Dixie Dems: Getting Kicked Out of a MAGA Rep's 'Town Hall'

[00:00:00] **Bob Gatty:** Hey guys. Welcome to the Dixie Dems. It's the premier progressive voice of the South as part of the Lean to the Left Podcast, and it comes your way every month. We have a special guest today, so stay with us. Now with me are Arthur Hill, vice Chair of the Brunswick County, North Carolina Democratic Party, and Robert Thompson, a no holds barred podcaster from Georgia.

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[00:00:45] Our guest today is Carol Bellacera, a mom, a grandma, a killer pastry chef. You ought to see the pictures of her pecan pie that's on Facebook. Anyway, she's someone who won't [00:01:00] take crap from anybody, and that has been shown in spades because she got kicked out of the Nancy Mace town hall meeting by some lackey because she has committed the crime of being a Democrat in South Carolina. And so we could all get arrested for that because that's what they do to Democrats.

[00:01:26] Carol's author of nine books of fiction and a retired Air Force veteran, and she served as a medic during Vietnam, as a matter of fact, taking care of returning soldiers. A lifelong Democrat and Trump resistor. She's an ardent supporter of John Vincent, who's running to defeat MAGA representative Russell Fry in the 2026 midterms.

[00:01:50] John's been our guest on this show. Oh, I also forgot. She's a singer in a local band called Generations. Carol, where do you do that? [00:02:00]

[00:02:00] **Carole Bellacera:** Oh, we all over the Grand Strand. We do stuff in Little River. We do stuff in Surfside. And we're trying to get more and more gigs. We just started last summer, so we've been doing this a year.

[00:02:12] **Bob Gatty:** Do you do bars and clubs and stuff? Yeah. Like we've,

[00:02:15] **Carole Bellacera:** yeah, we've been like at the Bohemian Bull and Surfside and The Patios up in Little River and Oh,

[00:02:21] **Bob Gatty:** okay.

[00:02:22] **Carole Bellacera:** Yeah.

[00:02:23] **Bob Gatty:** I gotta find out where you're gonna appear. I want to come and hear you.

[00:02:26] **Carole Bellacera:** I'll let you know.

[00:02:27] **Bob Gatty:** Do you ever,

[00:02:28] **Arthur Hill:** do you ever, do you play in Brunswick County at all?

[00:02:30] We're right. A goes

[00:02:31] **Carole Bellacera:** so far. We're sticking to South Carolina, but you never know. I'm willing to do it, but I've got two other guys in the band, so it's up to them

[00:02:38] **Bob Gatty:** oh, okay. Yeah. That sounds good. Anyway I'm really happy to have you on the podcast. Carole.

[00:02:45] It is great to talk to you and, i've been following you on social media and you're a riot. But I gotta tell you, those pies of yours, man they're killers from what I can see. Have you seen

[00:02:57] **Carole Bellacera:** the cakes? The cakes are great too.

[00:02:59] **Robert Thompson:** Oh, [00:03:00] yeah. Okay. All right, Bob, you're gonna have to stop because I just put on the the scale over here a little bit earlier.

[00:03:05] My, my doctor's already unhappy, but yeah.

[00:03:08] **Bob Gatty:** All right. We won't talk to anymore about that. Let's talk, Carol, I wanna talk to you first about Nancy Mace and what you think about her running for governor.

[00:03:18] **Carole Bellacera:** Obviously anyone who proclaims herself to be Trump in high heels, I'm not a fan. Let's just get that outta the way.

[00:03:27] And she's wait. I need

[00:03:28] **Robert Thompson:** to clarify. She is not the only person running for governor. Hopefully.

[00:03:33] **Bob Gatty:** No. There's a whole bunch of them. Yeah.

[00:03:35] **Robert Thompson:** All right. Just making sure 'cause

[00:03:36] **Bob Gatty:** Yeah. There's a whole bunch of 'em. The Lieutenant Governor's running, I don't know, she probably has the edge right now, but Mace has got a lot of name id, so she can't be overlooked, that's for sure.

[00:03:48] It's dangerous too.

[00:03:50] **Carole Bellacera:** Yeah. Yeah.

[00:03:51] **Bob Gatty:** And

[00:03:51] **Carole Bellacera:** you know how the constituents in South Carolina are so

[00:03:55] **Bob Gatty:** Yeah. For

[00:03:56] **Carole Bellacera:** sure. The only thing against her is being a woman, so maybe that'll hurt [00:04:00] her a little bit, but

[00:04:01] **Bob Gatty:** yeah. Yeah. So why do you not like Nancy Mace?

[00:04:05] **Carole Bellacera:** She's just a, she's a lunatic.

[00:04:08] **Bob Gatty:** Yeah.

[00:04:08] **Carole Bellacera:** Basically, have you seen the way she treats people in interviews, uhhuh. Is she just insane? She incompetent to say the least. I can go on and on Uhhuh, she's just a disgusting example of a woman today. Hard to believe that someone could be that much of a, an idiot to just, ugh.

[00:04:35] **Bob Gatty:** You don't those and

[00:04:36] **Carole Bellacera:** disgusting.

[00:04:36] **Bob Gatty:** You don't pull any punches, do you?

[00:04:38] **Carole Bellacera:** You know what, I'm 72 years old. I don't hold back. I don't see any reason to hold back.

[00:04:44] **Robert Thompson:** Wait, you're 72. Call it

[00:04:46] **Carole Bellacera:** like I see it.

[00:04:47] **Robert Thompson:** You said 72,

[00:04:48] **Carole Bellacera:** that's

[00:04:49] **Bob Gatty:** what you said. Yeah. You don't look

[00:04:51] **Robert Thompson:** No.

[00:04:51] **Carole Bellacera:** Thank you.

[00:04:52] **Robert Thompson:** If I get to that age, I hope I'm looking close to something like you.

[00:04:56] For sure.

[00:04:57] **Carole Bellacera:** I have to thank my mom's. Other than that, Robert. But I, [00:05:00] Robert. But I do try to take care of myself. So Robert,

[00:05:02] **Robert Thompson:** you

[00:05:02] **Bob Gatty:** gotta shave off that beard if you wanna look.

[00:05:04] **Robert Thompson:** Oh, there is that. Halloween's coming up guys. Patience

[00:05:08] **Arthur Hill:** you could put on that Marjorie Taylor green wig, right?

[00:05:11] **Robert Thompson:** Yeah, we.

[00:05:11] **Arthur Hill:** I would help a lot. Oh,

[00:05:14] **Bob Gatty:** man. So I wanna know what you think about this Trump Epstein fiasco. Carole, what do you think about that?

[00:05:21] **Carole Bellacera:** It's so obvious. It's obvious he's on the list. It's obvious that he's paid off Maxwell. It's obvious that he's, him and his goons have probably issued death threats against her Uhhuh, anyone that doesn't believe that he's not on that list. What can you say? They drank the Kool-Aid.

[00:05:41] **Bob Gatty:** On the list is one thing, but these pictures of him with these little 12 and 13, I know. There's. Disgusting.

[00:05:49] **Carole Bellacera:** I know.

[00:05:50] **Bob Gatty:** Let me, I don't understand how anybody can support this guy with that kind of stuff.

[00:05:54] **Robert Thompson:** I was gonna ask Carole, the circles that you're in and red parts of South [00:06:00] Carolina, everything that I know about it. What are you hearing? Are the conservative folks and I will, I'll put my family in that boat as well. Are they just staying silent on it and just going off to waiting for the people that they know?

[00:06:13] When they say something, they're gonna agree with 'em, or are you hearing some of them just pinch their nose and be like, what the hell?

[00:06:20] **Carole Bellacera:** To be honest, I have gotten rid of everyone in my life that supports Trump and this happened. A long time ago, after he was first elected president.

[00:06:32] So I don't really have anything to do with people like that, so I can't tell you what they're saying. My daughter, unfortunately, is a Trump supporter.

[00:06:43] Oh my God.

[00:06:43] And she is not, I have not eliminated her from my life because she's my daughter and I love her, but we cannot talk about it. Because if I say anything that is slightly against her, cult leader

[00:06:59] [00:07:00] Then you know, I'll probably never get to see my grandsons.

[00:07:02] **Bob Gatty:** Yeah. Yeah.

[00:07:03] **Carole Bellacera:** It's tragic. But that's the way it is.

[00:07:05] **Bob Gatty:** I know what you're talking about. My brother's the very same way and I've been cut off by him. I've got a nephew the same way I, he lives out in the state of Washington. Used to converse with him all the time on social media and no more no, it's just, it's a

[00:07:21] **Carole Bellacera:** tragedy what that man has done to families.

[00:07:24] **Bob Gatty:** It really is. And to friends too. And to friends too.

[00:07:28] **Carole Bellacera:** Yeah.

[00:07:28] **Bob Gatty:** I used to go to senior softball when I first moved here, I to South Carolina. I went to, I played on the senior softball team and right after Trump's first election, I overheard a conversation between two guys who said, oh, we can now say and do whatever we want.

[00:07:48] **Carole Bellacera:** Yeah. And that's it.

[00:07:49] **Bob Gatty:** Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. And that's the attitude.

[00:07:52] It really is. And

[00:07:54] **Carole Bellacera:** and that's why I've cut so many people out of my life and people that I considered dear friends for many [00:08:00] years.

[00:08:00] Yeah. There,

[00:08:00] there was a woman we used to live in Northern Virginia. We were so tight, Uhhuh.

[00:08:05] And then when I found out she was supporting him, I couldn't believe it, but I didn't like immediately get rid of her. It wasn't until the insurrection. And I texted her and said, okay, do you still support Trump after this?

[00:08:18] Yeah.

[00:08:19] And guess what? No reply

[00:08:22] Uhhuh.

[00:08:22] So that was enough for me. I just told her.

[00:08:24] Okay. Good knowing yet, that's generally

[00:08:26] **Robert Thompson:** how these Republicans do it as well. Either they don't do town halls or you ask them the tough questions, they just don't respond. Yeah. So you're just shrugging and agreeing.

[00:08:34] **Carole Bellacera:** Exactly, and that's the whole thing about the Nancy Mace Town Hall. She didn't want anyone there, uhhuh that was going to disagree with her.

[00:08:43] They were outside because I organized a protest first to be outside Uhhuh, and she had her little girls running around taking videos of us. Taking pictures of us. So we were identified before we even came in. We had tickets [00:09:00] to come in to actually ask her some questions, but they knew from the get go.

[00:09:04] **Robert Thompson:** And I want to reconfirm, 'cause this is something that I battled with some, one of my Republican reps here. You were in her district, right?

[00:09:10] **Carole Bellacera:** Yes. She's running for governor

[00:09:13] **Robert Thompson:** okay.

[00:09:14] **Carole Bellacera:** Yeah. But

[00:09:14] **Robert Thompson:** it, it would make no difference. And I've heard this tagline when I've called DC or something like, which district do you live in?

[00:09:20] I'm like, why the hell does that make any difference? The guy that I called recently, he's running for Senate of Georgia. So you know, this whole like, brick wall, they try to push up no. It's bullshit. I know. Come out and, if you want the position so bad, this is what comes with it.

[00:09:36] Merry Christmas.

[00:09:37] **Carole Bellacera:** Yeah. But they don't, they want the position, but they don't want to be representing everybody. They only want to represent the people that agree with them.

[00:09:46] **Robert Thompson:** Or it's a town, a scripted town hall. We run into those as well. Yes. Where they have these shows that, oh look, we did our job, we did this town hall.

[00:09:54] All of your constituents didn't know about it. 'cause you put, pushed it through your campaign site or some kind of [00:10:00] bullshit. This is just the same wash, rinse, repeat. Next district. Yeah, same bullshit.

[00:10:07] **Bob Gatty:** Arthur,

[00:10:08] **Arthur Hill:** what do you got to say about all that? I want to hear, we've got Carole, we've got you outside the front door of where the, of the building, where the town hall was being held, and they knew who you were and there wasn't any question about where you stood.

[00:10:22] And and they let you in, right? Yeah. And then, and what happened after that? How, okay.

[00:10:28] **Carole Bellacera:** What happened when I went in and there was a bunch of us that actually had tickets and were going in, I went inside and there were a few of the people that were protesting around the door. I didn't wanna be around the door, so I made my way through the crowd to the other side of the room, so I could get right up front.

[00:10:47] And I was just standing there and I heard some kind of commotion at the door. I didn't know what was going on. But the next thing you know here comes this field director. She comes over [00:11:00] to the, where I was standing, surrounded by a bunch of MAGA people, of course. And she goes, don't worry, I got rid of all the Democrats.

[00:11:09] And I said, yeah. I said. I'm a democrat. Like your

[00:11:14] **Robert Thompson:** roaches or something? Yes. Like you raid and spray them or something.

[00:11:18] **Carole Bellacera:** I said, I'm a Democrat. I'm, I have a ticket. I'm a veteran and I have a question. Yeah. She goes I don't care. Your ticket is revoked. You are outta here. Just like that.

[00:11:29] Wow. And I was arguing with her. I said, no, you can't. I have a right to be here just like anyone else, and next thing there's a cop standing behind me. And a cop. She goes, A cop? Yes. And she goes, you get out of here, your ticket is revoked and you have to leave.

[00:11:46] **Bob Gatty:** A private, even

[00:11:47] **Carole Bellacera:** though I got a ticket, and wait a minute. Wait a minute.

[00:11:50] **Bob Gatty:** A congra, a town hall by a congresswoman is not a private event. I don't care. You can try to make it that, but it's not.

[00:11:58] **Carole Bellacera:** I know [00:12:00] you said they work for the public.

[00:12:01] **Robert Thompson:** I do recommend. Go ahead. Backed

[00:12:03] **Carole Bellacera:** her up. The cop backed her up.

[00:12:06] She says You have to leave, so you have to leave. She says it's a private event. And so he escorted me out and so when I got to the door, I saw the other mostly women. There were a few men, but mostly women were already outside. They had already been kicked out. Apparently that was the commotion that I had heard when I was standing over there.

[00:12:27] And then I came out and that's when they showed me the video of what happened at the door where that same field director went over and was telling them something like you mouthed off. You have to get outta here. And they're saying we didn't say anything.

[00:12:44] **Robert Thompson:** So this is me putting on my lawyer hat.

[00:12:46] Now I'm not a lawyer, but this is going back to things that we've already done here in Georgia. Barry Loudermilk, for example, he started moderating his social media and he started deleting posts in the ACL U, got behind us [00:13:00] and was like. You can do this on your campaign page, which he does very heavily.

[00:13:04] But on your official, you've got to take both. You can't just sit there and just delete comments. And the other question that I have for this, which is a very, they're not gonna wanna answer it, was her official congressional budget. If you said field director, that field director works off our tax dollars and Bob and Arthur can, corroborate this.

[00:13:25] That's a, you can raise a big old stink about this if you were thrown out of an official event that our tax dollars funded.

[00:13:33] **Arthur Hill:** Yeah, just because you're. That's true. That's true. And as,

[00:13:37] **Robert Thompson:** and as soon as you get pushback on this is the exact same thing that the Republicans have done. So if it's good for them, it's gonna be good for us too.

[00:13:45] I would come back bad or what? What's the worst it's gonna do? It turns into a news article somewhere.

[00:13:50] **Carole Bellacera:** I've been sending it everywhere. And at first the local media wanted to interview me because of this. And so when I agreed and said, okay I'll see if [00:14:00] some of the other people, 'cause they wanna know if any other people were interested too.

[00:14:03] And I got back to 'em. They said, oh, sorry we have to, how did she put it? She used a certain word. Oh, we have to pivot. She said, sorry, we have to pivot. So

[00:14:13] **Robert Thompson:** somebody in editorial is oh, we're not touching that story today. Yeah,

[00:14:16] **Carole Bellacera:** exactly. Exactly. So that was it.

[00:14:20] **Robert Thompson:** No ma, make your on. This is your social media.

[00:14:22] You've got this, platform. Give her hell again, as we talked about in the this, they want the job so bad. This is what comes with it, honey.

[00:14:29] **Bob Gatty:** I can tell

[00:14:30] **Robert Thompson:** you that Carol is giving her hell,

[00:14:32] **Bob Gatty:** If all you gotta do is look at her Facebook page and you have a pretty good following on Facebook, don't you, Carol?

[00:14:39] **Carole Bellacera:** I have. And since this episode happened, this incident happened. I've gained a bunch more friends too, so Yeah, I saw that

[00:14:47] **Bob Gatty:** over a hundred or something.

[00:14:48] **Carole Bellacera:** Yeah. In the last few, in the last, what, two weeks? Yeah.

[00:14:51] **Bob Gatty:** Uhhuh. Yeah. That's awesome. Yeah.

[00:14:53] **Carole Bellacera:** Yeah.

[00:14:53] **Arthur Hill:** Well, Carol, lemme let me ask, lemme ask you a question now.

[00:14:55] You you've you're a veteran you're an author. Yes. You're a writer, right? Yes. You have a lot of [00:15:00] books out there. You've you're a nurse. You've had the, you've had a varied career of a lot of it's public service. How could you leverage this experience into doing what, what's next?

[00:15:09] Do you have plans on how on, on how you can carry on and carry out your protest against against Mace and against Trump in in your area?

[00:15:18] **Carole Bellacera:** I do whatever I can. I try to go to all the rallies and protests. I sometimes wonder if it's doing any good because it just seems we're, everything we do is falling on deaf ears.

[00:15:29] I call the Congress people in South Carolina and Lindsey Graham and Russell Fry and Tim Scott. Like I send them emails, I call them. And I just, they just don't care. They don't care. I'm I,

[00:15:45] **Robert Thompson:** I will say that you're a good friend of mine. He moved out to Colorado.

[00:15:49] He said the time that they're spending with you on the phone is time that they're not spending on, so that there's that one angle number two. But you never get

[00:15:57] **Carole Bellacera:** to speak to them though.

[00:15:59] **Robert Thompson:** [00:16:00] Then number two is when you call press record. And I've done this strategy here too, and I know Georgia's a one way, again, I'm not gonna putting my lawyer hat on, I don't know if it's different than Carolinas, but one way Georgia is a one way recording state.

[00:16:13] And when the Republicans here found out they tried to change that law where you had to have both people on the call, but no, in Georgia you can press record and do whatever the hell you want to. That's how all this like strategy stuff happens when, 'cause people are in the room and they're recorded anyway.

[00:16:29] I would just encourage you because if the person you're calling doesn't do anything with it, then call 'em out. I have put, books together before of, just the, all the things that were sent that were just ignored and when to file 13. So I would encourage you to continue to do that because they hate it.

[00:16:45] Oh my God.

[00:16:45] **Carole Bellacera:** Maybe it's my problem though. I've got an Irish temper and it's really hard for me to maintain my cool because I, and I only talk to their assistants, and they're always, I guess they're trained really well [00:17:00] to just stay calm. Thank you, ma'am. Thank you, ma'am. And to be polite and everything.

[00:17:04] And here I am shrieking like a fish monger, at the, and this is mostly Lindsey Graham. I'm sorry. There's just something about. Him that I just lose it with when I call him.

[00:17:16] **Robert Thompson:** We call him Lady G. Right.

[00:17:18] **Carole Bellacera:** I've been known to do that. Yeah. So I know. I gotta keep doing it and I will. Why don't

[00:17:24] **Bob Gatty:** you run for office, Carole?

[00:17:26] **Carole Bellacera:** Oh my God. Did you hear me say I'm 72?

[00:17:29] **Bob Gatty:** I did, but so what? No.

[00:17:32] **Carole Bellacera:** Trump's absolutely not. No.

[00:17:34] **Robert Thompson:** And I've been asked that too, and I'm like this is a whole lot more fun to me, and being like the note taker, the history maker of just calling these people out and they just shrug or do nothing.

[00:17:44] **Arthur Hill:** That's it. Yeah. Yeah. What about what about what about joining the local Democratic party? Are you and Bob in the same county, are you Yeah. Yeah, we are

[00:17:53] **Carole Bellacera:** Uhhuh. Yeah. Yeah. Horry County.

[00:17:55] **Arthur Hill:** The local Democratic oh. I'm in

[00:17:57] **Carole Bellacera:** all

[00:17:57] **Arthur Hill:** the groups.

[00:17:58] Oh, okay. Alright. All of

[00:17:59] **Carole Bellacera:** them.

[00:17:59] **Arthur Hill:** [00:18:00] Yeah. And getting involved in getting involved in some canvassing would be good. That would be

[00:18:04] **Carole Bellacera:** another thing, Irish temper. You knock on the door and people,

[00:18:10] **Robert Thompson:** If Carol comes knocking on some doors, they may go running the other way.

[00:18:13] **Bob Gatty:** Yeah, they might be they might have to call out the National Guard to come after you, Carole. Yeah.

[00:18:18] **Carole Bellacera:** I'm,

[00:18:18] **Bob Gatty:** oh, we can't do that because they sent the National Guard up to DC

[00:18:22] **Carole Bellacera:** that's, they're too busy.

[00:18:24] **Bob Gatty:** Yeah. So they're not here

[00:18:25] **Carole Bellacera:** DC So they're not Democratic cities.

[00:18:28] **Robert Thompson:** I have an update for my friend who lives in dc.

[00:18:30] What's the update He actually posted the other day. He had this nice group of gentlemen. They were, picking up trash. This is all of, the big jobs they're doing with all this crime that was in dc So they posed for a picture with 'em and I felt like looking at that picture, I was like, that sure as hell is an expensive picture.

[00:18:46] Sure. You've all these rifles in there, you've got uniforms, you've got all these guys. Sure is wasting a lot of money to me.

[00:18:53] **Bob Gatty:** You know what? I heard a report on on the radio the other day that this was costing millions and [00:19:00] millions of dollars to send these National Guard troops from these six red states into DC to do this. Millions.

[00:19:07] Now what if the crime situation is so bad, why don't they just send the money so that DC can hire the. Appropriate amount of law enforcement officers to take care of it instead of doing this kind of crap.

[00:19:23] **Robert Thompson:** But if you rewind Bob, it was only an issue when Trump looked out the window of the car.

[00:19:27] Yeah,

[00:19:28] **Bob Gatty:** exactly. And then

[00:19:29] **Robert Thompson:** suddenly became an issue. He,

[00:19:30] **Bob Gatty:** he, yeah, because his friend got what? Somebody tried to carjack him or something. That's all that was. And all of this is a result of that. And not only that, but now they're talking about going into Chicago and other cities.

[00:19:44] And I had a guest on the other day, an African-American woman, and she pointed out that it's only cities that are led by African-Americans where they're doing this

[00:19:55] **Carole Bellacera:** Duh. Yeah, there's no agenda there. [00:20:00]

[00:20:00] **Bob Gatty:** No, not at all. Holy crap. And you,

[00:20:03] **Robert Thompson:** and you got Gavin Newsom. I will say I, I don't know that he's my favorite.

[00:20:07] We got a lot of time to go. But he's literally using Trump's playbook with the tweets. Yes. If you've looked at some of Gavin Newsom's and they just don't respond. They don't know how to respond to that. Because their dear leader has been doing this for years already. So again, give 'em, hell let 'em have it.

[00:20:24] Yeah.

[00:20:26] **Bob Gatty:** One of the things that really got me was the other day when I saw that RFK Jr has put the clamps On vaccines. Yeah. On COVID, on COVID-19 vaccines and also on measles vaccines. Now that, that is, is just a, a. It's a crime against people, what they're doing. And this guy doesn't know crap about science or health.

[00:20:54] No. And they have him in charge. And why do they have him in charge? Why? Because he's. [00:21:00] Controllable by Trump. That's the reason. Exactly.

[00:21:03] **Robert Thompson:** Yeah. And this the first time around back when, remember the speaking of transfusion, speaking of the picture back here. Yeah. But remember the first time with COVID, they were doing those monoclonal antibodies.

[00:21:13] **Carole Bellacera:** Right.

[00:21:13] **Robert Thompson:** I had a doctor in the room basically scream at me and said that he did not believe in that treatment, and I was not a candidate, and the conversation was over. That's the type of platform and the type of. Medical doctors that somehow think that they are giving an opinion that they don't think something, whoa.

[00:21:35] I had never been treated that way by a doctor my entire life. The bill that WellStar sent me was never paid. I said, send that damn thing to collections. These are the types of things that this is gonna turn into.

[00:21:46] **Carole Bellacera:** Yeah.

[00:21:47] **Robert Thompson:** Trump doesn't pay his bills. Why should I pay that stupid bill?

[00:21:49] **Carole Bellacera:** Exactly. I had to my husband had COVID early on in 2021, I think, January.

[00:21:57] And I had to, I [00:22:00] went to my doctor to get that 'cause I saw that. Orange ass Hatt. Got it. So why couldn't, but he's still getting it too, by the

[00:22:07] **Robert Thompson:** way. Huh? He's still getting it too, by the way.

[00:22:10] **Carole Bellacera:** Oh really? Yeah. Yeah. I was like, that's not right. If he gets it, my husband, who definitely deserves to live more than he does, he's going to get it.

[00:22:19] And so I had to go to my doctor and she was like, hem hawing around and I fired her ass and I went and got another doctor and I got that treatment for him and he improved within three days.

[00:22:29] **Robert Thompson:** Yeah.

[00:22:30] **Carole Bellacera:** You gotta remember,

[00:22:31] **Robert Thompson:** yeah. Trump the, just let's recall, 'cause people have short memories. When the he, he got COVID, they sent 'em to Walter Reed and gave him the monoclonal antibodies.

[00:22:40] Yeah, of course. I don't think he'll ever admit to it, but yeah.

[00:22:43] **Carole Bellacera:** Oh, everybody knows he did because they. Yeah.

[00:22:46] **Robert Thompson:** And meanwhile you had DeSantis down in Florida, flying in as rich friends to get the vaccine before anybody else did.

[00:22:52] **Bob Gatty:** Hey, Carol, I wanna switch a little bit to you. You're a veteran. You're you're, you should be, I'm sure you are very [00:23:00] proud of your service. And heaven's you should be just thank no end for what you've done, but. Nevertheless, what do you think about how he's treating veterans with all the stuff that he's been pulling?

[00:23:13] **Carole Bellacera:** It's just despicable. It has been from the very beginning and the way he treated John McCain, yeah.

[00:23:19] It, like I said, I could go on and on. The things he'd done, I don't understand how any veteran can ever support him. After the way he treats veterans.

[00:23:31] **Robert Thompson:** So I'll ask this too, because I know that South Carolina has quite a you got Paris Island over there. Yes. In all Marines. Yes.

[00:23:36] Why did the Marines tend to be more attracted to this hot mess than any of the other branches?

[00:23:44] **Carole Bellacera:** I wish I knew, but they just had, they have more of, maybe they're more warlike. I don't know. Yeah. I don't know.

[00:23:50] **Robert Thompson:** But it over and over again, you've got these, it tends, it's not all of them. I don't wanna put 'em all in the same bucket.

[00:23:56] But you've, out of all the four or now five, we have Space Force now too. [00:24:00] Yes. But you've got the Marines that just, they, I don't know.

[00:24:04] **Bob Gatty:** It's about macho mentality, I think. Yes, that's it. I think as much as anything, I don't think it's a difficult answer to your question. Robert, what do you think, Arthur?

[00:24:14] **Arthur Hill:** I have a little bit of a different take on it. I served, I think Carole, you and I served about the same time. If you were a Vietnam era. I was, Vietnam

[00:24:22] **Carole Bellacera:** 71, 75.

[00:24:23] **Arthur Hill:** Okay. Yeah. I got out right before you got in. And and I was in Vietnam, and I can remember coming home and people hated you.

[00:24:32] **Carole Bellacera:** Oh, yeah.

[00:24:33] **Arthur Hill:** They spit on, they literally spit on you, spit on me at my uniform on, and they spit on me. And and there's so many stories like that. And and sooner or later what concerns me about, about what's going on in DC and what could be going on in Chicago and other cities.

[00:24:49] What concerns me is. They're gonna be sending in troops to guard the streets or whatever. And and at some point there's gonna be an incident and at some point somebody's gonna get shot. Or somebody's gonna [00:25:00] get hurt or worse. And and people are gonna start turning against the troops. And and we're going.

[00:25:06] And I think

[00:25:06] **Robert Thompson:** the other example I was given was Kent State. Was that in 70? 70?

[00:25:10] **Arthur Hill:** Yes. Kent State was the, that was the match that set the fire. And and that could very easily happen again. And, I think that and that's gonna have a, that's gonna have a incredible impact on public opinion and on the psychology that the government's going through right now.

[00:25:25] And I'm really concerned about that. And it's gonna, it's not gonna help recruitment and it's gonna hurt our military. And I just and now, defense department says it's okay for the guys in DC to start carrying arms. We're moving in that direction. And I think it's, I think it's awful. I think it's a bad sign.

[00:25:40] And I hate I,

[00:25:41] **Robert Thompson:** I think this is where his training wheels from the first have already gone away. And this is yet another test.

[00:25:48] **Carole Bellacera:** Yeah. That

[00:25:48] **Robert Thompson:** he got pushed back in California. He's gonna get pushed back in Illinois, but DC was this kind of gray area because it's not a state. It doesn't have a governor and it's yet [00:26:00] one more way.

[00:26:00] 'cause he's remembering what happened with January 6th. And all that. And, there was a meme that came through my social media. It was like, that's when the police should have been deployed was January

[00:26:10] **Bob Gatty:** 6th. Yeah. Because

[00:26:11] **Robert Thompson:** It was literally a coup attempt.

[00:26:13] **Bob Gatty:** Exactly. Yeah. But he was running the coup attempt.

[00:26:17] **Robert Thompson:** And now he's right back in there and he remembers that. And this is yet another test to see if he can get away with this and that. No judge. 'cause the only checks on him is what's left of our judiciary and people like us. Yeah. Corporate America didn't give a crap. 'cause all they care about is money. They just keep

[00:26:33] **Bob Gatty:** Exactly.

[00:26:34] **Robert Thompson:** Gonna vote their way.

[00:26:35] **Carole Bellacera:** That's right.

[00:26:36] **Bob Gatty:** Absolutely. And that was amazing to me was when he put out this executive order about get rid of DEI in the federal government and all of a sudden, companies, private companies started to do the same thing.

[00:26:55] **Robert Thompson:** Cracker Barrel.

[00:26:57] **Bob Gatty:** Yeah.

[00:26:58] **Robert Thompson:** Of all freaking things.

[00:26:59] I

[00:26:59] **Bob Gatty:** mean, [00:27:00] even Target,

[00:27:01] **Robert Thompson:** yeah. Of all freaking things to get all of your panties in a wad. Oh. It's just a restaurant. Folks. Come on

[00:27:09] **Arthur Hill:** now. And Cracker Barrel caved.

[00:27:12] **Bob Gatty:** They came. Yeah, they did. I saw a meme on Facebook today. Where somebody had put in using ai, I am sure the, a picture of Trump talking to the little old man in the Cracker Barrel logo, uncle Herschel, he has a name.

[00:27:29] Yeah. Uncle Herschel. Yeah. And Trump was taking credit for that. Of course.

[00:27:35] **Robert Thompson:** And the other commentary I had, that's

[00:27:37] **Bob Gatty:** very, that was a very important thing. That was, just incredibly. Massively important for our country. We're flipping

[00:27:44] **Robert Thompson:** the script here that this is how old racist white people feel when they get erased.

[00:27:49] **Arthur Hill:** Yeah.

[00:27:50] **Robert Thompson:** Bless your heart.

[00:27:51] **Arthur Hill:** Yeah. But Cracker Barrel's a southern company, right? I mean they're, yeah.

[00:27:55] **Carole Bellacera:** It started in Tennessee. Tennessee, but they have

[00:27:58] **Robert Thompson:** restaurants all up north. Yeah, they do. They have a [00:28:00] large footprint.

[00:28:00] **Bob Gatty:** They

[00:28:01] **Arthur Hill:** have '

[00:28:01] **Bob Gatty:** em

[00:28:01] Up

[00:28:01] **Arthur Hill:** north. Yeah. Sure Southern, it sure is a southern vibe when you go in there.

[00:28:06] Okay. Yeah, it does not

[00:28:08] **Bob Gatty:** vibe.

[00:28:09] **Arthur Hill:** Do they have

[00:28:09] **Bob Gatty:** pecan pie? I wonder.

[00:28:11] **Carole Bellacera:** I'm sure they do got pecan pancake, but

[00:28:14] **Robert Thompson:** is it good as carol's? I bet it's not as good as Carol's though.

[00:28:18] **Arthur Hill:** No way. No way.

[00:28:19] **Carole Bellacera:** I'm imagining it's pretty good too.

[00:28:22] **Arthur Hill:** I'm, do you put out, let me, do you put out recipes on your products?

[00:28:26] **Carole Bellacera:** I don't do that because I don't want people to make my stuff.

[00:28:30] I want them to buy it from me. She

[00:28:31] **Bob Gatty:** sells it. I wanna make it this, she, this isn't just a hobby for her. Okay. So I could buy that, that that pecan cheesecake. Yes. What? Yeah. That's all you could do. 20 bucks, right?

[00:28:42] **Carole Bellacera:** Oh you're in. Where are you again?

[00:28:44] **Bob Gatty:** I'm right. I'm about 50

[00:28:46] **Arthur Hill:** miles from you.

[00:28:47] **Carole Bellacera:** Oh my God. That's a long way. Unless you wanna far to get it.

[00:28:51] **Arthur Hill:** I know. I'll maybe I'll come down. Maybe I'll come down. I'll go to Bob's house and he and I can come over to your house and I can get a pie.

[00:28:57] **Carole Bellacera:** That'd be

[00:28:57] **Arthur Hill:** good.

[00:28:58] **Carole Bellacera:** That sounds awesome.

[00:28:59] **Arthur Hill:** [00:29:00] Okay. I'll even

[00:29:00] **Carole Bellacera:** give you a discount.

[00:29:02] **Bob Gatty:** Oh, okay. There you go.

[00:29:03] **Carole Bellacera:** That's great. That's great. Actually, I think my prices are pretty good. I'll tell you what,

[00:29:09] **Bob Gatty:** she's got some awesome looking stuff on her. I saw that. You wanna

[00:29:12] **Carole Bellacera:** say the name of it just so people can know? It's Cara Bella's Decadent Desserts.

[00:29:17] **Bob Gatty:** There you go, doctor. There you go. All right. I'll even put that up on the screen for people.

[00:29:22] **Carole Bellacera:** Okay.

[00:29:24] **Robert Thompson:** Yeah, the co-marketing going right here, so

[00:29:26] **Carole Bellacera:** I'm making baklava next week.

[00:29:28] **Bob Gatty:** Oh yeah. Oh, baklava. I love that. That's really good. My husband

[00:29:31] **Carole Bellacera:** and I met in Greece, Uhhuh on the island of the treat. Alright. And so that's where we had baklava for the first time and

[00:29:39] **Bob Gatty:** we Okay. Yeah. Okay. Alright. There's something else I wanted to ask you about and that is alligator Alcatraz.

[00:29:47] Now I just saw a thing saying that some judge told has told Trump that they got a close down alligator Alcatraz, and they got 90 days to do it. But Mace wants a similar thing [00:30:00] in South Carolina, so maybe they'll just move it from Florida to, to South Carolina.

[00:30:06] **Arthur Hill:** You could put it, you could put it in some of the, there's gotta be some lowlands down there that kinda like the Everglades.

[00:30:11] You could stick it in.

[00:30:12] **Bob Gatty:** Yeah, probably some. They probably have Crocs in there and alligators and who knows what do you think about all that, Carol? That's what I want to know.

[00:30:19] **Carole Bellacera:** Oh, obviously it's just horrible. Absolutely horrible.

[00:30:24] **Bob Gatty:** Yeah.

[00:30:25] **Carole Bellacera:** What else can you say? It's appalling.

[00:30:28] **Bob Gatty:** Yeah,

[00:30:28] it's disgusting.

[00:30:29] **Carole Bellacera:** What kind of,

[00:30:30] **Bob Gatty:** what?

[00:30:31] Then you got Nancy Mace standing up and saying she wants to do the same thing here.

[00:30:35] **Carole Bellacera:** Yes. And that's what I mean. Trump in high heels. She, yeah. There you go.

[00:30:39] **Bob Gatty:** There you go. Hey, did I see a picture of her dressed up like a cop the other day? Yeah. Are you sure when

[00:30:46] **Robert Thompson:** Christie? No. What'd you say?

[00:30:49] **Bob Gatty:** No, I think there was a I think it was Nancy Mace, and she was dressed up like a cop. And was it, and somebody some candidate.

[00:30:59] **Robert Thompson:** Here's you another, [00:31:00] here's another strategy on this. We had the guy here that had the deportation bus. He ran for governor in Georgia. Yeah. Nevermind. It broke down on the side of the road, but the, there were complaints against his campaign that he was impersonating an officer.

[00:31:12] **Bob Gatty:** Yeah.

[00:31:13] **Robert Thompson:** I'm just planting that seed.

[00:31:14] **Bob Gatty:** The reason why I brought it up is because Nancy Mace, didn't she do something? Something sexy on in, in on Capitol Hill during a hearing or something. Did she say something that was pretty off color? Do you remember that?

[00:31:29] **Arthur Hill:** There's a, there's the thing about the nude pictures of her online.

[00:31:32] **Bob Gatty:** That's it.

[00:31:32] **Arthur Hill:** That's

[00:31:33] **Carole Bellacera:** it. Oh, really? I didn't know.

[00:31:35] **Bob Gatty:** Yeah, that's it. That's scandal. So then I'm thinking, all right, so she dresses up like a cop. Maybe she's playing games, yeah. Bedroom games, fantasizing stuff.

[00:31:44] **Robert Thompson:** It was bad enough for the guy in Florida. Better be

[00:31:46] **Bob Gatty:** careful. I don't wanna get sued.

[00:31:47] 'cause I'm not saying she did it. I'm just saying that it could be,

[00:31:51] **Robert Thompson:** remember Matt Goetz and, he was quietly exited out of the left. Yeah.

[00:31:56] **Arthur Hill:** Exit left. Yeah, that's true. Carole, I got one, one more [00:32:00] question about the town hall thing. Yeah. What question were you gonna ask her? Oh, that's a good one.

[00:32:05] **Carole Bellacera:** That is a good one. I was gonna, I was thinking about asking her, it's been three weeks now and I had it already, and now I'm trying to remember. Oh, it was about Epstein it was about the list. Something about, ha if his name is on it. Ha Does that change anything about how you feel about Trump?

[00:32:25] **Robert Thompson:** Uhhuh. But they had to pivot. Remember Carol? So

[00:32:28] **Carole Bellacera:** Yes. And yeah, they had to pivot. Yeah. Obviously, bless her heart reporter was interested. And then something came down from on high that said, oh no, we're not doing that.

[00:32:39] **Bob Gatty:** Yeah. I have a very important question to ask you, Carole. Yes. Do you think that.

[00:32:47] Trump is really pooping his pants.

[00:32:49] **Carole Bellacera:** I do. I think he's really sick. I do.

[00:32:52] **Bob Gatty:** There's pictures of people around him and they're holding their damn nose and there's a That's what

[00:32:57] **Carole Bellacera:** I've heard. Yeah.

[00:32:57] **Bob Gatty:** There's a picture of Putin in the [00:33:00] car with Trump, and he's holding his nose.

[00:33:04] **Robert Thompson:** Okay. Did you guys see the story about the guys that collect Putin's poop and take it back to Russia with him?

[00:33:10] What? No. This is a story that Putin is so worried about people knowing his medical business and Putin's in his seventies, I think. And he literally, he takes a poop. And he has. Henchman that shove it in a briefcase and carried it on. What a great

[00:33:27] **Carole Bellacera:** job can you write. How

[00:33:28] **Robert Thompson:** would you like to have that job poop?

[00:33:31] Okay, let's take this back to Trump now, if he's pooping in diapers,

[00:33:35] **Carole Bellacera:** right.

[00:33:35] **Robert Thompson:** I am just saying I

[00:33:37] **Bob Gatty:** don't know how he must not use very good ones because you can see stains in his butt. That's right. There's, various kinds of those things, and some of 'em are better than others, I presume.

[00:33:48] **Robert Thompson:** I look at where the episode went, Bob just,

[00:33:52] **Bob Gatty:** it sure

[00:33:52] **Carole Bellacera:** did

[00:33:53] downhill.

[00:33:56] **Bob Gatty:** It went into the crapper. That's where it went.

[00:33:59] **Robert Thompson:** And [00:34:00] this episode is brought to you by Depends clearly.

[00:34:01] **Carole Bellacera:** No, honestly I don't know. I don't know if he, it wouldn't surprise me, but. You just don't know what's real and what's not with all the pictures and things. No, that's

[00:34:13] **Bob Gatty:** true.

[00:34:13] That's true. And that's true. Okay.

[00:34:15] **Robert Thompson:** Let's put the disclaimer, the picture behind me is not real. I just want to put that disclaimer really Exactly. And protect Bob, because I'm shocked if he gets a cease and desist or, threaten to sue. We just want Yeah, stipulate. Yeah. Record. Yeah. I can't afford,

[00:34:29] **Carole Bellacera:** but there are pictures of his bruises though.

[00:34:32] **Bob Gatty:** Yeah, there are pictures and those

[00:34:33] **Carole Bellacera:** have gotta be real.

[00:34:34] **Bob Gatty:** Yeah. There are pictures of his bruises.

[00:34:36] **Carole Bellacera:** Yeah.

[00:34:36] **Bob Gatty:** And needle marks and stuff.

[00:34:39] **Carole Bellacera:** Yeah.

[00:34:39] **Bob Gatty:** Yeah. I think it's And his swollen ankles. Yes. You don't get swollen ankles for nothing. That's a, it's

[00:34:45] **Carole Bellacera:** gotta be diabetic, don't you think?

[00:34:47] **Bob Gatty:** It in, doesn't it indicate some kind of a heart problem?

[00:34:50] **Carole Bellacera:** That too. Heart failure. Yeah. Because

[00:34:52] **Bob Gatty:** I know when I go to my doctor and he checks my ankles, he wants to know, am I having any kind of heart issues? That's what he's asked of me when he's [00:35:00] doing that.

[00:35:00] **Carole Bellacera:** Exactly.

[00:35:01] **Bob Gatty:** Yeah. Anyway, I don't know. I don't have anything more. Do you want to, you got anything else you want

[00:35:06] **Robert Thompson:** to add or any one, one other thing before we get, go ahead.

[00:35:08] This on here. If you are not seeing the new season of South Park let me know. You can borrow my login. You let me, if you haven't seen it. Have you guys seen it? I've

[00:35:16] **Carole Bellacera:** seen clips.

[00:35:18] **Robert Thompson:** It's basically Mar-a-Lago has become fantasy island. You've got the vice president as tattoo, running around wanting to put baby oil on Satan's butt.

[00:35:29] It is off the chain. Oh my gosh. If there's any sort of like saving, what happened to Colbert? 'cause he was on, on Paramount there as well. The guys on South Park have got his number. And I think it was so much so the press secretary, she actually made a comment that South Park has not been relevant in so long.

[00:35:46] Hello. This is what, their 30th, some odd season or something? Yeah.

[00:35:50] **Carole Bellacera:** Yeah.

[00:35:52] That's pretty, I've gotta see

[00:35:53] it.

[00:35:53] Yeah.

[00:35:54] **Bob Gatty:** Yeah. All right guys. I wanna

[00:35:55] **Carole Bellacera:** just tell you one thing, Arthur, right?

[00:35:57] **Bob Gatty:** Yes.

[00:35:58] **Carole Bellacera:** Okay. You're talking about [00:36:00] Vietnam. Yeah. One of my novels, the one I am most. Proud of all. I only have nine out, but it's called Inc.

[00:36:08] Nine is

[00:36:08] **Bob Gatty:** a lot.

[00:36:10] **Carole Bellacera:** It's called Incense and Peppermints, and it's about a combat nurse in Vietnam. So the research I did, and I, so I read every book you could think of

[00:36:20] **Arthur Hill:** to, I actually read a couple of reviews of that book. Thank you. And and it looks like, based on the reviews, I can't say that I've read the book, but I'd like to book and I'll hit the book.

[00:36:29] I

[00:36:30] **Carole Bellacera:** got really good reviews on, and I was so happy because this book was so important to me to do, and that's why I researched it for three years.

[00:36:38] **Arthur Hill:** I'm looking forward to reading it.

[00:36:40] **Carole Bellacera:** Good, good.

[00:36:41] **Robert Thompson:** That might be actually a good idea for Christmas presents to my the other side of the family.

[00:36:46] **Carole Bellacera:** Oh, the other side.

[00:36:49] **Arthur Hill:** There's a good idea. Those, I'll tell you what those those combat nurses were one of the places where I was stationed in Vietnam was what happened to be close by to there was a company of [00:37:00] nurses that were combat nurses to the 25th century pre division.

[00:37:03] And, and those ladies were terrific. They were just something else. And I just being there and they had to come and they had, they were deployed for a year. We're all deployed for a year, year and, and it was amazing the work that they did.

[00:37:14] I admired 'em a lot.

[00:37:15] **Carole Bellacera:** What was so amazing to me is they were so young. And they had to grow up so quickly. Within, like the first month they were there, they had to grow up and, I was the same age when I was in the Air Force, but I wasn't in Vietnam.

[00:37:30] And

[00:37:30] I know how immature I was then, at being 19 years old and just to think what they had to go through at that age is just astounding.

[00:37:40] That is, and no wonder they. Had so many problems when they came home,

[00:37:44] **Bob Gatty:** Yeah. That's an incredible th thing to think of that they're, they were only teenagers. Yes. Yes. Incredible.

[00:37:52] **Robert Thompson:** The picture this week in DC you got these national guardsmen late teens, early twenties.

[00:37:56] Yeah.

[00:37:57] **Bob Gatty:** Yeah.

[00:37:57] **Robert Thompson:** That you can go to war for this country. You can't even [00:38:00] drink booze.

[00:38:01] **Bob Gatty:** Incredible. Yeah. Okay, guys got anything else? I'm

[00:38:07] good,

[00:38:07] Carol, you good? I'm good.

[00:38:08] I'm good.

[00:38:09] All right. It's been a pleasure having you Carole and I know we all enjoyed talking to you a lot and we'll be streaming this soon and I will send you links and all that stuff.

[00:38:20] Yeah.

[00:38:20] **Carole Bellacera:** Okay. It's been a pleasure and thank you so much for inviting

[00:38:23] **Arthur Hill:** me. Thank you, Carole, for agreeing to come. We'll, hope to see you again.

[00:38:26] **Carole Bellacera:** Okay I hope I don't get thrown out of any more town halls. We hope

[00:38:31] **Robert Thompson:** we got your bail money.

[00:38:32] **Carole Bellacera:** I'm saying, I keep thinking I should have just let myself be arrested and be dragged out.

[00:38:37] Now, that would've made news. Don't take that, would've that would've, don't you think? Yeah, exactly.