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Speaker 5 00:01

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Speaker 4 00:16

Wow, it must be Saturday night at midnight because you're listening to After Hours, a continuing tradition on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. The crew of After Hours is ready to bring you news interviews and music here for gay and lesbian people. Just as Gloria Gaynor says in this song, it's time to open up your closets. We at After Hours urge everyone to come out of their closets. By our definition, that means standing up for yourself and taking responsibility for your own life. But if you feel that you can't come out right now because of your age, your job or whatever reason. That's okay, we're here for you too. So sit back, relax, and enjoy this week's edition of After Hours.

Speaker 2 01:09

Oh, we're on air. Girl is hot in here. It's hot in here because Brian Bradley is just screaming screaming screaming screaming.

Speaker 3 01:24

I'm not, I'm just a bit concerned about a few things.

Speaker 2 01:28

What are you concerned? This is Scott Lewis and Brian Bradley and you have tuned into After Hours. Continuing tradition on KPFT What are you concerned about, Brian?

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Speaker 3 01:36

Two months of tradition. Why am I upset about? I'm upset that you only have half of your Elvis Presley birthday outfit on. Come on Scott if you're we're gonna do an Elvis imitation you got to have some sequences and gaudy jewelry.

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Speaker 2 01:51

They're only part of Elvis I have is the fact that he put in his casket.

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Speaker 3 01:56

Well, that's what I meant married. Anyway, happy birthday, Elvis. I know he's out there somewhere, the Burger King in Sydney, Australia.

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Speaker 2 02:05

Well, you know, as a matter of fact, I thought I saw him answering the phones out front is I thought that was his new job.

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Speaker 3 02:12

Well, he is one of those more well known older people. He could be out there answering the phone.

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Speaker 2 02:20

I don't know the the receivers kind of heavy for him to pick up at this age.

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Speaker 3 02:25

He was only 58.

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Speaker 2 02:26

You are a little sensitive about being called older.

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Speaker 3 02:29

No, we'll talk about that later, when those children who seem to be hell bent and bound and

no, we'll talk about that later, when those children who seem to be hell bent and bound and talking about older people get up from their naps.

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Speaker 2 02:39

Ah. Well, it's gonna be an interesting show tonight, Brian, because you're, you're in rare form.

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Speaker 3 02:47

Well, okay, we'll see. I just got a few things that need to say get 1993 off to a start. I've been accused of having been quiet here lately and not as visible or vocal, and I just don't like that. It's not true.

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Speaker 2 02:59

We're going to end it all tonight. Tonight, we're gonna what are we doing tonight, we have a couple of guys here that are going to talk about life after their home, life after they had to leave, life after they had to leave home, and how they survived what they did to make it on their own. And sometimes that included the streets and, and some of the unsavory sides of, of the neighborhood we live in. And the community we're a part of,

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Speaker 3 03:32

I think tonight's program may be somewhat shaping up on its own that perhaps will lend some inspection to how much has changed in the last 25 years since Stonewall, which since we're now into 1993, and in some respects how very little some things are changed. That's called history for those people who never study it by the way or make it so

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Speaker 2 03:58

We are in for a it's going to be very bumpy ride here tonight at After Hours and then that and we're going to do that at 12:30, so you'll be interested to stay for that and then at 1:15

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Speaker 3 04:12

Wait, nurse, my Geritol IVs coming on, fix it.

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Speaker 2 04:16


Well, your nurse is older than you are. Over here Mr. Jimmy Carper, our producer.

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Speaker 3 04:22

 Speaker 3 04:29


And that's not a belt buckle. That's a bedpan. Oh, where are those? Are those damn I killed the damn thing?

 Speaker 2 04:31


I'm surprised you could muster up enough strength to lift a pistol at your age.

 Speaker 3 04:36


I've skinned more furry things than you ever have young man.

 Speaker 2 04:41


Speaking of that, before we before we finish up what we're doing tonight, you two have something in common.

 Speaker 3 04:48


You two, you sound like a Republican now. "They" Ross Perot, people.

 Speaker 2 04:53


Brian, Brian and Jim have got two of the most beautiful mink coats I've ever seen. I I saw Jim's-- I wanted him to wear his tonight but he knew he'd never get it back if he did. It is a leather bomber mink lined custom made. I let me tell you I caressed it throughout the Gay Lesbian Political Caucus meeting Wednesday night, which is something else we'll be talking about.

 Speaker 3 05:00

We'll wear them some night on the show.

 Speaker 4 05:16

Is that why Jim is still crying?

 Speaker 3 05:19

Jim, mink doesn't look good, wet. I met the tears that he was crying. Obviously.

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S Speaker 2 05:26
That's something else we'd be talking about tonight. Not me talking about that. That man not me. Not me caressing that coat but the GLPC meeting.

S Speaker 3 05:33
Okay, that'd be good. You bought one of those new Texas

S Speaker 2 05:38
public schools, you SOB What do you expect? I went to public schools,

S Speaker 3 05:43
Oh, I'm more than poor grammar.

S Speaker 2 05:45
went to public schools during the Reagan Bush era.

S Speaker 3 05:48
You're excused.

S Speaker 2 05:50
Thank you.

S Speaker 3 05:51
I remember I just picture on the wall.

S Speaker 2 05:53
Remember his picture? Hell he assigned it and gave it to you after that date

S Speaker 3 05:57
with the lace? My hairdo doesn't look like maybe he's married?

S Speaker 2 06:00
Oh, where'd you get the cats?

S Speaker 3 06:03
Oh, you don't need the cats. Anyway, tell these people--

S Speaker 2 06:06
At 1: 15 we're doing This Way Out and at 1:45 Brian and I'll be back for more of this.

S Speaker 3 06:12
And we're gonna have an introduction to a new spot on our program tonight. Scott doesn't realize this yet, I hope hopefully will be a continuing part of it's going to be the soap box. 1993 needs to be a new year for activism. And it's time to wake up guys and gals and get off your butts and be a part of the solution and quit continuing to be a part of the problem.

S Speaker 2 06:33
Well, I thought you were going to introduce the new AARP section of the program. Brian, I heard you were going to take over presidency from Ray Hill.

S Speaker 3 06:42
Well, the old grizzled one wouldn't let me have his spot.

S Speaker 2 06:47
We got to get off this thing that we've we've cut. Jimmy's QMZ time down to nothing. And I know he's got something I'm really excited about tonight. What do you play in first, Jimmy?

S Speaker 4 06:57
Ooh, we got what's hot. It's right off the press. And we've got it. And it's just for you. Hi, it's Jimmy with QMZ. Queer Music Zone where we play only gay, lesbian, or bisexual artists. And tonight, starting off QMZ. We've got Ru Paul. Yes, the RuPaul. You heard about her last week. And she was in town and she's got a new single. It's called Supermodel (You better work). So let's get to it. All right, that was fire by laboris. And before that, we had RuPaul with her new song. Supermodel, you better work, bitch. This has been Jimmy with QMZ. And now it's time for the rest of the show. If you can stand it.

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Speaker 2 08:03

Oh, of course they can stand it you're gone. Now of course they're going to enjoy it more. Oh, thank you. Oh, these calls are silenced? They're not good. They're not good. Oh, no, they're not good. You know, we're sitting here with three guys that I found somewhere. And what I want to do is I want to talk about, I want to talk to the youth that listen to the program because we do have a lot of youth that listen to the program about how your life was affected when you left home because of your sexual orientation or because of whatever reason, that you know, things came to blows. We have for example, we have one person that listens every week. He's 14 years old, and lives out in the boondocks and has horrible problems with his family hates it wants to leave wants out. And sometimes it's hard for me to know what to tell them and what advice to give him because it's been so long since I've been in that boat.

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Speaker 3 09:22

It's and you've made such a shambles of your own life.

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Speaker 2 09:25

Now and this is true. I'm here with you.

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Speaker 3 09:28

You have sunk to an all time low what this?

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Speaker 2 09:32

You said it. So anyway, who's sitting here with us is Raven, Leslie and Michael, who are going to talk to us a little bit about what what it's like. First thing I want to talk about, anyone can address this, is I want I want you each to address what it was, what came to blows that you left your house over?

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Speaker 5 09:54

Well, I started it was like for long time, I was going to school and I was actually doing the straight thing and everything. And my parents were really happy about all that. But when they found out that I was gay, by some letters, because a friend of mine had died from AIDS, and he found some love letters, and stuff like that, there was no question. It was like, I was no longer part of the family, and they just kicked me out. And that's. So that's how I came to me.

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Speaker 3 10:25

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And how old are you guys, Leslie?

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Speaker 5 10:27

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Speaker 3 10:28

And how long has it been since you were kicked out?

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Speaker 5 10:30

In September,

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Speaker 3 10:32

September. Okay. As I mentioned earlier, I think part of one of the focus is optimized program, and continuing programs throughout the year will be what correlation we can draw between, like 1968, and 25 years later, today, lots of things have changed. Too many stayed the same. Perhaps someone in your position 25 years ago, would not have been emboldened enough to have even written a love letter to a boyfriend, let alone you know, come on a radio program and speak. So things some things have changed. But still, the real hurts in life, the bad things parents do to their children because of their sexual orientation. It's, they're still there. And so apparently, that means that we're not working hard enough, we're not moving quick enough. Or each generation is producing its own set of bigots in the form of our parents. What's the single most important thing that you can say, to a person that's listening tonight, with respect to their relationship with their parents? Is it easier to be quiet and closeted, and get out of the house after you finish high school at least? Or is it more important to you to be who you are, and have to suffer the deprivations that you have by you know, coming in contact with the street.

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Speaker 5 11:57

Now., I mean, it was, I was always worried about being classified as gay or whatever. But I mean, I was always I mean, when I wasn't at home, I was always the gay person, I was always doing the gay thing. But I don't see that. I mean, in some cases, it's best not to tell your parents and play the little role that you play. Until whenever there are set-- because some parents understand, some parents don't, they just they don't have no understanding about the situation. And I've more parents were actually acceptable of their kids, and that's, lay high standards on them, it'd be a whole lot easier. Because once you hit the streets, all kinds of shit happens. I mean,

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Speaker 3 12:38

That's okay. You, you won't say it again.

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Speaker 5 12:41

I mean, you go, you go to me, you need to rely on other people for your needs. I mean, you do what you have to do, you hustle. And then when you get to hustle, you either get into a pack or you get kicked to the side and you don't survive. And you're. you're well, a statistic.

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Speaker 3 12:57

Twenty is not ancient, in my opinion. But it's also at the same time, not enough time for to have garnered a long list of experiences. But what is it that you do for yourself that improves and makes your life better? What responsibilities have you realized that are actually yours, as compared to your parents?

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Speaker 5 13:23

Like now, well, I'm in a program, it's called hippie. And what they do is they actually, I mean, they give us like, they don't they, don't judge us because we're gay or straight or anything else. What they do is they actually give us the support--

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Speaker 3 13:35

Scott's hips, I'm sorry.

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Speaker 5 13:38

That they just they give us the support, and the stability to actually get on with our lives and not worry about what people think. And actually, let us know that it's okay to be what you want to be without all the problems.

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Speaker 3 13:52

Is that your main problem? And do you find gay lesbian youth today? That's one of their most significant problems that they're dealing with the way their family and society treats them and they can't deal with getting an education getting in holding a job,

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Speaker 5 14:06

what they're doing is that I mean, they're so scared about everybody finding out about them, because they're afraid of the consequences that was gonna bring, I knew that if my parents ever found out that I mean, I got beat up by my father before I left. And I mean, it was

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Speaker 3 14:19

For being gay?

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Speaker 5 14:19

For being gay. And I mean, I've always been gay. I've always I mean, I've never I mean, it's not an issue with me. I knew what I was. I was just afraid to show it and be myself about it. Because I was always afraid that it would be much worse than it was I did drugs. I used to go to LA and stuff and hustle, so I didn't have to be at home and stuff like that.

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Speaker 6 14:41

And being gay. Homosexuality is not a it's not a disorder. It's it's, it's it's perfectly normal as the sky is blue. It's not some kind of, some kind of disease, or social learned behavior. I mean, I've been gay ever since my daddy's sperm hit my mama's egg. And that's the bottom line

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Speaker 3 14:58

And that's about as far back Actually, just about as graphic because I care to you. Also Raven.

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Speaker 5 15:05

But I feel that I mean, like with programs like hippie, they're, they're, they're, they're helping, I mean, because if I was at home and they would have never found out, I would have been able to go to college and stuff and it would have been okay. But now that I that I was taken away from me, I mean hippies offering that back to me again, so that I can actually go on with my life and actually make something of myself instead of being on the streets and being a hustler.

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Speaker 3 15:27

Glad to hear you say make something of yourself, because as someone who's older than you, and not wanting to preach or, or whatever, I think is really important that gay youth realize, regardless of how much abuse parents and society has heaped on them, we still as individuals have basic responsibilities to ourselves into society. And sometimes I'm just real fearful that there's not enough time for those things to be addressed. And it's good to know that you have the attitude that even though these problems are not necessarily of your own making, you realize they're your responsibility. And ultimately, you're the one that has to, you know, plot your own course and chart your own journey.

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Speaker 5 16:11

I'm the next generation. Yeah, if we, if we don't take it for what we believe in now, then it will never happen for anybody else. Because if everybody stays in their closets, or away from

never happen for anybody else. Because if everybody stays in their closets, or away from everybody, and not get more education, and better themselves, how it's gonna
want to survive, you want to eat, you want to place to stay for the night, you have to do this because you can't make food make \$25 for having safe sex and \$80 for having unsafe sex, you're going to do the \$80 trick so that you can have food and get something to eat.

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Speaker 3 20:14

Can we just stop right there only outside chance that there is someone listening out there that would even remotely consider paying someone more to have unsafe sex as compared to having sex in the 1993? Fashion? No, that that might be what we want to say to them is definitely what I'd like to say to them. But I will ask them that if they'd like to kill themselves, purchase a gun, put it to their head and do it. But where do you think you have the right to put this burden on someone? This is just absolutely reprehensible. I think it's all of our responsibility to do something about this, either in the form of making the community aware that purchases sex, the site, the sex industry, make them realize that we cannot allow this type of thing happen. I mean, I'll be the last person to advocate having lists of people and things of that nature. But for anyone to do that is just as morally reprehensible thing as I have ever heard. So guys, if you have anything to do with this shame on you.

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Speaker 5 21:29

I mean, what the worst part of it is, is there a 13-14 year old kid, 15 year olds out there? And I mean, that's what makes it even worse, because I mean, why should they have the problem of coming? You know, there's a lot of things right, I was on the streets, and everything. I don't know, I'm HIV positive. I don't know how I how I was or how I got it. I don't know if it's because I was using drugs when I was hustling, or if it's from sex with my boyfriend, or my John's because I didn't really know about safe sex. And I mean, the only way that I know about safe sex is that I mean, I learned a lot of ways safe sex, I thought was safe sex, but wasn't, you know,

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Speaker 3 22:08

where did you get most of your sex education? Be it you know, within your lifetime?

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Speaker 5 22:17

Well, in the beginning, it was from my other peers from the other hustler guys.

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Speaker 3 22:22

And now you know that a lot of things that they told you were not accurate.

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Speaker 5 22:26

Yeah, cuz I went through a program through status.

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Speaker 3 22:28

Did you have any place as a young gay male that you could turn to that counseled you? Like, could you go to your school counselor and say, I'm homosexual? Tell me about cybersex.

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Speaker 5 22:41

I went to a Catholic school, so.

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Speaker 3 22:42

Well, brings me to the joke of the week. Scott, how do you get a nun pregnant?

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Speaker 2 22:50

I probably couldn't.

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Speaker 3 22:51

You dress her up up like an altar boy. I hope everyone's been reading the newspapers here. Like there has been a great deal of warranted focus placed on pedophilia within the Catholic Church. And that's another great bastion of ignorance and conservatism, that we would be much better served here in this country and around the world, if it didn't exist. If the preachers and the past priest of this country can serve their congregation no better than sexually molesting its children than I really questioned their very existence. So that's another group I want to talk to tonight, you know, they need to get out from behind.

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Speaker 2 23:32

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Speaker 3 23:33

We're doing it right now. It may be happening now. Let's talk about the HIV issue. In you three guys opinion. What is it that the community that encompasses your age group knows about HIV? What is HIV?

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Speaker 5 23:51

HIV is a humor in in the efficiency, since it is a virus

HIV is a tumor in the efficiency, since it is a virus.

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Speaker 3 23:57

It's human immunodeficiency virus.

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Speaker 5 24:00

I mean, it's the virus that causes AIDS. And what it does is it breaks down the immune system. And I've only learned about this recently, everyone, I found that I was HIV positive in August. And that was another reason why I got kicked out of the house because they also found out about my status, which caused a lot of problems.

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Speaker 2 24:19

How if you didn't have education, how did you come to find out you're HIV positive.

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Speaker 5 24:22

When my friend died, he was also one of my sexual partners and it wasn't safe sex and that's how I found out. He only got tested. The thing is a lot more kids need to know

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Speaker 3 24:34

Are you doing, are you telling them because often time, people won't listen to their own peer group?

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Speaker 6 24:39

Yeah, go fuck kids out there. Go find go find out what what AIDS is what HIV is what safe sex is. What, what to do where to go get tested, go get tested.

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Speaker 3 24:50

Where do you tell them to go?

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Speaker 5 24:52

Montrose Waitrose clinic. There's a place on Wednesday. I don't know the address. But if you ask Lane Louis, he can tell you. On Wednesday we do outreach

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Speaker 2 24:59

Which, right where you have the free HIV test? We have one of those. You know, what do you say to Chris, who lives in Puerto heights? I don't know if you even know Porter Heights is almost in Conroe. It's like 45 miles, it's near the woodlands, well restarts, murderers come from. And he, he has no opportunity to get anywhere near here.

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Speaker 5 24:59

But status is another group, part of Hippie, which is going out. And they're doing outreach, because there are people in Conroe, that do outreach services, what he has to do is get in contact with the status or get in contact with Hippie and what they're doing is doing on site testing, which with people that are our age, that are like, I mean, 13 to 20. And they're going out and they're actually testing people on site.

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Speaker 3 25:49

Are y'all part of that?

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Speaker 5 25:50

I am.

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Speaker 3 25:51

When are you going to be?

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Speaker 5 25:54

Working on getting trained by NASA.

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Speaker 3 25:56

I see you pretty frequently you better be involved in something next time I see you.

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Speaker 2 26:01

How did they get in touch with hippie or with status?

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Speaker 5 26:03

Oh, what they could do is status and hippie are both the same org, they're both into the same

organization now, but they could do is call the office. That number is 942-9884.

S Speaker 2 26:11
And that number?

S Speaker 3 26:15
942-984?

S Speaker 7 26:20
And also 942-youth?

S Speaker 5 26:22
Yeah, youth.

S Speaker 3 26:23
Y-U-T-H. I'll never forgive you for that. Tracy. Another thing another thing that reminds me, I've written a paper yesterday. 60% of American families did not purchase a book last year, we look around and wonder why we're so stupid. That's why.

S Speaker 2 26:39
I bought day madness autobiography. Well, I bought and I bought Madonna's sex.

S Speaker 3 26:43
Yeah, I'm real proud of you.

S Speaker 5 26:46
I bought the vampirless dot.

S Speaker 3 26:48
You know, I unfortunate that there are no young women here tonight to share with us there. All three of the kids that were here raising their hand. It's unfortunate that there's not a female here tonight that can give us her perspective on things. And so in light of the fact that there

here tonight that can give us her perspective on things. And so in light of the fact that there isn't one here, I'd like to read from the PFLAG newsletter, a poem that was published in the current edition. And I think it's very poignant and real personal. And this is by Don Lockaladie and she's a student at Texas a&m University. And this goes out to the parents out there who just might be listening, or maybe to the younger people who don't know how to quite articulate these conflicting emotions that they're feeling in need to tell their parents. It's not Shakespeare, but it's a lot more moving. It begins "Since an age so young, I have always felt among the love that embraces me so. But now I fear what I don't know. You have known my mask for so long. Now I know that hiding is so wrong. And I want so badly to share me and the love I now see. But I live in silence, afraid of how you will feel when my cards are played. Because I have a straight flush, minus the king, and the perfect life, minus the rain. The very parents that comforted me so are now the source of the fear. I know that will you do when you find that your perfect daughter is nothing of the kind, maybe you will find that I haven't changed. My life is just a little rearranged. Maybe you will still love me no matter what, the word I fear most is but because I hope for the best and pray for the rest. And no matter how good or bad, I will always treasure the mask I had for you loved it so that girl you didn't even know." I think is just an incredibly sad commentary on the human condition that would be present, to bring a young girl to write words like that. They were extremely personal, and very eloquent. And I wish I could meet this young woman myself. This woman loved that artificial mask of hers. More than anything in the world, but yet she's had the courage to let it drop. Let the real her be shown. And hopefully her parents will realize just what a treasure they have and not put her on the street or abandon and disinherit her as so many are every day.

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Speaker 2 29:34

We're going to we have Lane Louis on hold. We're going to talk to him in just a minute. And lines a counselor who can address a lot of the concerns of young people because he's worked very closely with them. Before we go to Lane we're going to take a phone call. We have a question for you guys. You're on the air who's this?

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Speaker 7 29:54

Hello.

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Speaker 2 29:56

Hello, who's this. Can you hear me? He can't hear me. Well. Hi, can you hear me? Well, we're gonna try something else.

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Speaker 3 30:13

Either he's the slowest talker in the world or he can hear you go to another line.

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Speaker 2 30:17

Let's see if Lane can hear us. Lane, are you there? Are we having telephone problems? Hi

Elaine.

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Speaker 8 30:26

I can't hear you, Scott if you're talking to me.

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Speaker 2 30:28

You cannot. Okay, well, we're gonna figure out what's wrong with this phone and we're gonna continue. The caller wanted to know, um, the caller wanted to know if you could discuss-- if you could discuss safer sex and what you know now about safer sex.

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Speaker 3 30:53

We'll just start with your basic, define, define what your understanding of safer sex is.

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Speaker 5 30:59

Safer sex is, well, if lots of people don't understand that you cannot use an oil based lubricant out of 25, uh, 23, I'll say that you can use Vaseline or or baby oil with a condom, which will distort if you put baby oil and Vaseline in a condom and hang it up it would break through. Don't use it, use a water base-- a water soluble lubricant, use a latex condom not a natural lambskin because it will stop sperm but it will not have HIV virus and they have different sized condoms. Always use a latex condom lubricated. And don't use novelty condoms like glow in the dark or? Well you can use GET SOME it's good for oral sex oral sex but not vaginal. Don't use novelty condoms because they will break because they're not used for sex.

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Speaker 3 32:11

Sex is not that novel anymore.

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Speaker 5 32:14


Novelty. Exactly. And we want to use a latex condom and don't be afraid to use them.

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Speaker 3 32:19

Okay, that's all right and good. So let's it bears repeating. Condoms need to be printed on the label made in the US of A of 100% latex rubber, they need to contain nonoxonyl-9 which is a spermicide that is known to inhibit the growth or kill the actual HIV virus. It needs to be stamped with an expiration date. You do not carry condoms in your bill fo or your pockets there


are one time use only the air needs to be expressed out of the reservoir tip if it should have a reservoir tip and it should and also always use water based lubricants such as KY4 plate not vaseline or baby oil or lotion.

 Speaker 5 33:07


And it doesn't have a reservoir at the end. What you do is you pinch the end and pull it down. And it will it causes the same pocket because if you don't will happen as though when it fills up it'll break and be careful when you pull off a condom because you can also see--

 Speaker 3 33:25


okay, that's good. I think our two Thomas Edison's might have a hanacle problems worked out sow

 Speaker 2 33:36


Whatever, Lane, are you there?

 Speaker 7 33:38


Oh, yes, I can. Can you hear me?

 Speaker 2 33:40


Yes. This is Lane Lewis. Tell us a little bit about yourself.

 Speaker 7 33:45

I'm 25 years old.

 Speaker 3 33:52

Hi, Lane. This is Brian.

 Speaker 7 33:53

Hey Brian.