is called the Gulf Coast transgender community GCTC. Their number is 7804282. And if you call that number, it's very likely the person that you will get on the phone is Jackie Thorne. Oh, yeah. Oh, good. Oh, Jackie, and Jackie is a fixture in this community. She's born if you want to know where to go, Jackie knows everybody, whoever was anybody or whoever plans to be anybody. So Jackie's a terrific resource. That number is 7804282 GCTC. Gulf Coast transgender community. And the other place I would suggest you call is the Triassic sorority, their number is 3478747. Now the one thing I would need to caution you about with this group is they are strictly for heterosexual cross dressers in their wives. So it's unfortunate, and it's something I keep talking to them about is when are they going to become gay inclusive? You know, this goes both ways.

 Jimmy Carper 26:50

Well, the group is mainly for heterosexuals.

 Sarah Dipalma 26:55

Yeah, my just my problem is, if it's good for the goose, it's good for the goose. But in any case, if you are a heterosexual crossdresser, or the wife of a crossdresser, that number is 3478747. To try a sorority. Both of these are used in groups, and around a long time well established. If you're a transsexual, then the number to call is the Texas Association for transsexual support, tats. And their number is 8275913. It's a voicemail. Now, if you call voicemail, let me give you a piece of advice, because this has come up a couple of times. For God's sakes, if you give them a work number, as has happened with all of these groups, then expect them to call your work number and ask for you and your female name. That's what you told them. It's happened a couple of times where people have given working numbers and said, Well, my number is such and such and such, ask for Michelle. And they do well with turns out the person where is it work and is known as something else? And then they get upset with these groups, because they called an ally, do they give the name? Good question. I don't know. So use your head. This is the point that I'm trying to make. These groups really do want to help you. But you have to really help yourself a little bit, you know, saying groups are going to be discrete. All of these groups are going to be discrete, they're all going to be you know,

 Jimmy Carper 28:20

I have to I have to really commend this woman. Because I work for the I also do some put in time at the gay and lesbian switchboard and we get a lot of calls from heterosexual men who are married and are cross dressers and they're just terrified that their wife or girlfriend or or is going to find out.

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Sarah Dipalma 28:45

Well, it's ironic because I'm writing I've just written an article for tapestry on that exact subject. And because I the vast majority of calls that I receive, are not from transsexuals, transsexuals, generally are in a transition program, they're going to a therapist, or they have a support network around them. They're talking to other transsexuals and so they they generally know where to go, who to ask when that sort of thing. cross dressers are somewhat different breed, many cross dressers, cross dressers, cars come in certain groups, there's a certain kind of crossdresser, who simply never leaves the house. They may sit around in lingerie, lingerie, the large right time, right, and they never leave the home. There's another kind of crossdresser, who may only go to meetings, they may go to a Triassic meeting, or they may go to a GCTC meeting, they go there and they dress. They go to the meeting, and then take the clothes off and go home right. There is another kind of crossdresser and I would say that more and more this is becoming the majority. And that's the kind of a crossdresser who you'll find in the bars in Montrose. Yeah, they're gonna go to cousins. When they're gonna go to come with some of the other drag bars. They're gonna hit have a couple of drinks and have a good time. Yeah. By and large, though this is the group of people that I hear from the most. And I hear from them and in ways I hear from them because they got stopped by a policeman. And they're afraid the policeman is going to call their job. Trust me, the police do not call your jobs, they have better things to do with your lacquer, or they don't even asked you that when they give you a ticket. But they hear from them in other ways. They were on an elevator. And somebody from work saw them, what did they do? They call me and they say, Well, my wife discovered my clothes. And now she's talking divorce. And that's really a hard issue in I guess, as long as we're the session, we talked about that a minute. First of all, the thing to do would have been to tell your wife that you are a crossdresser. That's, that's really hard for a lot of people, Sarah, it really is. But see, here's where the problem comes in. If you don't tell your wife, it's a different issue. If your wife discovers your stuff, now, it's not so much an issue of cross dressing. It's an issue of honesty in our relationships.

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Jimmy Carper 31:05

Right? Yeah. You've been hiding this. You've been dishonest. That's a lot tougher.

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Sarah Dipalma 31:10

Yeah, I guess that's a lot tougher. It's an issue of honesty. This person thought they knew you. And they don't? Yeah, they don't. And the wife says they don't know a big part of you a major part. And they start wondering, what else? Have you been hiding from me that? I don't know? You know, does this they want to know? Does this mean they're lesbian? What is what does this mean for the relationship? And what do you do about the kids? Can the kids see you cross class? These are big issues. I just got through reading an article and in this is a subject that's going to continue to come up. Yes, this woman is very courageous, if she is at least willing to

accept her spouse as a crossdresser. That really puts her way out in front, I suppose. I think so too. Because I would venture to say for every wife who does accept that there are probably nine who don't.

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Jimmy Carper 32:01

They may not accept it for a whole variety of reasons. It's really odd to me, you know, because most women are cross dressers. They wear their husband shirts, and maybe their, their, their jeans, or they're getting their you know, cross dressing for women is not that big of a deal.

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Sarah Dipalma 32:18

But they don't think of it as cross dressing. It's fashion. Oh, it's fashion. Let me give the number it's 52657385 to six KPFT. And we're inviting your phone calls on transgender issues, if you'd like to call in and join our conversation. They don't see it as as cross dressing. You know, today, if you pick up the fashion page, there are three piece double breasted pinstripe suits for women. Yes, that's not cross dressing. That's fashion. Least That's the theory. If a guy goes out and wears a skirt, he's cross dressing. Okay, I don't I've never understood that. Yeah, it is really Yeah, it really doesn't make any sense to me. But but that that's the way it seems to be. Um, in cross dressers are in an unusual situation. I hope to get Jane Ellen Fairfax on the show, who is a on the National Board of Directors of the Tryon sorority, and we'll talk about cross dressers and heterosexual cross dressers. I'm trying to get Peggy Rudd on the show. Also. Peggy has written several books. The title, which is called my husband wears my clothes. And she is very, very articulate about this exact issue. Is she from Houston? She's from I want to say a leaf. Okay, I've seen it. I've seen

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Jimmy Carper 33:30

her book

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at Inklings. Yes, yeah. He's written several books. And she's very, very articulate. So anyway, yeah, I'm glad that you brought that up because cross dressers, I the vast majority of the calls that they get come from cross dressers. And that kind of leads into the subject. I want to talk about the Lesbian Gay rights lobby, in our hate crime stuff. Okay. Now, if you're, again, if you've been a regular listener to the show, you've heard us talk about the Lesbian Gay rights lobby, and usually not very complimentary. Yes, that's right. And you may remember that we picketed in April in Austin at the at the so called march on March Against Hate crimes, because transgenders were not included in hate crimes legislation. Well, this past week at the you could have knocked me over with a feather. Diane Hardy Garcia called at my house. Yeah. And my first thought was, what does she want? I know because she's not exactly been a bosom buddy. And I felt the time she's not exactly didn't particularly honest either. Yeah, true. So my initial reaction was last time we spoke the smoke. It took a week for the smoke to clear from my room. I recall Yes, but, but this was a different thing. I am. Somebody has been talking to her I guess. Diane wanted maybe she's

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Jimmy Carper 34:50

just gotten educated. Well, yeah,

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Sarah Dipalma 34:53

there could be she wanted to arrange a meeting where we could discuss different things. Now what happened was The Lesbian Gay rights lobby hat was passing a question here. Well, that's not quite right. They they gave their board members a project. And the magic was these board members were to go and find transgender people and ask them to fill out this questionnaire. Oh, okay. Nice. But I have two problems with that. Yeah. If they wanted to know about transgendered people with transgendered law conferences, a phone call away. We you know, they have four humongous proceedings about anything you never want to know about the law about transgender people. Yeah, but they didn't call. I Terry Fredrickson is a scholar on transgender issues. She has offered to help them frame the issues numerous times,

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Jimmy Carper 35:45

maybe the hotline call Terry, well, maybe the whole idea is to get the individual board members out there face to face with a transgendered person because, you know, they all think you're scared or afraid of what you don't know.

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Sarah Dipalma 36:01

Well, as it turns out, you're exactly right. You hit you hit the nail. Exactly. Right. One of the things that Diane pointed out to me is that most of the board members don't know any transgender people. And so it makes it easy for them to say you're not welcome, who nobody welcomes people, they don't know. Yeah. And I had to admit, that was a legitimate point. That's part of what I meant when I said this is a different dynamic. She started to think things through more than I'm used to, and I truly want to compliment her. I think it took a lot of guts for her to call me. You bet. I really do. Because the last time we talked, it was not normal. It was not nice. So I give her credit. She she called she was very friendly. So D McKellar and I met her Oh, good. Just this past Thursday has D doing D is doing very well. I'm doing very well. And the two of us, the three of us had a very interesting conversation. The upshot of all of this is that beginning in February, and for several months following, we are going to do a meeting a month in a major city. And the subject is going to be about what it means to be transgendered in Texas. Now, we're not going to be talking politics. We're going to talk about what is it like to be a transgender person? What is transition? Yeah, what is it like to transition? What are the issues of transition? What about heterosexual crossdressers? What do they have to do with the Lesbian Gay rights lobby? What What kind of discrimination do we face? What about employment issues? Because as she pointed out to me several times, her board doesn't know any of that. Now, I've said this on the show, and I'll say it again, I'm astounded that that's possible in this day and age. And I flatly asked her, you know, within national publications within State Publications, we do a radio show. How's that possible? And her answer very honestly, was,

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Jimmy Carper 37:51

they don't hear what they don't want to hear. Exactly. You hang around with people like yourself, apparently, so and I think it's a human trait. When I live, I live in the gay ghetto. You know, most of the people I hang around with are gay and lesbian. You know, and it just happens that way.

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Sarah Dipalma 38:11

You know, so I feel like I got an education out of this because I frankly, found it. And, frankly, quite honestly told her I found it impossible to believe. But she, she pretty much convinced me that that's true. So beginning in February, we'll do a meeting in Houston. We'll do a meeting in San Antonio. We'll do a meeting in Dallas we'll do a meeting and also we're gonna do one a month you know, and I think it's

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Jimmy Carper 38:33

a good start as an aside I bet it's very very different being transgendered or crossdresser in Houston or San Antonio or Dallas.

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Sarah Dipalma 38:43

Oh yeah. I'm glad you brought that up I got a letter from a person in in a small Borger Texas Oregon border border yet it's it's very small way out in the middle of nowhere right? They this this person is absolutely certain that she is transgendered knows no one else who is transgender knows of no clinics knows of nothing. I'm the only one in the world happened to spot my name in Tapestry talking about this radio show. In fact, she called me long distance from border and cried for 20 minutes. Now it's I often I forget, you know, I live in a big city. I'm used to doing lots of politics. And I I'm very guilty of forgetting these people are in the small towns. Yes. And so it did me good to hear from this person. We have an it's time group in Amarillo. Hey, and they are right. We have another one in Abilene in no one in Abilene happens to be right across the street from Abilene Christian University. In I occasionally hear from this person and she talks about what it's like to be transgendered and Abilene. Sure. And it's it might just as well be a different world. Yes, yes. I mean, you know, I honest to God, do forget what it's like. And I'm so glad to hear from these people. And yeah, it is.

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Jimmy Carper 40:15

It is very difficult. I would think it must be a lot like being gay in some small town. You're so we don't have the community around you. That's right. You don't you don't have the support system. Yeah. That's that's the big deal. And it's so important to have that.

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