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Sarah Dipalma 00:02

One of the things that I came across in in while I was in Washington DC and this is a story about a person named Tyra Hunter. Now, I don't know how many of you folks out there have heard heard this name before, but I'll tell you who she is. Tyra Hunter, as a transgendered female, who was in a car in Washington DC, this happened to her in Washington DC it was in an automobile that got broadsided by some people who are fleeing the police. Oh, and apparently she got thrown out of the car into the street. So an ambulance was called in the ambulance got there. And the paramedic began to cut away her clothing and discovered that she was a non operative transsexual. This is a person whose This is a transsexual, who's not hit yet hit surgery and stopped the treatment from three to five minutes, right? While making comments about quote the bitch. What I cut took the story out of out of out of the Washington blade. And I've talked to Ricky and Wilkins about it. And Jessica Xavier because they helped to stage a protest about it. This is it turns out, Tyra probably wouldn't have survived. Anyway, the injuries apparently we were so severe that he even had a not stopped the treatment she probably would not have. But that's beside the point. There's beside that's totally beside the point. Finally, the crowd that had gathered, said to the paramedic, it doesn't matter. That's right. This is a human being start to do something. And he never did. The supervisor finally resumed the treatment. Wow. Now the bad part about all of this is that since then, the Washington Fire Department says they can't identify exactly which paramedic was involved in this deal. Therefore, they can't take any action. Well, Oh, yeah. Well, folks, that didn't sit well. No, I'll bet not. And so a coalition of bisexual, transgendered and gay people held the vigil on the steps of City Hall and more than 1000 people turned up Wow. Which is really something that's really sounds really something and now the Washington blade is suing under the Freedom of Information Act to find out exactly who did what, haha. And I wanted to point this out, because we're just talking about being in a small town. Being in a big city is not a guarantee either. That's right. Washington DC is a big place. Yes. sophisticated city.

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Jimmy Carper 02:27

Yeah. And you think someone in the medical field would have knowledge? Yeah, I have experience with all kinds of different people. So that wouldn't make a difference.

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Sarah Dipalma 02:39

Well, that hasn't been my experience. And it hasn't been the experience of the people that I know in Houston. Typically what happens? Let's say you go to a county hospital, and I'll talk from personal experience here. It has happened to me, in fact, that have essentially been put on display. Wow, that you go to the doctor for something and next thing you know, people would be invited in to say, here's a transsexual come and come meet this transsexual. Now, I'm the kind of person that will say, you know, screw you and horse you wrote in and get the hell out of my room. But lots of transsexuals would never do that, and probably are horrified. Yeah. And they leave feeling to humanize. Yeah, um, they leave feeling like they've been victimized by the medical system. It turns out the doctors are no more are no more knowledgeable about us than anybody else. It's been our experience that we have had transsexuals turn away from rape crisis centers. We've had transsexuals turned away from homeless shelters, or yeah, we've had them turned away from battered women's centers. So there's it hasn't been our experience, that they know very, very much about us or that they're very supportive. And that's one of the things that we're going to attempt to change in the coming year, locally and statewide. There we have several projects in the works, specifically aimed at those professionals, because we realize what's occurring is occurring out of ignorance or not not mean. And so we're going to try and address it from that issue. But I did want to point out a story about Tyra Hunter, because if anything like that ever happened in Houston, I want you to call me right away. Yeah. I mean, I mean, get on the phone. I want to hear about it within seconds. Frankly, I don't think it will happen. And one of the reasons is because we have some sensitivity training going on in the police department, for example. D McKellar thanks to a nice Parker is doing some of that. Ray Hill has done a lot of work with that. Oh, yeah. I don't think something like that would happen in Houston. But I could it could it could it could you mean Yeah. I wouldn't have thought it would happen in Washington, DC. So

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Jimmy Carper 04:42

I mean, if you're in an auto accident in the very outskirts of the city, yeah, could happen.

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Sarah Dipalma 04:49

Well, the one thing that is true is that it's nice that HPD knows something about us. Yeah, but the county doesn't. You could stop by the county and you're you might just as well be in Borger. If it's the same effect, you know, if you get stopped in spring tonight, folks, you might just as well be in some small country because you're going to get that kind of treatment. Yeah. That's why I said what I did earlier by by getting the second form of ideas. One of the things that I that I did want to talk about with the Lesbian Gay rights lobby for it before I finish, and that is, Diane told me, told DNI that the board has already voted once not to include transgenders. Oh, and she told me quite bluntly, that the board of directors in the LG RL does not believe that gays and lesbians and transgenders have anything in common.

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Jimmy Carper 05:37

We have been over this and over this. I mean, if you take that one instance, where a

transgendered person who is married transitions and becomes the other sex, then legally, you have to people of the same sex, married, married. That's right now, if you can't see where you can roll this over as to when the Vantage with the gay and lesbian community, then I don't understand it.

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Sarah Dipalma 06:08

Well, I pointed out to her, for example, how 2106 the Penal Code 2106 impact on the transgender community? Oh, yeah, she doesn't think we have anything. And to be honest, it was my impression she understands that we do have in common, but she did, but the board doesn't 2106 does impact on on transgenders, a lot of us are lesbian and gay. Yeah, that's right. Um, you know, the hate crimes, employment discrimination, all child custody, divorce issues, marriage issues, same sex marriages, you can go on and on and on. Oh, please, you don't think we have anything in common. So, I did find that very interesting. I did not know that the board had made that vote. And I appreciated Dianne telling us that because it was news. And I appreciated her honesty. And now I'm pointing all this out to you, because there is an article that's going to be coming out in outsmart within a few days. And in this article, I say some very unkind things about Diane. Oops. Now, I've already told Diane, this I in fact, I gave her the copy of the article in advance and explained to her that I wrote the article before I ever knew we were ever going to meet. Yes. And I explained to her and promised her that we would write an article and a letter to outsmart saying, Well, okay, we've met and some of this is not so okay. So I don't want anybody to leave the show and say, well, she said one thing on the air and I picked up this magazine, and it says something totally different. The magazine went to press before the meeting took place, okay. And it's a good example of how fast things are moving or and the article goes to goes to the press on Monday goes on to depress Monday. And then Wednesday, we're arranging the meeting. And to be honest, the the article had nothing to do with arranging the meeting. I don't want anybody think I influenced Diane made this meeting of her own volition. Yes, she wasn't pressured into it. So I don't want to mislead anybody. I think it was a very brave move on her part. But anyway, good things are happening if you're a transgendered person, folks, you have a lot to be proud of. And before I leave, before we go to we go to some music and then go to the tapes. I want to say something about Phyllis pride for a minute. Okay. Phyllis is going through some some tough times right at the moment. Really. And I would like I want to say publicly on the year. What Phyllis Frey has meant to me, personally, okay. The reason that I was one of the nine people who went to be part of the meeting with the Human Rights Campaign fund was because Phyllis Frey felt that I was a national leader, and helped to see that I got there. The reason I was able to go to Washington, and to lobby was because Phyllis five paid for my trip out of her pocket, including meals. Not only did she pay for me, but she paid for for other people as well. Wow. She and her wife paid for this out of their own pocket. Very seldom in any lifetime. Do you meet anyone who makes such a positive impact? I can count the number of people who have really made major life changing impact on pain in my entire life. When Phyllis is one of those people. I got back into activism because my life partner thought I should. But I have matured as an activist because Phyllis has taught me how. And I want to say to Phyllis, I know she tapes the show. I want to say to you publicly how much that has meant. And I know that you're going through a tough period right now. It's kind of a crash and burn situation for her. Okay, you know, she has been at this for two solid years. I know. I want you to take some time off. I want you to rest. And I want you to know that I'm telling you on the air. I love you. So take it easy. You've made a big important impact on us and me He personally in sticks, hang in there, kid. So I just want to, I thought that was something I got to say. Good. You know, I'm

J Jimmy Carper 10:08
glad you did, because I don't think Phyllis gets gets the recognition enough.

S Sarah Dipalma 10:13
I don't think any leader probably gets the recognition they deserve. A ray Hill is a prime example there. Right? What Ray Hill has done for this community over his career is incredible. You can go anywhere and get 20 people to talk badmouth Ray on a given minute. And Ray would be the first to tell you that that some of that's deserved.

J Jimmy Carper 10:32
I think that's part of being a leader. Because, you know, as Phil, as can probably tell you, if you have an opinion, half the people are going to be against it. Well, that's right. All you have to do is say I believe, and that's enough.

S Sarah Dipalma 10:48
But I think it's true that leaders generally don't get the attention they deserve. Part of it is in I knew that going into this. You know, I understood that the minute I stood up and said I believe this, it made me a lightning rusher. But Phyllis has been at this for more than 20 years. A lot of people don't know that Phyllis Frey put up the bond for the second gay lesbian Pride Parade, she put up the bond out of her own pocket. And that was at a time when it was very likely you're gonna get bricks thrown at you. That's right, you know. So she's been at this a long time. And she's had an impact, much bigger impact on the community, probably the most people realize. But it was a real pleasure for me to be able to go to Washington, DC, and to see how she was received nationally. And it has been a real pleasure to know Phyllis to be around Phyllis and to be around her wife in she's really made a real a huge impact on me. I really feel like I have matured as a leader, because she has shown me what that's supposed to look like. Where we're not close. We disagree a lot. We have our fight. But but the truth of the matter is when it's all comes down to it, if I'm in the clutch, and I really have to get down and get into it with somebody, I want felicitate My bat, you got it. We have been very proud to be with her with the Human Rights Campaign fund. I've been very proud to be in tickets with her. And it's just it's a neat experience to be with somebody like that. So what do we have queued up here?

J Jimmy Carper 12:20
Number one is Boy George off of his brand new album. And it's called, I mean, let's face it, Boy George knows for makeup.

S Sarah Dipalma 12:32
He ought to be doing commercials for Revlon I'm telling



Jimmy Carper 12:36

fits right in and it's the beside of the record that his latest single, it's called same thing in reverse. Here we



Sarah Dipalma 12:48

go. And you are listening to Sarah dipalma. And with me is LuJack Tyler. And LuJack is here. He would like to talk about the show he's going to be doing next week Lucia.



LuJack Tyler 13:03

Alright folks, next week, we should have a pretty exciting show lined up. First on the agenda week we're gonna have the newly elected state president of the Log Cabin Republicans, Mr. Dale carpenter himself, along with Tyree counts, and I and I also and I've also invited another Republican, gay Republican who hasn't who has yet to confirm we're going to talk about you know, gay Republican presidential issues.



Sarah Dipalma 13:34

We're all what what gay Republican presidential issues well, one thing getting Bob Dole give the money back tell him to drop dead.



LuJack Tyler 13:40

That's that's one thing that I like to talk about, especially after Dale wrote that very, very. I thought his article was kind of confusing on that issue. But well, I'm



Sarah Dipalma 13:51

not going to comment and deal because Dale is not my buddy.



LuJack Tyler 13:55

Well, we're gonna have dealt with the show, and we'll just see what he has to say about that. We're also going to have Reverend Judah and bony as you know, sir, he was recently endorsed in a fight, and it was it was a it was a really, really rough fight. And you know about those caucus fights yesterday. He was recently endorsed by the caucus and some bring him on the show to talk about his relationship with the gay community and what he hopes to win. He hopes his religion will be with us.

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Sarah Dipalma 14:23

Now. Tom, tell me why was it a fight? What was it? Well, most of the thing is let's assume our listeners. First of all, you might tell listeners who you don't die, who'd you done bony is and then tell them why it was a problem.

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LuJack Tyler 14:34

Well, Judah and bony is a activist is an African American activist in the community who has been a pioneer in activist work in the African American community for the last 20 years. He has participated in a wide variety of demonstrations in the city and when the media as you know, see somebody as an act They always like to portray the negative and a person as an individual as a radical.

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Sarah Dipalma 15:04

And so I have experienced that that Yeah.

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LuJack Tyler 15:07

So Judah bony is looked upon as a radical. He came to seek the caucuses endorsement, because he's now running for city council district D, which is now being sucked up by, what's that guy's name? Meathead is what I like to call them, you can refer to him as our Callaway. And if any of y'all are, are knowledgeable about the Brentwood issue, I think that that was just the icing on the cake. So we need him out of there. He He's not up for reelection. But among the list of candidates who are running. I think that all of them with exception of jutaan will be one of volunteers. 14 chimps, as the Chronicle article, like to refer them as the fight came about. Somewhere in this, the log cabin, Republicans decided that they would individually endorse. So Andrea, I can't remember her last name. But they were going to endorse someone else. Yeah, they were going to endorse someone else. And so the the general consensus of the caucus was at first that we probably were not going to endorse anybody else. At that particularly Correct. Well, to be more honest, I didn't know what the error was for that meeting was going to be but once I realized that, that the cigar smokers were going to stand up and endorsed you, that's when hell broke loose. Dale Carpenter, one of my guests next week, was not was not looking forward to that endorsement. So he spoke against it. Brian Vizia, another one of the log cabin, Republicans spoke against it. Tom recounts another log cabin, Republicans spoke against it, and a few other log cabin, Republicans spoke against it. And so it was it. It wasn't an attractive meeting. It was a meeting that I am sad to say I had to witness because things were said that, that that for a person who did not know Jude on what we believe and the misconceptions about him, it's it's a sad story about what what we see. And, and, and the reality. And so I'm inviting Jude on on the show to talk about the reality.

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Sarah Dipalma 17:35

Well, I have to say, I'm a little bit confused for when we haven't had a chance to chat about this. We I just came back from Washington, DC. And we lobbied Congress, people, both parties. And waves I saw you had a chance to speak with a lot of these Republican. they are not friends

of gays and lesbians. No. And I, I want to be honest about that for a second, because they were honest with us. They were very honest and saying they are not going to endorse gay lesbian issues. They see these as, quote, special rights. Now, someone is going to have to explain to me how it is that we are going to make friends with people who don't want any part of us. They don't want to discuss us. They don't want to acknowledge that we exist. They don't they would like us to go away. The idea that we're going to change their minds by becoming part of them. seems utterly absurd to me. And I hope you ask Dale, how he thinks that's going to be possible because I don't get it

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Lujack Tyler 18:46

well. So I'm sure that you know the law cabins. And I have a have a brief history of of ugly things, said on both parts, I would encourage you to be among my guests next week on the show. I'd love to perhaps you could ask asked Mr. Carpenter that question because as time has gone on, I've gotten to know Mr. Carpenter Anna, and I have my point of view on that. But I try not to be biased in situations like this. And so I mentioned the Republicans and I mentioned Judah and I'm also going to have Terry Richardson, president of the gay lesbian caucus to come on the show and talk about the recent discrimination free zone victory. Right. Will Americana and I somewhere in all this, we're gonna spark up some type of debate. I don't know what it's going to be about. Also, I'm going to invite Steve Walker back again because he was so popular on the last show, to talk about his connection with the discrimination free zone and also his and also to talk about his investigation of racism at some of the local establishments that are owned by gay people.

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Sarah Dipalma 20:01

Yeah. And I want to say when we went to Congress, to be fair, there were a lot of Democrats that didn't want to be part of this ether. The difference is that the Democratic Party is not writing things into their platform like, gays and lesbians are an abomination in the eyes of God. Yeah, we don't Democrats don't have Pat Buchanan and Bob Dornan funny. That's the difference. Yeah, you know, now, it may be that in the end, Colin Powell may end up being the person who runs, and I could give serious thought to voting for Colin Powell. But as it sits at the moment without him, yeah, I really don't see where gays and lesbians and Republicans have anything to discuss.

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Lujack Tyler 20:43

Nor do I know why. So as you all can probably tell, we're gonna have a pretty full show next, next, next weekend on next Saturday. Yeah, and it should be pretty interesting. Yeah, sure. Pretty interesting. I'm gonna wear a helmet.

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Sarah Dipalma 20:56

While you're here, I want to ask you about, I want to ask you about something else that's going to take place on Monday. All right, and that's the Million Man March,

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LuJack Tyler 21:04

sending out a press release to every single pub to every single newspaper in the entire city I intend to be, I intend to do exactly what they say and take the day off of work. But I but I'm gonna go and look at all of the satellite, I'm completely against it. I think that that is a good way to, to flow show and, and try to exhibit some sort some type of unity. That doesn't exist. And that will not exist until until people are ready for it to exist. And African Americans and the gay community have have a serious issue with organization. And until you can get the small grassroots local unity going, you can never, in my opinion, get the worldwide or the national picture in in an immunity. They're mixing a lot of ingredients that are said that that are supposed to create an explosion. I think that the whole that the whole event will be for political expediency. I think that Louis Farrakhan is an egotistical individual, who's out for whatever he can gain from the African American community. And I and I think that since the majority of us are followers instead of leaders, African Americans who are allowing themselves to be led into that, according to rumor, an African American gay man is supposed to speak at this march

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Sarah Dipalma 22:14

with the with Louis Farrakhan yet that I can't imagine. That's the

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LuJack Tyler 22:14

that's the Well, an out African American gay man. That's the rumor. I seriously doubt if that was even considered. I doubt it. But for the consensus of 1 million men, I'm sure that they will say and do anything, but I am completely against it. I'm in support of organized unity marches. I think that, that nationally, and internationally, it will be looked upon as a joke.

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Sarah Dipalma 22:14

You know, it's funny thing, I don't have a problem with the idea. The concept of the Million Man March, I think, is probably a pretty good one. That was just a survey, a survey recently that suggested that one out of every three black males is has something to do with the legal system, either they're incarcerated or on probation. So the idea of showing black males as role models, I think, is great idea, and probably long overdue. I have a serious problem with Louis Farrakhan. Yes, I got me here's a racist from the first word, I'm sorry, you know, well, you really have a problem with this guy,

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LuJack Tyler 22:14

you know, about my passion for the late Malcolm X. And, and I and I know that for a fact from different documentation that Lewis was, was close to Malcolm, and on the Bob Walters interview, he even mentioned that I've learned much from Malcolm No, he did. No, I didn't. He he, he said that he was at at the ballroom the day of the assassination and that he was there to create the air. I don't have an ounce of respect for men who would take away a great leader. I respect the king but but like many of our leaders in the gay and lesbian community, he wasn't

make he he wasn't making good the strides that Malcolm was making, and so out of out of a deep resentment for the fact that Louis Farrakhan contributed to that loss that we all suffer as a result of Malcolm X's death. I am not a fan of Louis Farrakhan. He makes it he would have made a good car or a used car salesman.

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Sarah Dipalma 22:14

You know, it's I, I have been talking to several legislators about Up to hate crimes legislation for the next session. And one of the things that I am hearing more and more from black legislators of rather liberal or conservative is that they are not going to vote for any enhanced punishment for any crime, unless inequities in the justice system are addressed. And I suggested this to Diane Hardy Garcia, who promptly said to me all they're blowing smoke up your skirt, I think she needs to go talk to some of these people, because I don't think they are. I, these are not the people that I'm talking to. These are not wild eyed radicals. These are people who are convinced that they're not that that African Americans are not getting a fair shake in the justice system and want it fixed. And I can see where this is potentially an issue that will prevent any hate crimes legislation from moving forward at all. So it's gonna be really interesting to watch over the next over the next year or so, and see how that all develops as well.

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Lujack Tyler 22:14

I think that, um, on hate crimes, I'm willing to go one more run. And I said that when I spoke in Austin, and I'm saying it on there now. One more round is on a wound to go. I am completely against continuing to march and marches that mean nothing. I am growing tired of all the legislative talk. Because until we get bodies there that are going to be our voices, we're just marching our legs off losing weight. I think education is more important at this point for our community, as opposed to legislation. Because get the gay community doesn't even have enough doesn't even have enough knowledge to vote.

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Sarah Dipalma 22:14

So that's true. So he saw that with a nice Parker's in his campaign that dress,

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Lujack Tyler 22:14

I don't understand you can go from 20,000 to 5000. Something was certainly is wrong. Take five. I think combined. They had 20,000 votes

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Sarah Dipalma 22:14

are out, though, is trying to correct part of that. And I think they're probably on the right track with that. Yes.

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Lujack Tyler 22:14

L Lujack Tyler 22:14

Because our community is like a child that needs to learn how to walk. And I think that educating our community about voting will be quite a quite a leap from all the crawling we've been doing. And so until we can get people in office, if it's if it's one, if it's two, if it's three. That's why I think that the caucus endorse judo and bony. It's it doesn't make a difference, as long as you have somebody there who will represent you on some issue. I think only then can we start the cycle of actually getting some legislative work done.

S Sarah Dipalma 22:14

Has the caucus ever endorsed an African American before?

L Lujack Tyler 22:14

Ah, to the best of my knowledge we've endorsed? Quite quite a quite a few PC. I

S Sarah Dipalma 22:14

didn't know that. Yeah, yeah. It's

L Lujack Tyler 22:14

it a bit was well, I will have been active in the caucus. About a year and a half now. So we've since I've been and we've endorsed quite a few. Well, good. I

S Sarah Dipalma 22:14

think it's about time

L Lujack Tyler 22:14

Sheila Jackson Lee is among those and Judah and Bonnie.

S Sarah Dipalma 22:14

When we were at Washington, there were several, several congress people who were specially kind to us. And Sheila Jackson Lee was among those. Yes, she's a beautiful one. Her office was was made available to us. They were very open forthcoming with us. They're very honest with us. And we really appreciate the treatment that we got there. I'm sorry that I don't live in her district. I live in time delays district and he requests refused even meet with me. So. But it was really it was very nice. We Gene Green was another person that we met with their offices very kind, very open to us. So there are some good people out there in the legislative end. I have real doubts about some of them, how, how much further some of the legislation can get given

the attitudes that we have. There is such an attitude right now against affirmative action. There's such an attitude against any kind of social program. It's really debatable to me, if we if the Lesbian Gay rights lobby doubled the number of people in the next hate crimes March, there's doubt it's doubt to me that it would still make any difference. It wasn't.

L LuJack Tyler 22:14

But one thing that I'm for, and I'll always be before is educating my people, or our people rather about what they need to do, because we are, we are 20 years into this thing. But we haven't accomplished 20 things that I can name that are that are significant. Right now we are we can still lose our jobs. Because we're gay. We can we can still not adopt children. We can still have our children taken away from us. We don't even have the basic human rights to even look at a certain way in public, the the only thing that I can that I can say has increased is the word gay in a positive sense. That's a good set. National Coming Out week, National Coming Out Day was Wednesday. Channel two, they had a wide variety of shows that pay tribute to gay lesbian America. They had one show, I think it was Frasier where the Butler was given a Coming Out Day award friends

S Sarah Dipalma 22:14

did a wonderful show about a guy who, who came out as a straight person. It was one of the funniest shows I think I've ever seen. It was just beautiful.

L LuJack Tyler 22:14

Yes. So I think that sitcoms have helped us. But But sitcoms alone won't won't make the world gay sensitive. No, that's right. And and I and I, it's a shame that we have to live in a world where people have to be sensitive to other people. But since we live in this great country, we call America I guess we have no other choice.

S Sarah Dipalma 22:14

Well, it's, it's, I always love talking to you because I always enjoy learning so much. For the folks course, this is radio so you can't see him. But LuJack is sitting here in a absolutely beautiful tuxedo. So I'm getting to sit here and talk not only to a good looking man, but an intelligent one to hey, you know, who among us doesn't want to have an opportunity to do that. And it Moon dough has just walked into the studio. Hi, sweetie, he's not wearing any ties. He's not wearing any shoes, but he's another gorgeous person. We're gonna go to the moon. We're going to go to some music here. This person's name is Ross McCoy. If you could see this cover, let me tell you, you talk about an angel this person really is. So we're gonna go to some music and then we'll come back and talk about some more transgendered issues. This is KPFT in Houston.

H Harvey Milk 31:53

You must tell your immediate family. You wish tell your relatives, you must tell your friends if

you must tell your immediate family. You must tell your relatives, you must tell your friends if indeed they are your friends. You weren't telling your neighbors you must tell the people you work. You must tell the people the stories you sharpen your once they realize that we are indeed their children and we are indeed everywhere. Every myth every lie, every innuendo will be destroyed once. Once you do, you will feel so much better.