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 M Michelle 00:01

that's really interesting is Yeah,

 J Jimmy Carper 00:04

yeah if I was thinking of drag a trans male doing drag would be dressed as a woman. No. Okay, no, nevermind. Well

 M Michelle 00:11

see that's the interesting thing is that Halberstam talks about? What is the drag king? Okay? Um, is it just someone who's Butch who dresses up like a guy you know? And does that? Is there more to it you know more gender issues and like trans men? Can they be drag kings femme women? Can they be drag kings? What does it mean to do? So there's all this stuff that gets in there and Halberstam talks about when she first started interviewing all these people she kind of had these this what she was looking for or where she was going with these questions and what she was going to be focusing on and and found the questions and the answers and the people just kind of went all over the place. So she had some very femme women who put on this sort of male persona and and got up there and just massively parodied men usually doing like the kind of redneck country you know, white boy type

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and what the drag queens

 M Michelle 01:10

do Yeah. Okay, so well someone says something in there about why don't you ever do anything

you know about like the business suits and guys and ties and stuff went so well that's so boring. The suit you put on a tie you standard I go Yeah, okay. So anyway, and and then these pages some of these women could really pass for men like the one on the front. I don't know if you can see.



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Here's here's Baba. Oh, yeah, really? Yeah,



Michelle 01:39

you look at this you say oh, look, it's a god My sister was she was with me when I bought this book. And she was looking at it. She almost drove off the road. She was looking at McQuaid. Okay, you look you look at the book, I'll drive. So some of these women really look like men and some of them you know, are actually in a sense kind of trying to pass for men. And some of them don't I mean, there's some pictures in here they have Elvis of course Elvis herself this



Jimmy Carper 02:04

Yeah, Elvis herself. This is a is a entertainer of some renown. And I've been reading about Elvis herself this for like 10 years.



Michelle 02:17

She was um, there was like some huge Elvis impersonator or you know parties like his birthday or you know, some sort of massive anniversary so she was gonna get up there she was going to also and then they pulled her at the last minute because oh no, it would sheep in the king's reputation or memory or something like that to have a woman do Elvis What about all those men



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are so bad?



Michelle 02:43

Anyway, so then something they talk about doing a whole Elvis drag show of like the three phases of Elvis and so one person comes out as young Elvis, you know, the hot cuteness, sneer and whatever. And then one person comes out as Elvis kind of in between and no one person comes out as old fat Elvis, who forgets all the lines. So they talk about the layers of parody here. And, and now here first, he's doing this and then he's doing this this whole. Elvis is doing a parody of himself, in a sense. And then toward the end, he can't even get a parody. Right. You know, and this is their parenting, this parenting that and that someone comes out it's Elvis Costello. Elvis. So anyway, it was just a fascinating book. And why do so a lot of interviews with,

you know, people who do drag drag kings? Why do they do this? What are they looking to get out of it? What does drag mean to them isn't necessarily a butch thing or a femme thing and issues of Butch Femme and transsexuality and gender. I mean, just for the fact that I mean, I say that there's not that much text. There's there's quite a bit of text in here. A lot of interviews with people. A lot of great pictures, though. I mean, just flipping through it, you can just see all these pictures, wonderful pictures. And yeah, yeah, mostly black and white. There are some color photos in the middle. I love this one. I love this like redneck guy. And he's like, checking out all this gay porn. So they do



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that in his



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car. These days, that could be construed as a sex toy.



Michelle 04:22

Yeah. So they just have and that the pictures themselves are wonderful, because not just a picture, you know, it's like, oh, let me take your photo, you know, they're very carefully constructed and, you know, kind of these layers of meaning and stuff. So this is, I mean, this is the first time I've ever seen anything like this. I've never seen anything else about drag kings. There's



Jimmy Carper 04:41

no I don't. You're right. The first time I saw or any saw drag king was in a movie, by Monica trout. Monica Truitt, the German filmmaker, and I was just flabbergasted because I did not realize At the beginning of the the entertainment that this was a woman really? Then she started taking off her clothes. And then it became very obvious. Yeah, it's like wow, oh,



Michelle 05:13

wow, great picture. Well, they also talked about Dragon various other countries and how in Paris volcano and hell were still went out with some some drag kings and they were basically I mean ripped to shreds and kicked out of the clubs, the lesbians, the Paris lesbians did not want to have anything to do with that. And they were just very, very to say they were very hostile, I think is an understatement. And then they went to Italy. And the everybody basically was doing some form of drag, but it would be kind of this weird. I mean, like, there's this great picture in here. This woman she's got her shirt down open to her navel. And so you can see her breasts. I mean, she's not flopping everywhere. Definitely. She's got breasts, and then she has this chest hair plastered across it. With blood on her chest. Yeah, exactly. Exactly. All this other woman and she's she's kind of Slim, androgynous look, but she definitely has breasts and these massive sideburns. So in Italy, they really put and these aren't drag kings. These are just

people who show up at the clubs, you know. So you know, it's so there's so in Italy, you guys just globally with it. Yeah. And then in Paris, you've got you know, oh my gosh, you're wearing the wrong kind of shirt. You look to Butch, we're going to, like kill you

 Gigi 06:26

right now having gender is such a multitude of things.

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And people's reaction to Yeah,

 Michelle 06:34

and they kind of talk about that. Yeah, they got pictures in here of two drag kings kissing each other, you know, so then you got the whole drag king gay thing going on. You know, I mean, there's some really cool stuff. And he I just app so I mean, I took this book home and read it wasn't the only one who is flipping through. stuff and, and just having a really good time with it. I just read it like in one sitting and I keep going back and flipping through and looking at pictures or reading certain things. And it just really good books, the drag king book. I just put us put this out, I don't know, something with a serpent biting a serpent's tail. That's interesting as the publisher out of London in New York. I got this at the Borders Bookstore, although you could probably get it at Crossroads to or Lobo or Lobo. I haven't been handed a logo in a while. I was at crossroads just the other day and I looked for it but didn't see it. You could probably go

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over it. Lobo Sally Woods has been really getting a lot of women's books and feminist stuff in lately. Yeah. Last

 Michelle 07:38

time I went there I was. They had a lot of good stuff in there.

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You have to be working on all the buy stuff.

 Michelle 07:47

Let them know. Yeah, I was I was looking for any new buy books. I didn't see any overt crossroads. But they've moved everything around to I went straight to the bisexual places like oh, it's not there anymore. A couple of shelves. But anyway, so I found it. Yeah, and there was

all the SM and leather and bisexuals. Yeah, it kind of worked out. Well. I didn't see the difference. So yeah. And then of course, you know, a while back we did the Vagina Monologues. Yes, yes. So now,



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somewhere that's coming to Houston. Oh, really? Wow.



Michelle 08:19

When I talked about the conference in October, someone said that I think it was like in November, December they were going to be performing it in Austin. But obviously we didn't get down to see it. And I



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I'm gonna have that whole that email again because three different things going on. That was one of them.



Michelle 08:39

I'd love to see it. I'd love to see it. So So anyway, we have the companion book, the penis book. What I think is funny too is both of the books kind of look similar. They both have these bright red covers and they both have a shall we say representation of the topic on the cover of C shell the penis book has this bright yellow banana



Jimmy Carper 09:04

bag banana. See the back cover here? Yeah. In the advertisement. They've got postcards of that guy with the book in front he's naked, and he's has the book in front of his genitals and then in a another one. Another postcard there's a hole where his genitals would be that you could put your finger through well before we get any further I want to mention that we are on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station this is after hours were radio with attitude and we are in our membership drive. We are we are we are and you know when I talked about Alex and Martha last time that they had pledged the money they were new members. And they not only like after hours, but they liked the BBC News our



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baby ABC News. Absolutely.



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And we've got two more to thank. We've got Bruce, who was a new member also adds great he is he is pledging because of by net.

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Michelle 10:14

Yes, that will work. So let me let me give the numbers out.

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Jimmy Carper 10:18

And one more Albert. Okay, well, who was a previous member? But he wanted me to he wants me to there's comments here. And he wants me to keep Peter. And of course I would. But I think he's talking about Peter who does the thing, fourth month, fourth Saturday of the month, and I certainly will keep Peter.

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We want to keep Peter.

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You bet. So elke.

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Michelle 10:45

Okay, it's membership fun drive again. And like Ray Hill said, it really touched me up gay and lesbian radio on this radio station since 1975. Yeah, since 1975. And that's why we asked for pledges of donation pledges for support and keeping it continuing.

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No kidding. And, you know, I was I had a note from somebody who lives in New York, that WBUR in New York does not have gay Pro, but you're programming.

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Michelle 11:22

And well, let me say one thing when I was out on the West Coast, I knew even in San Francisco, I never heard gay radio and you would think there would probably be 1000 there. Yeah. Francisco but there's not

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I got an email that there was a group getting together to start a gay show in in Berkeley, but

they don't have one but they don't have and Houston has

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to Houston has to. And

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that's that's pretty damn good.

Gigi 11:53

And soon, we're going to be putting the after hours show on web where do Yeah, that's right back that talked to Tim and he promised to send me the information so we can get it out. Okay, okay. Should be coming soon. So,

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you're gonna be able to hear by net segments on. Hopefully, I'll

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be after hours.

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Good, good. Put them all on. So, numbers 71352657385 to 6k. Hey, yeah, see? So I want to hear about some penis. Yeah, I'm ready. I'm

Michelle 12:31

shivering. The Vagina Monologues the penis book as well. I guess the Vagina Monologues had its lighthearted moments but the penis book it's just extremely campy. Oh, good. Yes. Very much. Expect Oh, yeah. Well, they talk. I mean, you just open it up. It's not a very, it's not a very big book. But of course, as we all know, size doesn't matter. You know, it's only in comparison to other books that it looks small.

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It only matters in your porno.

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Michelle 12:59

And speaking of which, yeah, the very first thing out there. They talk about average size and length and stuff like that. The

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world wants to know what's average. Everyone's gonna ask.

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Michelle 13:13

Oh, yeah, so I didn't have this. The average length of a flaccid penis is 3.7 inches. How about erect 5.1 inches with a diameter of 1.6 inches? Okay.

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Write that down, folks and get your arms out.

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Yeah, we should see this.

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Martha you know, let's check this out. You should see

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Gigi 13:34

this ruler they use it goes 1-245-710-1114 15

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Michelle 13:43

That's 15 inches there.

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Interpret in centimeters. The rest of the world uses metric. There you

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go. It's gonna be a length in centimeters.

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Michelle 13:55

They have a couple of really cheesy jokes in here too. penis enlargement surgery. All sorts of just silly.

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Yeah. Well, that and it's people pay 1000s of dollars to you know, to get a half an inch, but then they talk about

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vacuum pumps

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Michelle 14:14

and they talk about like all these all these things that I talked about how they usually go bad after a while basically and they say Okay, so first they have the penis enlargement surgery, and now you've got the people who are suing the penis enlargers for botching it up. So,

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I don't think that's because it's too big.

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No, no, my I've always thought, hey, if it works, just go with it.

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Michelle 14:39

Well, they talked about some procedures that when you get it done, then you have scar tissue which shrinks and actually you end up with a smaller one. And when you start it I said Well, what was the point in that? Yeah, that's kind of interesting.

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What was that balls of fire?

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Michelle 14:55

Oh, yeah, they have you know, all sorts of things about testicles and whatnot and that Oh, there you go. How'd you like this one tattooed all over including the penis? Oh, it's got a little snake head on look at the eyes and everything.

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I have seen a penis with a tattoo on it and that just Yeah.

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Michelle 15:15

Oh, and speaking of hurting, they have a whole section in here. You know couple pages on piercing you're saying?

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Yes, yes. Very popular in the gay community. Yes.

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My favorite one though is you ever see those little plastic hopping penises? Yeah, yes. And I don't know about you. Maybe it's just me. I'm weird but I always kind of wonder about the people who make these things on the factory line. I mean, what's going through their mind? Well, wonder no more they have an interview with a woman who makes the hopping penis I just have to read this little page and this is a woman Yeah, and they're all made in China and they have this picture of this woman and she looks like the Ceylon grandmother woman. And she's got all these little penises the whole hopping penises and a little back in front of her she's holding one

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Michelle 16:07

[inaudible] all day long make penis hot make penis hot. Sometime footfall offspring pop up and hit me in the eye. More quick make more happy penis boss says 300 I make today not enough make more may want a table next says her penis hot the biggest. You look like penis. I say she's angry later. She laughs I do the job. Go home make a drop soup for my husband. No, CSP is for three years. Now we know what goes through the minds of these women. Honestly.

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Not direct but someone has just walked in. Yes.

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Michelle 16:49

Somebody just came in the door. a drag queen.

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We're talking about drag queens and what do you do

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for entertainment? I

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say that yeah.

M 17:02

It was entertainment.

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It was about a couple hours ago. The street fest rally I think we had over 100 people there but Oh good.

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That's great because they're on

Rainbo de Clown 17:13

the street is kind of difficult doing it because you don't have to stay in the on the side. Yeah thing but it was about 10 o'clock was out there. Yelling screaming making noise and telling people like a nice Parker wave out. Mayor Brown wave out.

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Okay. And this is all the pro West fest rally. Okay, okay, we'll be talking about that later on in the new segment.

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Oh, you really? Yes. Yes.

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And may I say rainbow I've never seen your makeup applied better is that

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Rainbo de Clown 17:50

apply good yes very well. Have had it on since three o'clock before the festival rally I was going you know how we do this legally we go across this the sidewalk to the light go through the light back. Oh, yeah. Here's where things are Mary's two chances to Crossroads across. Yeah, that's my big sign getting people to come down to the rally at three o'clock this afternoon for two or three hours. There you go.

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Okay. If it works, it works. Work. Good. Okay, back to the penis book.

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Michelle 18:25

So we can never get enough of the penis book. Tell me it's like it's just a it's just a funny, campy, silly book. And I'm just reading this. I'm thinking the guy who wrote this has got to be gay. I don't know if he is or not. Just, you know, screams gay man. I mean, why do you think they have 150 copies over at crossroads for straight women, I think straight women would really enjoy. I think they would have an absolute trip with it. I just you know, I'm scared. bisexual women, too. Yeah. Yeah, somehow. I don't know. I just can't quite see straight men really getting into this though. It just doesn't take the penis quite seriously enough, ya know?

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And yeah, you know, maybe that's a problem with a lot of straight men. They take their penises too. Seriously?

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Michelle 19:12

Yeah. Oh, yeah. And this just does not so it's just an absolute trip. I mean, they talk about circumcision issues and you open it up right in the middle and you have a centerfold all sorts of penises. Wow. Yeah, even leather one. Whoo. They're all just kind of hanging out having a good time. So to speak. But so there you go. I mean, it's got some facts in it. So you can learn some things. You can call it educational, but it's just a lot of fun. For such a little book, there's a lot in it. You know, I guess you could say that about a lot of things. Yes. It was definitely a fun book Joseph Cohen at the penis book and I tell you cannot miss it bright red with a big ol yellow banana across the front of it.



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And who puts that one out?



Michelle 20:03

I don't know. Again, this isn't this is no one I've ever heard of. It's like Conan. K O N E M A N N



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Okay, I probably whatever. That's the publisher. Yeah.



Michelle 20:15

So I don't know where these books are coming from but it's a great way yeah it's a good you know like I say they had tons of them at Crossroads probably tons of them over at Lobo right there as soon as you walk in



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Oh, my kind of back



Michelle 20:33

oh, what's funny too is they had a display copy and all the other ones they were shrink wrapped so you couldn't flip through them well, they didn't have a display copy because what I thought that was funny the the all the rest of them were shrink wrapped.



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That was great. A stream prac payments big



Michelle 20:54

maybe it's some sort of metaphor, so they have something in there on condoms and how do they test condoms? That was really cool to have a picture of this condom full of water. It's kind of interesting. So there you go. Like I say we had the theme going to Peter spoken to drag kings.



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Great. Are we ready for some coming out?

 Gigi 21:14

Yeah, let's get into music and then we'll get that buddy in for coming out. Okay. Get a buddy out for coming.

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Oh, well. However they want to just you know we can do nude radio. We haven't done nude radio in a very long time. That's fine with me. at all

 Gigi 21:32

it's a little chilly. Can we warm things up

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a bit? Well, people in here then. Pretty soon.

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Tonight, and in

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the meantime, John Gilbert, leave it the big

 Gigi 21:46

pledge and knock do you need radio all night long? Okay, let's get some pledges in we got we need to do that number for nade radio five to six KPFT 5265738. And we will get it off for you.

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And do you want to add anything to that?

 Michelle 22:08

i Yeah, ads fundraiser time and for just 16 cents a day. That's a \$60 pledge \$5 a month you can become a KPFT member todav bv callin 71352657387135 G's takes KPFT. And of course 84%

Of Kpf T's budget comes from you the listener and that's why we come to you three times per year asking for your support 713526573871352 6k P F T

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and now here it's pulling

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Yeah, John Gilbert, leave it with pride now. That's an anthem. That where do you where do you say okay

M Michelle 23:00

must have in LA. I love that. Boy Me

J Jimmy Carper 23:03

too. Me too bad. That's, that's pretty new. Actually. That just came out the last part of last year. And it's a single as matter of fact. John Gilbert, leave it Lea v i t t and you can find out more about it by giving him an email at Jay G leave it le a VT t@aol.com.

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That's easy to remember. That

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should be pretty easy to remember. Yeah,

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the very first time I heard that. As soon as Wait, we played it on lesbian and gay boys. Yeah, Monday. Yeah. As soon as we finished planet I took it back to the production room and put it on a cassette and so I get how I don't blame

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you. It's cool. It took me a while to get it to so you'll be hearing it often. Okay, now we have got a crew in here like you won't believe there are folks in here tonight.

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Gigi 24:05

Not even quite half of by Nick came tonight. So we're coming out.

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If it gets too warm, y'all can just start removing clothing that will be okay. Yeah.

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Okay, good. Good.

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Gigi 24:24

We are. I wanted to do this because I knew that I know that. When I came out, I had kind of a rude shock coming out was kind of outed. I, my first boyfriend after I came of age, we sat and talked about doing the deed for months. And finally one day I was so hot and so horny. I said, look, we've got to quit talking about this and just do it or get off the subject and forget about it. So we did the deed and Next morning, we went downstairs, and he announced to his whole family that we had done the deed.

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No. And

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Gigi 25:09

I have just about died. And there you are. I was 17. I'm asked to turn 15 shades, Arad just kind of sank under the kitchen table. His mother didn't even flinch. She was kind of cooking the eggs, flipping stuff. Her father didn't even look up from the newspaper. He said, That's nice, son, I hope you had a good time.

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One of those things ever happened to me.

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Gigi 25:47

It was then in there, I realized that being who I am is a good thing. And I realize that's the worst anybody could get and coming out. You know, just kind of he didn't even prepare me for this. He just blurted it out right in the middle of breakfast. So there was, but I know that it's a very delicate issue. It can be a very hard issue, and especially and keeps coming

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Michelle 26:19

up to just come out once and then that's it. It's a it's an ongoing process, a constant process.

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Gigi 26:25

Yeah. And so I brought some people in to talk about it. Want to touch on some different issues? How do you tell a spouse or boyfriend girlfriend, then? How and when do you tell your kids? If you have them? We're going to kind of touch on the whole garment. And what applies for bisexuals also applies for gays and lesbians. I mean, it's all the same issue and transgender and transgender for the N. side. And those of us that are intersex. Yeah,

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yeah, it's all of us. It's the whole community.

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Gigi 27:06

So I wanted to kind of turn it over to pego.

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Hi. Hey, Paco. Good to see you again.

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Yeah. Nice to have you back. It's been what, forever?

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Michelle 27:19

A year and a half. Yes. my coming out story was a little convoluted. I thought my family was really accepting but they were so fucked up on everything else, that I just decided not to do anything else to deal. I'm not have anything else to deal with from the age of 13. When I first discovered the word bisexual, to the age of 27, when I suddenly realized, yeah, this is a long time in the closet. And on top of that, I'm not getting any dates for some reason. It kind of came to my head when a friend of mine have you ever found a real need some emotional support? Who is bisexual, needed somebody who was there with her. And so I told her first and then went through a year of just wild hormone changes. I just, you know, a whole year afterwards, I was all over the place, girls suddenly looked so much more beautiful. For some reason they were more accessible to but I have to say, never come out to your family by telling the gossip. I did that with my family. I told the two most gossipy people in my family that I was bisexual. And I asked them specifically to tell everyone else. So I went to all of my family

reunions, all of the family events all thinking that everybody knew, you know, and I just no longer hit anything. Of course. Let's say that I really was not the heaviest dater on Earth. I did not talk about my girlfriends because usually when I got around to a family event, there wasn't one on hand. So when I finally had a girlfriend rose here, my beautiful tea lover, too, and I said, Okay, I'm going to bring this wonderful person in my life to the next family event, which was my nephew's wedding. I was specifically just included. And I asked everybody, You knew, didn't you? I told I let everybody know, years ago and everybody said, No, you didn't. Nobody told us and I went back to those two favorite gossips of mine. He said no, we just thought that was just too private. not joking.



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I mean, and that is such such great gossip. So juicy, you know, you want to spread it all over. No joke. I couldn't keep my mouth shut.



Michelle 30:14

I was completely boggled. Especially since said gossip in the family immediately revealed 10 things about other family members that I'm sure they never wanted to hear elsewhere on air.



Gigi 30:26

I want to you touch just barely on a subject that's always been kind of something I hear about a lot. And I've experienced a little bit myself and that is coming out as bisexual being a little bit more difficult in some ways think coming out as gay or, or lesbian. Just because, you know, you don't know, you know, I've had I've come out as gay friends as bisexual. I've come out to straights as bisexual and they go, No, you're not you're just signifies she will make up your mind when they started. You can't be bad.



Michelle 31:06

Yes, I had a friend who was very, very conservative. I say that when I came out as bisexual, even though he was clearly homophobic. We had been having this discussion about gays in the military when I came out and said, you know, really can't say that thing about my community. I'm part of those people. You're running down. And he looked at me and he said, just blurted out. I wish you had said you were gay instead. He couldn't cope with the bisexual party said, it's you're so confused. I said, No, I'm not confused at all. You are.



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So weird. Yeah. You know, I would have thought all my life. I've been thinking that, you know, straight folks would be more accepting of bisexuals than then gay folks, at least in my era.



Michelle 31:50

 MICHELLE 31.07

I think what it is, is that homosexuality, lesbianism gays have been out there enough that now bisexuals and puppies need to be out there too. Yeah. Well, and I think, you know, they can understand homosexuality, because it's, you know, you're gay.

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On every talk show every week. It's on

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Michelle 32:23

Jerry Springer all the time. But the bisexual partner, they just don't understand it. And I think some people still think of bisexuality as being young, half gay, half straight. So they're like, well, you're with a woman, you know, aren't that I mean, you're lesbian or you're with a man and that means you're gay. You're not bisexual, and you don't quite get it. So there's some of that as well, I think. But then that kind of, you know, we've talked about this before in meetings and such. That in a sense, bisexuals have to come out to all sorts of people you know, and have to come out. Actually, a lot of bisexuals come out first is gay. And then they have another coming out, you know, gay or lesbian or whatever. They have another coming out as bisexual. No, wait, I'm a woman. I love women. And hey, guess what, I love men too. And so a lot of times in the community, you'll hear that, that there's almost like a two step coming out process. I don't know. Me, I came out straight. By There you go. I you know, never had a problem.

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Yeah, but you did talk about that, that there was a lot of questioning there for a while, because you did like, Guys, you had good friendships with guys and feelings. And then you had this attraction to women. And then you thought, well, I can't be a lesbian because I still liked this guy. So you know, there was this confusion.

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Michelle 33:42

There was confusion. And there was definitely a period of what's going on, you know, but a lot of people and you hear this in the community is that in the BI community is that they came out as you know, lesbian first and lived in the lesbian community and then fell in love with a man and said, Oh, I must be bisexual or something. So actually lived as a lesbian and identified as a listener identified as a gay man. Whereas I just identified as confused for a long time. And that came out as bi and I still get people say, Oh, you're just confused. No, trust me. I know it confused. Just like, that's not me anymore. But so that's why I say I just came out straight by just went that way. There was a period of time. Me and my lesbians couldn't quite make it work. So

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like throw out a question. Well

ME, THROW OUT A QUESTION, THEN,

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Michelle 34:30

I was just going to, you know, to continue that. I was just wondering if anybody else had had that experience? Because I mean, like I say, I just went boom, there I am. I'm by but how did you deal with that?

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Scott Scott.

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jump right in.

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Yeah. Well, I never came out as gay. When I came out. It was by 100%. I went through I guess I'll call it straight. dysphoria. The best word I can come up with because through high school through college, I thought I was straight. And I was denying the concept that guys were also attractive to me. And I started experimenting in college,

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you certainly would be attractive to a lot of guys. Oh, Jimmy,

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thank you so much. You always know the kind words,

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the truth. Yeah. Thank you. Well,

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if you're not so bad looking yourself mutual admiration society here with the flattery or with somebody who's got to be beautiful. But I started experimenting in college with male sexual experiences, and found that it was really interesting. My girlfriend at the time didn't like it too much. We kind of broke up. But that was from Yeah, that was a fidelity problem that well, she, she was homophobic too. And at the time, I was unfortunately. But I came out to myself several

years after that. And when I came out to myself, I knew I was by I absolutely knew it. And came out to my friends shortly thereafter, a couple of years later came out to my family. One of my family members disowned me. So I've disowned her. And I said, Hey, you can't fire me. I'm firing, you know. But she she's got other psychological issues as well. She really needs help. But coming out for me was No, I was always by. That's just how it was. And I've had people tell me, Oh, you're confused. And in fact, just tonight, I was talking to a friend of mine who's gay. And I told him about, oh, there's this girl I met. And he said, oh, so I guess you really are bi you really weren't kidding when you said that? And I said, Well, yeah. And yes, I still think Ricky Martin is cute. Okay.

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Gigi 37:14

touched on an issue and to get on and that drives me

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crazy. It's about No, it's about the buy phobia in the gay community. Yeah,

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Michelle 37:30

there you go. Yeah. Yeah. How do you deal with coming out to again, you know, if you've been in the community for a while, if you've been out as a lesbian, specially we hear this with lesbians. You know, oh, boy, you sleep with a man. I always flashback to that go fish issue, you know, the tribunal there, you know, and how do you deal with that?

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You know, there was some I think it was Star Trek Next Generation One episode where somebody was alluding to the fact that one of the crew members he thought was gay. And there was an alien race on board the ship visiting, and they overheard the conversation and one of them whispered to the other one. And then the other one said, Oh, that's right. On Earth. There are only two genders. I was like, wow. Wish I had

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that one on video? Yeah, no, kidding. I wish I had that on audio tape. Yeah.

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Gigi 38:27

Of course, there are really only two genders. But that opens a whole nother can of worms. Oh, yeah, that's



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Micelle 38:34

next month's discussion.



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We got to talk about coming on.



Gigi 38:41

We've got one person here that would like to talk a little bit about coming out to children. And when it's appropriate, and



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well, I'm not sure when it's appropriate. But the magical age with my children was 14 for some reason, they were ready. And I have a three year difference between my son and my daughter. And I came out to my daughter first when she was 14. At that time, my son was 11. So I didn't do anything with him. And of course, her reaction was okay, that's fine. You know, because we had I had just gone through a divorce. And in my ex wife had come out as gay. So and of course, the two of us had always been by and so she was kind of dealing with this with her mother and like, her mother had to live in love her and, and she said, Oh, just like Mom, no big deal. You know? And But, interestingly enough, about three years later, when I come out to my son, I decided 14 Good ah, you know, and I set him down for the talk and everything and he couldn't wait to get his news out first. Ah that he was by, and also a crossdresser that would burst my bubble. I was going to tell him I was buying transgendered. Mine was nothing compared to his



Jimmy Carper 40:14

amazing it's amazing to me and I think maybe because maybe you had such an open household, all your children's lives that they could be open, because most people don't realize their sexuality till later. And certainly their their cross dressing until later.



Gigi 40:38

Well, the thing I find so wonderful is I want a family like, yeah.



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Tell me, the two of you go shopping for dresses together.



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We have gone shopping together. Yes. And I really think especially, I know, I went through a lot of things at his age. I mean, I, I knew I was by at the age of seven. And I was really going through a lot of issues concerning trans gender ism at that time, and didn't really come to terms with that until I was like 12, or 13. But I knew that I was solidly by at seven. And it actually made more sense later on when the transgendered issued came up. It seemed to go hand in hand, it seemed just natural. That and and a lot of transgendered people are by a lot of them are, but not all of them, of course, Oh, no. But to me, it was a very difficult issue. I didn't come out to my family until about about five years ago. And my mother had a real problem with the BI thing. I told her, you know, well, I'm bi, you know, and everything and, and she said, Oh, you're a homosexual? No, Mom, I'm fine. She says, Oh, you're gay. I said, That's right, mom, I'm gay. Let her go with that for a little while. Till I could explain to her that there was a slight difference between the two. Yes, yes.



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It's a good thing because she would have been