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## SPEAKERS

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 Sarah DePalma 00:01

She had to do the hamburgers. And I noticed no one died of food poisoning. So I guess they were okay. It was great.

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burgers were quite good. So was your musical selection to win anyway? Well,

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I got a call asking me to call someone back but I don't have their telephone number.

 Sarah DePalma 00:20

Yes. And you know who you are you You mooner you. So yeah, call us back. We don't have your number. And he'll know what he's Yeah, we say Jimmy got some music.

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I've got new music Brand New Music from you know, I've been on the internet and I've been finding all this kind of good stuff. He's been sending me this great stuff. This is ESCWA Zito. This is a man. No, not that one SERPs. So I want I want to make sure I press the right button. Esposito, he is out of New York City. He's got a CD out called the veil. I'll be giving you some information after in case you'd like to get in touch with him and maybe get a copy of your own. But he does some really amazing stuff. We'll also be playing this song on esoteric adventures. I mean, it's it kind of crosses thresholds.

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Sarah DePalma 01:22

And I wanted to let everybody know now since Jimmy is talking about new music. I have been in correspondence with the lead singer of an all transgender punk rock group from Minneapolis, call All the Pretty Horses. And she is quite an interesting person. I'm going to try and get an interview with her for the next show. Oh, that'd be great. In the meantime, she tells me she's already got their first CD on their way here. Good. We will be the first station in the country to have it.

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That's the way I like it. So I've done so many firsts. And yes,

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Sarah DePalma 01:54

She assures me there will be at least two cuts that will be used. And I said Well, thank you very much. So tune in next month and we will be premiering the first transgendered punk band in the United States. As far as I

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know, we're still the only show I've ever played anything by Dana International. So we're Oh

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yeah, we're right up. Absolutely. Right. Absolutely. So ESCWA Zito the veil and look at the policy gorgeous. Oh, honey, we can play his guitar. I'm sorry. I'm not going to touch that. Yes, it's beautiful. And the name of the car the name of the car is called higher ground. You're listening to it on after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston, and ke o s College Station. wasn't so

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squizzy tau from his CD called the veil that was higher ground. Pretty nice, isn't it? It's different. Yeah. Ah, I'm gonna be playing some others from that. But I haven't another new artists that won't be playing later on in the show. new artists too. After hours. That's brand new, because there may be a lot of people out there who already know about these artists. But the other artists nude after hours is Barnes. And that's a new one to me. Yeah, he's kind of a it's kind of muscle music.

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Sarah DePalma 03:26

What's muscle music?



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Less than metal? But more than rock.



S Sarah DePalma 03:30

Okay. All right.



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Wait, wait, man, I didn't have you want to



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think we're getting too technical?



S Sarah DePalma 03:40

I had absolutely no idea what that was. It's like what hell is that? Well, I



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just kind of made that up. Anyway.



S Sarah DePalma 03:48

That's why I didn't know. Jimmy, Jimmy.



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Anyway, but this this guy for a while was the lead singer for the nylons. Oh, nylons number. Okay, this, he's from Canada. And he's very well known. In fact, he's done a lot of work on there. The Canadian version of MTV. So pretty cool. Yes. And openly gay. Of course, when I play anything else, openly queer artist. And so he's also being managed by the man who used to manage. Oh, God. You'll come up with an extra fancy. There you go. There we go. That's another muscle music. Yeah.



S Sarah DePalma 04:36

Well, I've had a number of emails over the last few months from folks who have wanted to know more about the currency for buying for doing a gay chance. And I have debated and

KNOW more about the surgery for having for doing a sex change. And I have debated and debated about whether I wanted to do that or whether I should do it because I don't want to close listeners out and all that sort of thing. Now, having said that, actually, you You know, this isn't an adult audience. This



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is an adult. Yeah, yes. And so we're going to do it tonight. And a lot of people have misconceptions about what the surgery is all about. Yes. And most, I think most people think it's just you hack the penis off.



**Sarah DePalma 05:17**

No, that's that's



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the absolute biggest misconception, I think is, you know, transsexual that I am. That's what I thought was done. Growing up, and there are some young, young transgender people who, early on realize they're probably going to go that route. They think they can get an Early Edge by self help.



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Oh, no, no, no.



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No, no, no, no,



**Sarah DePalma 05:47**

no, no, no. So let's go ahead and do a station break. And then we'll get



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started. And we certainly need to do that. Don't wait. Yep. Okay. I



**Sarah DePalma 05:55**

just thought I would mention it because Oh, and before we do before we get to that, let



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me mention just mention quickly. We've been getting a lot of phone calls about the transmitter. Oh, have we ever? Yeah, we know we're having transmitter problem. We were, well, we were off the air for 24 hours due to the storm. And the signal that we're on right now is not up to par? No, there's a lot of hiss in the background.



S Sarah DePalma 06:17

Apparently, if for those of you who know anything about electronics, this this signal simply is not leaving the transmitter in so in some parts of the city people are hearing this very well. And in some parts of your I realize you're probably not hearing us. You're hearing us in a really terrible, terrible hiss in the background. We apologize for that. Part of that is probably all the water that was in the studio. But please bear with us and stick around because we've got an interesting chat or Okay,



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We are the queer sound of Texas right here on after hours. I'm Jimmy Carper. And Sarah dipalma is here along with Katrina rose. And we're going I didn't have you on here. I'm sorry. And we're going to talk about the surgery. The surgery, you



**S** Sarah DePalma 08:12

know, to me, we didn't hear it now. Almost four years is the first time we've ever discussed it. Well, I know



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and that why? Well, I mean, that's a big.



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Yeah, I've been very reluctant. Because for several reasons. For one thing, I think there's way too much emphasis about surgery. On the surgery, like it to be all to end all and it's going to be a cure for all anything that ails people. And well.



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When you when you think about that as a cure for a disease, you don't have it. This is not this is not a lifestyle. This is not a disease. This is a life. This is a life. Exactly. Right. All right. And and the this now the cure, or whatever it is, is it all in the head?



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Yeah. And part of me has been trying to have a really gross people out, you know, because and I'm gonna try not to get too graphic, but it is an adult show. So we're going to talk about it. And part of it has been to that. I felt like maybe there was a satisfying some voyeurism and people maybe?



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Well, I don't think they can see the pictures. Well, they know



**S** Sarah DePalma 09:21



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now, it's just that I wasn't sure I wanted to satisfy just, you know, some sort of lurid curiosity. Well,



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you know, some people are gonna have to learn curiosity, but they'll learn something. Well, that's what I'm hoping because, you know, there are a lot of misconceptions, and we've all had them.



Sarah DePalma 09:37

Yeah, that's it. I was hoping so. Um, we're going to talk about that. And let me start. I'm gonna start from sort of middle ground here.



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Yeah. Are we gonna talk about where are we gonna talk about male to female or female to talk about



Sarah DePalma 09:49

the male to female because frankly, the females males are the final part of the surgery. Steaks. Well, yeah, and mostly, it doesn't work well, right. So they're free. Actually, there isn't a lot to talk about.



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Now the reason it's kind of visual more than than unusable



Sarah DePalma 10:05

as one doctor explained to me at a seminar, it's much easier to remove things than it is to add things. And I thought, okay, that's that's maybe, maybe. Well, that's I understand the point. Let's leave it at that.



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It's also perpetuating that myth of cutting it off.



Sarah DePalma 10:24

Well, yes. But I understood what the point they were trying to make. So let's start with Right, right, right. I'm sorry.



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Is that a better way to phrase that would be, you know, instead of, you know, removing something, something having something to work with? Yeah. Which is more, more accurately describing what is done than just removing something?



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Yeah, I want to start a little further back in that that I want to start, I want to start with the decision to have the surgery. Now, I've known people in the community and I know Katrina has is well known people who rush through the transition process. And the whole logic is, let's get to the surgery. fast, faster, the better speeded up. And I'm going to tell you flatly, that's a stupid thing to do. Well, unfortunately,



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some people get into the process, thinking that that is what you have to do. And until I met a lot of the people in the transgender groups around here, I thought that's what I would have to do. Then this is going to deviate a little bit from our surgery topic. But until I met a lot of people with tattoos and GCTC and met, specifically, Phyllis Frey, I thought that you had to have the surgery to get your documentation changed to, you know, to move on down the road with your life. Luckily, in most states, that's not the case. But that's most of that's a subject for a different show. But bottom line is, in Texas anyway, you don't have to rush headlong into the surgery going 90 miles an hour.



S Sarah DePalma 12:13

Well, it's a stupid thing for another reason. And I know this may sound obvious, but you don't get a refund. If you make a bad decision. Bingo, it is much too late. And I have known people who have had a surgery and then five years down the line say, Damn, I wish I hadn't done that. Well, you know, it was never a race. What was the big rush the doctors were going to be there. Two years down the line or four years down the line or six years down the line. You don't get a refund. Take your time. That's the first thing. The second thing is it is not a cure for what ails you. I've known many people who have had the surgery and the problem, the surgery, complicated existing problems, never made it any better. Yeah. So if you're going into surgery with the idea that this is going to be a cure, and this is going to give me better social skills, or it's going to clear up my pimples or whatever, give it up. Not true isn't going to happen. And Adina Keller was a strong advocate for for being remaining trans gendered meaning living cross gender, but not having the surgery. And Jimmy will tell you that for many years on the show, I went back and forth all over the Oh, absolutely. Some some weeks, I was going to how I wanted to do it. And some weeks, I didn't want to do it. And then I went through a whole long period

where I said, Well, I'm never going to do it. I've given up on it. And then I went through kind of a life changing experience where they thought perhaps I had a cancer behind the eye. And I suddenly realized that, oh yeah, I really want to



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go to you don't want to die. In that form. I don't want



S Sarah DePalma 13:55

to deform this biology. That's right. But it took me five years to get here. So I have done a ton of research on this issue, who's a good doctor who's a bad doctor who's got a good technique. And here's what I've discovered about this. Let's assume for a minute now that you've done this, right, okay, you you've gone to a therapist, you you've had your hormones monitored, you've been going to an electrologist you know, you've done all the things that lead up to it. And Allah in a very real sense, then surgery is kind of like the icing on the cake. The hard decisions have already been made. You know, Ricky Wilson's wrote an article on Jimmy not talking about in the show, where she talked about that exact same that exact point. Somebody asked her well, art isn't that aren't you tremendously courageous to get surgery? She said no, all the courage we took we were in the decisions leading up to this. She said now it's like, hey, let's get in there and do this and go home. And in some aspects, I think that's true. But what I've done is I've started to download lots and lots of material off the internet. And there's lots of it out there. Thank you God for the Internet, let me say. And I was able to download pictures of what what the women look like after surgery. Oh, we said we were able to say I was actually able to say which doctor uses what technique? What will what looks good, what is aesthetically pleasing? What obviously doesn't work? Which doctors had a longest operation. And the time lapse is varied a lot, who require who had to have transfusions who didn't. So I took a bunch of this information down. And I thought it might be interesting just to see how very how different it could be. First of all, let me tell you what doctors they were looking at. First one was Dr. Stanley Biber probably has done more transsexual surgeries, I would guess, than probably any doctor in the world is that the guy in Colorado? The guy in Trinidad Colorado. Yeah, and the whole town is built around his clinic and built around. The only



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reason that Las Animas county Colorado still has a hospital is because of the transsexual surgery practice.



S Sarah DePalma 16:10

Next after they looked at was Dr. Menard, Dr. Menard runs the the clinic in Montreal. And many of the women here in this community have had their surgery with Dr. menar. Yes. And I've had an opportunity to talk to letting them in ask them about that. One of the people they looked at was Dr. Toby Melcher, Toby Meltzer does his surgery in Portland, Oregon. And technically, up from least from what I've seen in the pictures is probably among the best. Unfortunately, from what I'm also reading his bedside manner is among one of the worst. Apparently many of the

people have come back saying I was less than a number to this guy. Not a good sign you're going up. No kidding. Now what you need. Okay. One of the people we looked at was Dr. Royal, Dr. Royal does his operations in London. He is the physician for Tula among others. Oh. And then there was Dr. Sring. from Wisconsin, a person who I have I wants to admit up front, for whom I have an intense personal dislike is a sexist pig. About a pair of other than that, but other than that is apparently one of the top surgeons in the United

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States. As I understand it, he is very good surgeon. However, I've seen his business card in it just turned me off. He has a picture on his business card.

S Sarah DePalma 17:30

I just want to know up front that I have a bias toward this guy. Okay. And then the last person they looked at was Dr. Seegers. Dr. Seegers, runs the clinic in Belgium. Oh, so these are probably I would guess these are probably the top five or six in the world. There are many others. There are clinic There are clinics in Morocco. There are clinics now in Australia. But these are, I would say probably the top group. So one of the first things they looked at is well, what made you decide on your surgeon? Why did you go to the surgeon that you did? Surprise, surprise, number one reason cost? Sure. But interestingly, cost.

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But how did it? How did the costs vary?

S Sarah DePalma 18:10

The cost actually varies a lot from on the low end, Dr. Menard and Montreal, according to his own information that I downloaded just last week, is running \$7,200. Now, the high end was about 15,000 15,000. And that was with Dr. Melcher in Wow. Now, what was

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the guy where you're a number? Yeah, yeah, but he does the best work?

S Sarah DePalma 18:33

Well, he does the best work, and he will get into it in a minute. There's a lot of experimental things that apparently are working very well. Having said that, that's a hell of a jump. Yeah. Now the thing to remember about those dollar figures, is that the bottom line for a course that does not include your transportation to and from, it does not include the fact that you're going to be out of work for a month. It does not include the fact that you're going to need additional medication. And what about if there's complication certifications. So as a general rule of thumb,

whatever you have read, let's using Dr. Menard as an example, if his surgery just to surgery \$7,200 It is safe to assume you need a month's worth of salary saved up for when you come home. Because the bills are not gonna stop coming Houston a HL NP is gonna want to get paid. They don't care whether you had surgery. They just want their money. In addition to that there are going to be some additional expenses. You're going to need to get dilators we'll talk about those. Oh, yeah, I know what that is. You're going to there's going to be additional. So when it's all said and done, you really need to figure that your need the cost of the surgery. Plus plane fare to and from. And since Dr. Menard is the only place that is providing aftercare as part of what he does, you're going to need to figure for hotel rooms wherever you go.



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Yeah, and if you're in you know, like if you're in Canada and you have conflict quotations and, well



S Sarah DePalma 20:01

actually, I've got a cure for that I found a way around that. We'll talk about that in a minute. But the point here is that realistically, then, if you're looking at \$7,200, for the surgery, you might as well think you're going to need an additional seven \$200 For when you get home. Okay, so realistically, you need \$15,000. Gosh, now I have known women who have done this, and put it on their credit cards. And I can imagine charge cards 22% Not a bargain. Okay. So some people were trying to do the approach that I'm taking, which is take it slow, invest your money, what you know, and that's all well and good, although, I admit drives me crazy at times, but realistically, you're looking at an immense expense. Now, let's say you went to Dr. Meltzer, in Oregon, Dr. Meltzer does not provide an after care facility like they do in Canada. So you're gonna have to provide your own transportation to and from the airport, you're gonna have to get a hotel room, because after you're released from his clinic, and typically releases within five days, you're going to be in the hotel and other four or five days at your own expense. Because you can't travel because you ain't traveling anywhere, right? Yeah, that mean, that just isn't gonna happen. So in his case, you're looking at 15,000 for surgery, plus probably an additional five to \$7,000 you need from when you get home. And almost none of that is covered by insurance. Oh, of course, looking at this, one of the things they looked at was, they wanted to know how many people had their surgery covered by insurance? And it turns out that the average is about 16%. Hmm. So I'm surprised that he's only 16% of the people who went had it covered even partially by surgery. No one here in this survey, and this was a survey of over 200 transsexuals in this survey 200 transsexuals, not one of them had their insurance paid for it. 100% None. Okay, so, you know, don't even if you're thinking about insurance, if you're real lucky, they're gonna pick up some, they're gonna pick up maybe some aftercare expenses. And that's about it, they might pick up a couple of other little things for you, but it isn't going to amount to much. So you better plan on having the money in hand when you go. Okay, and it's somewhere between 10 and \$20,000. All of the doctors require payment in advance, and then a job to go back to yeah, all of them require your payment in full before they will do the surgery. Yeah. Oh, good. And there were there were no exceptions to that. All of the one of the money upfront, that's an so I, you know, if you die, they get paid. Now, that's, that sounds kind of brutal, except that I've known a couple of women who have actually died on the operating table. So this is no joke. This is serious surgery without without getting too gross about this.

They do not simply cut a penis off. Now. The fact of the matter is that more and more doctors are requiring that you keep the scrollable area the skin because they're using the surgery. Jimmy that means you have to have electrolysis of the scrotum area before you go. Out. That's



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Oh, do you have the full electrolysis? Okay, now wait a minute, you say they use the Squirtle area what? Four?



S Sarah DePalma 23:19

They are going to use it to create a labia. Oh, okay. Okay. And in some cases, in the case of Dr. Melcher, he actually is bullying inside in his using his part of the vagina vaginal area. So you really do have to really do otherwise you got hair growing on a Regina and that's not good not to be gross about it. That's the truth of the matter. That's okay. Well, the reason that the reason that the doctors are doing that, I'm sorry, go ahead.



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Oh, well, you might you might be getting to it. But the other thing with that is, even with the successful hair removal and all that, if once the vagina is formed, you have to realize that is still outer skin. Sure, instead of what is that not a medical person? mucous membrane? Yeah, yeah. Generally, even with it with the most successful surgery, you still have to do more lubrication than a vintage genetic female one.



S Sarah DePalma 24:14

Well, that's right. It's not but it's not just for cosmetic purposes on Dr. Schreyer is actually using as part of the vaginal area now. And so it's and the reason is they've discovered one of the problems that transsexuals have to after surgery is the skin tries to close up. How do you mean? Well, you know, they're creating an artificial vagina. Yes, yes. And it wants to close back to the original shape it was in when the penis was there. Oh, and if discovering by using scroll skin, they avoid a lot of that problem. Okay, so there are there are many there are good medical reasons for for doing it this way. Having said that, you're talking about finding electrologist for that we'll even do this why no kidding. That's the first thing and then you know that your your say, Hey, turn up on high because I don't want this to grow back. Oh, ouch. So I just want people to understand. No one needs you. No one goes into the surgery thinking, Wow, what a cool thing. Let's do it this week. If they really researched it, I think they would really start to have some second thoughts about you,



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there's a reason that they do not perform SRS at those AMPM clinics.

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Sarah DePalma 25:28

Well, okay, now then let's talk about some of the other and

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if they did do it, trust me, you wouldn't want.

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Sarah DePalma 25:37

This was one of the most emotional days you'll ever have in your entire life. Yes. So now you're let's, let's say, you've gone through all this, you have your electrolysis is done, you're ready to get on the plane, and now you're flying to whatever your clinic is that you're going to go. They're not going to accept cash. So you will have to have paid in advance, you'll have to have all of your blood work done before you go, in most cases, most of the time they want and have access to them in advance. If not, you have to have it before they'll even touch it. Sure, you're gonna go in, you're going to meet with the doctor, you're going to meet with the nurses. They're going to explain the regimen to who you are, what you can and cannot eat, what you can and cannot do what they will and will not shave, what the preparation is going to be. Notice that nowhere in that that I say they're going to explain to you what your aftercare is going to be, hmm, nowhere. The only clinic that I know of that discusses it is Dr. Menard in Canada. So I'll tell you now, if you want to know what aftercare was going to be for your surgery, do your own research and be ready in advance, because most of the clinics won't provide it. Wow, they are not going to provide it. Most of the clinics don't even provide the dilators hmm, you're gonna have to buy those on your own for the most part, Dr. Menards, the only one that provides it.

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Now I'm gonna die later is yes,

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Sarah DePalma 27:00

we after the surgery, there is a tendency on the part of your body to attempt to close. And so in fact, these are when we want to come with AR they're basically dildos, yes. But they're more cone shaped, cone shaped and yeah, they're a little bit softer.

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But legally, they're dildos pardon. Legally, they're dildo really? Well, there's never been a court ruling on it. But I don't know if you've run across this or not. But I've heard discussions among people that I believe one of the main either one of the manufacturers of, of the things, or somebody somebody involved in the process somewhere, has expressed concern that states like Texas, that have strange interpretations of their dildo. I believe it's in Texas, yes, you can be dealing



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in, right. So I immediately got that



S Sarah DePalma 27:51

they're actually available by mail. And to my knowledge, there's only one manufacturer and that's in Connecticut. Yeah. So they can pretty much charge what they want. And it isn't cheap.



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But bottom line is some people have expressed concern that if you order several of them, you could be subjecting yourself to a problem with.



S Sarah DePalma 28:12

Actually not because I asked I believe it or not, I actually researched this issue because I wanted to know, okay, good. It turns out that in Texas, as long as it does not appear lifelike, in specifically, as long as it does not have veins on it, is that okay, good. It's been it's legal. Now, I would love to have been a fly on the wall the day that they had the discussion about how to decide that no kid, like



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ages, but that's not the statute, is it? That's from some court case, I assume? Yeah. Okay,



S Sarah DePalma 28:40

but can't you imagine all these little blue haired women sitting around say, oh, no, that's disgusting. But this one's fine. I want that. But that actually, is the distinction to the



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pianist. That's why we want little blue haired old ladies do all the time anyway.



S Sarah DePalma 28:55

Do they start out with their finger sized, smallest? And then they go up from there? Okay. You have to use them, at least initially, a minimum of four times a day. Now let's think about this. Wait a minute. You have to go back to work. You have to go back sooner or later you have to go back to your job. You have to keep doing this for six months to a year. Oh no kidding. So

because because they just wants to keep trying attempting to cloud Wow. So you better start thinking about where you're going to go and work and where and how exactly you're going to do this and privacy. You better not let anybody look in your purse. You better not have anybody look between the cracks of the restroom. Yes. This is no joke. This is a serious issue. People have been fired over that. Oh my god. So this is a big thing. I'll tell you the funniest story ever heard about this actually. Just as a medical thing, Jessica Stearns, who's a pilot for Continental Jessica Stearns told this wonderful story almost we almost choked in her eyes. She was I own a month out of surgery. And she was riding on a long trip with her sister, which must have hurt in the first place and says, Oh my God, I've got to you got to use the dilator. So the diet, so sister pulls over to the side of the road, Jessica goes back, pulls a blanket over her, and she's gonna start her dilating. About that time, they got stopped by state cop don't know. The state cop pulls them over. And you know, he looks at Jessica and he looks at the sister. And of course, Jessica is trying to sit still because she doesn't want him to explain all this. So finally, the officer looked back at her and says, Ma'am, are you okay? And she says yes, could you hurry up and write and he finally he never asked any questions. Sure. Yes, it's



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a woman thing I don't want to know he



S Sarah DePalma 30:52

just said she was never so happy to see a copy



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I think we need to interrupt this right now and go to the news and we can continue when we get back and and people who are listening right now I'm sure will stay to hear the rest of this discussion.



S Sarah DePalma 31:10

Yeah, I hope you will. Because this is actually really interesting thing. We've never really talked about it. No, we have pardon the pun here. We're just scratching the surface.



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And you're airing it all on after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke o s College Station.



S Sarah DePalma 31:28

Okay. And sometime today, I think we're going to get to the tape of Diane Hardy Garcia and Lori helped me Who did I talk to? I can tell them tired. I'll Clarence Bagby. Oh God, folks, I



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Oh, Claire. It's forgive her.



**S** Sarah DePalma 31:48

I said I've had a day where if I fell out of bed had missed the floor. I was not joking. Anyway, I think we're gonna get to that tonight. We'll try stick around.



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Okay. And right now it's time for after hours news.



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Okay, it's time for after hours news with Michelle and big Roy. And I can't see Roy because there's a big trash can that's that's been collecting rainwater has been leaving behind. Wow, that's how he is he so trashy. I have this little note that I want to ask you about on the air that Mr. Lone Star called in and



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yes, he made a pledge. Yes. Because he said that he heard that we have a leaky roof.



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We do have a leaky roof.



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And he's been listening for a while and he wanted to make that pledge.



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Okay. I can't read what you wrote after Mr. loanstar. It looks like a 12.



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Yeah, that's right. He's Mr. loanstar. 12.



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Oh, this is like he's



Michelle Meyers 33:24

like on the internet. Oh,



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no, he was Mr. loanstar. The 12. Mr. Lone Star.



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Whoa. Oh, I'm impressed. I'm impressed. Yeah, I'm still wondering about that guy who was in the parking lot waving and anyway, yes, yes. As a matter of fact, before you start, let's see, I've got a couple of things. Surprise. On the oops, on the September the 20th. There's going to be a fundraiser for the gay and lesbian switchboard. And that's going to be held at the briar patch. And it's being done by the Nylund family, which is of course a part of the the Royal Sovereign and Imperial Korea the single star, Houston, Texas Incorporated. And the name of it is going to be Vestal virgins. First. Romantic, fleeing, and Hellboy our good friend fancy baselines, very good, fancy pace, Lawrence's setting that up from the island family and we that is part of the Nylund families pledge of \$2,000. To the switchboard by Halloween and that is just an incredible thing no one has ever done that pledged that much money. I mean, that we've we've received More money from other groups, but to pledge money from shows that has never happened before we go out and actually do it. Yes, that's fantastic. Just incredible. And then, right here, right here. Yes, indeedy on the 26th. of September, we're going to have the one the only Mr. Paul J. Williams, comic extraordinaire, he's doing a fundraiser for for the Houston area bears, and there and that's going to be at Blackhawks. And that's that Nighthawks. Yes. Well, it's written here is Blackhawks. I'm sorry. You must have written it. Well, no, it's look, it's it's tight. Do I look like it? Oh, no. It is Nighthawks. I, yeah, I said that before. And that venture ran about nine o'clock. They're gonna have raffle drawings, cocktail parties, and their performance by Paul J. Williams. And that to that up on that same night, it's a Saturday night. Paul Williams will be a guest right here on after hours. That's right. He'll be here about 130. Well, after the news. So you know, you know that is, and we we are very thankful to Mr. Jim Roberts, who owns Nighthawks, by the way for putting this on. He's He's also I believe he's kind of contributed in getting Paul Williams down here for this. Those of you who have listened to after hours for a long time may remember that when Jim first purchased the venture in John had him on.



Michelle Meyers 36:56

Oh, a few years ago. Yeah. Well,



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about a year ago, I guess. So he's been here. He knows of after hours. And he's he's a pretty neat guy, and he's done some really great things to that bar. It's absolutely beautiful. They did some remodeling. Oh, yeah. So what else is going on?



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Okay, starting off the evening news here. Tropical Storm Frances heavily damaged numerous homes and businesses in the Montrose area. Yesterday. One of those casualties was Houston's only same day entry aids emergency shelters are ringing what clients were being admitted in the door early Friday morning as the roof caved in. On the northeast corner of the two storey shelter home of the building. storm waters completely flooded a resident bedroom upstairs, and the manager's apartment and offices downstairs. Now according to the sponsoring agency, the AIDS Housing Coalition, Houston, the shelter was nearly empty Thursday afternoon and full as of Friday morning, due to resident emergencies related to weather conditions. Now, boy, TLC house is reserved for HIV positive males, and is operated by an all volunteer staff. And the AIDS Housing Coalition of Houston is a nonprofit 501 C three agency, and there is literally nowhere to send these homeless AIDS patients without generating some community donations right now. Now they're issuing a call for community emergency assistance, and it's being sent out to all concerned citizens. Now, even with insurance assistance, this disaster will backup the small agency and there is immediate need for financial assistance. And it's needed for remodeling and relocation. And they estimate that they need at least \$2,500 however,



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they need it more than we do. I mean, their roof, you know, we leak but their roof caved in. Yeah. Who heads that up over there?



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Well, Executive Director Matt logcat Yeah,



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he he also does aids talk on cable network,



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right. And he added that unless these funds can be raised immediately, the shelter may have to shut down for several months. TLC house programs has served nearly 300 residents since it opened its doors in 1994. And those residents need your help right now. So please call the aid Housing Coalition at 521 1613 That's Area code 713-521-1613. This is a very serious matter. These people have absolutely nowhere to go.



Michelle Meyers 39:52

Yeah, they need your help. Give that number again.



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Area code 7135 Up to 116 13.



Michelle Meyers 40:04

Okay, let's talk about some local annual galas that are coming up. First one I'd like to mention is that on October 3, the Log Cabin Republicans are having their fourth annual elegant elephant dollar. All right, so that's going to be at the briar club. October 3, the keynote speaker will be Republican Ward Connery, a California Republican who authored the stage controversial proposition 209 To eliminate affirmative action in this school system. He's a member of the California Board of Regents and he recently forced to vote among the reasons to offer domestic partner benefits to university employees. So he's been honored during the log cabin Republican national. He was honored during log cabin Republican National Convention in Dallas last month. So again, that's the Log Cabin Republicans are having their gala on October 3. Also in Houston. The Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus is having its annual Anniversary Gala the 23rd Anniversary Gala. Next Saturday, September 19. The honoree for that will be Mayor Lee Brown. In addition, there'll be some special guests including a nice Parker Houston city council, Senator Rodney Ellis, state senator of Texas, and also US Congress person Sheila Jackson me. The guest speaker is going to be Carrie Lobell, she's Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, which is celebrating its 25th year and providing advocacy and training at a grassroots level across the country. So that's going to be next Saturday, September 19, at 7:30pm at the Warwick hotel,



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and I believe there's supposed to be a silent auction, as



Michelle Meyers 42:16

well. Yes, there is. There's gonna be a lot of these fundraisers. That's one of the things that they do besides trying to unlock for the ticket. There's going to have signup



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options. You get all kinds of neat stuff that those silent options Oh,



Michelle Meyers 42:30

there's gonna be a couple of them. And they have some really nice artwork and little

there's some. I've been to a couple of them. And they have some really nice artwork and nice things and VIP services, services, all kinds of stuff.