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Jimmy here, I've got a few things and who knows what else we have. But I'd like to start off by giving a shout out to Tony way up there and Midway and to Randy way down there and Beaumont and to Michael and to all of our other listeners scattered throughout the Lone Star State of Texas.



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I've got a couple of I've got a funny for you. You got a funny? Yes. It seems as though that the new director general of the BBC, did you say the nude new Oh, the new director general of the BBC in London is a man named Greg Dyke. He's a dike dike. Okay, and so the headlines have been going crazy over there. Here's here's one that says dike to oversee radical review of regional news. And outcry as, as deich made BBC cheap. The poor guy is there's a whole lot of fun going on over there. One of the things that I do in the Sunday paper, yeah, I go through the Sunday paper but in the in the not the Metropolitan session lifestyle section. I think it is where they have, you know, marriage announcements and, and anniversaries and all of that. For actually years, I've been looking at that and waiting to see you know, when is there going to be a same sex couple, you know, doing something in there, you know, an anniversary and natural or something? Well, it has happened. Oh, no. Yes. And in this Sunday's paper, the July 11. Chronicle. Vicki and Clyde's wedding announcement will be in that Sunday section. Clyde is a female. She is a lawyer here in town. And Vicki is her her new lover. They actually did the ceremony, I believe back in May. But they're having the announcements in the Chronicle. And we'd like everyone out there. Especially if you get to say it. Let the Chronicle know you support this because they're gonna probably get a couple of calls to the contrary. When it's



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visible me because I might name like Clyde. I mean, they will have a picture. Oh, there's a picture.



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Yes. Yes, there will be a picture. Oh, hi. I'm Connie cutting this out and putting it in my

scrapbook. This is her first this is a keeper. And congratulations, Nikki and



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Clyde. Okay. Well, I want to start off this week's edition of the news with some good news. Yeah, this past week, the Houston gay and lesbian Political Caucus voted unanimously to change their mission statement and to have it include the word transgendered hats and bisexual and bisexual. And to the mission statement as to, you know, the purpose of the caucuses, the Political Caucus is a non partisan, or I should say, multi party, multi party, multi partisan political organization is there's Republicans as Democrats as independents, there's what's up pros, Reform Party Reform Party, the Socialist is they're all there.



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Yeah. Well, the name is it's not changing the name. But the mission statement was very important, which tells anyone what that organization does, and for and it's right out there. And



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it was kind of funny, because when I was at that meeting, of course, I had to be there because I'm on the board. And rather, the vote was taken. It was like a moment or two of silence. And then that place just erupted when people realized his the historical significance of that vote.



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Incredible. And we were talking about that earlier.



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Oh, it was when I was getting I was getting the news together. Folks, I don't get a chance to listen to after hours, like I used to know well, because he's gotta be working.



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That's not just that the phones are kind of scurry around. Ah, we cancel a place drive.



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Anyways. Also during that meeting, yes. There was such a loud outcry of support. I mean, verbal, I mean, it was like you could almost hear the rafters being brought down of people hooping and hollering and clapping and stomping their feet. All in support of the transgender Oh, Jimmy's got his mouth full again. With that nice sweet stuff.



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And it's creamy too. You got some on your chin there.



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Sarah brought me a piece of cake.



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Now also during that meeting, Vanessa, Vanessa Edwards announced her candidacy for board position number six, we have a vacancy there. There you go. And that was her first nomination. And we'll see what happens with the next at the next meeting next month meeting which will be held at the lavet. In Yeah. It is getting kind of



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first first Wednesday of the month,



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first Wednesday of the month, I'd love it in. And you do not have to be a member of the caucus to sit in at one of those general meetings. Now, Chris has got something happening with the Gulf Coast Alliance,



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that close the A's archives, the Gulf Coast archives. There we go is having a first organizational meeting for the public on Saturday, July 17. At the Montrose library 3:30pm.



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That's an odd time, isn't it?



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Tea Time? Yeah,



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it's a Saturday next Saturday nights, longtime



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community activists and citizen provocateur Ray Hill is serving as temporary chairman for this gathering.



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Well, he may or he may not be there for that meeting, because he just recently had surgery.



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Oh, honey, he's up and around. Oh, yeah. Yeah, that's good. That's news to me. He was at his show last week.



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So I guess he will be the



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resolutions will be presented at the meeting for the forming of a more permanent entity. If you want to get onto their mailing list. Go to to get more information from this organization. Go to the same place you go forehand net stuff and it is WWW dot one list.com/subscribe/gc. A local list archives is a temporary working name and I will be taking suggestions for more permanent the head of the at the meeting Dr. James Sears head of Southern Studies for one IG la the international gay lesbian archives will speak and answer questions on what is being done in the south today to preserve there's the alphabet soup again GLBT. History clipped Where are we going with a giant T last week?



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Yes. Giant BLT? Yes. No, he's he's also an author. He's writing a trilogy of gay life in the South. He's written the first book which kind of focused on the east coast in the second book is gonna have Texas in it, including Ray Hill.



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Could there be a history book on it on Texas gays without Ray hill?



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There shouldn't be.



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So if you want to get more information and guess you could probably email directly Ray hill at Ray hill@ih.com. And that's



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how you can always do that. Oh, yeah. Call.



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I figured when I always kept hearing him thing, you can always figure out my phone number. So I was thinking what is it Ray Hill? 713 Ray Hill, but now it has couple 6095 to



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Okay, I see segue. Now we're gonna talk about the men's network.



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Okay, oh, how rude. I can't.



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Anyways, yes,



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that's the sheet so I don't get to figure out what to do as a segue.



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Okay, this coming Tuesday, at the counseling center, the men's network is going to be hosting healing homophobia. What is homophobia? And how do we heal from it? homophobe,

homophobia, or the discrimination against homosexuals is expressed in many forms in our society. The experience of societal homophobia can be very difficult. But what happens when that hatred becomes internalized? When does the healing begin? That will be the discussion of the various effects of that homophobia, homophobia, both societal and internalized may have had on gay and bisexual men. And how to heal from homophobia



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Do you think you read was reading



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anyways? It's going to be this coming Tuesday and it doesn't say what time okay. 9pm



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you know seven ish at the



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Montrose Counseling Center at 701. Richmond. If you'd like more information, go ahead and call them at area code 713-529-0037.



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Okay. The African American male National Council is strives to reach out to black men all over the nation. The African American male national national council is hosting a national conference in Charlotte, North Carolina.



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Are you reading that?



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Yes, the a n. NC is teaming up with the National Black Caucus to host transition into the new millennium, academic excellence for black males, all kinds of speakers all kinds of stuff going on. For further information contact James L King at 59. North Ohio Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. 43203 Dash 1950. There's a phone number here 22589092 or an 800 number of 2234244 email at visionary leaders at mine spring doc.com. got that out of the mailbox. It's a gay black male publication



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of a space between black male and you're saying gay black male. It's like, this is where they're calling me. You know, the extortion?



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New god, okay, black gay males sounds that are African American gay males.



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Here's what's happening at the Women's Network.



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How should she know?



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I always get into things that have to do with hate crime or the Women's Network. I don't know why because you were so womanly and watching the Women's Network. The Wednesday July 14 session we'll be breaking the silence battering and abuse in the lesbian relationships, battery and abuse and same sex relations is occurring at a rate equal to that found in heterosexual relationships. And joining them on the 14th they'll ask you to join you on the 14th for the viewing of a powerful documentary my girlfriend did it. Following the video Melissa Martin the sexual assault intimate partner violence specialists. Hate to see the abbreviation for that title for the Montrose Counseling Center will provide valuable information about both types of abuse dynamics and abuse. Reasons for silence weren't your sources of available for lesbians and ways to advocate and raise community awareness? That's at the Montrose Counseling Center. 701. Richmond, room 15. And that's Wednesday the 14th at 7pm. For more information call 713529 double 037 and Roy, you're looking for lesbians?



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Well, not me, but Deborah Bell is and well, she's looking for well, you don't you know, she's looking for a few good lesbians. But if you are a lesbian between the ages of 31 to 61 years of age, English, or Spanish speaking, and had not had a hysterectomy at the University of Texas School of Public Health, they would like to interview you for the endow project. Now Deborah Bell has been working on this for a very long time. He's very much involved in his project, and this is a real pet thing from her. This project studies women's beliefs about hysterectomies and hormone replacement therapy. It is very important that lesbians be included in the study on women's health. So please take time to do this. If you qualify. You can live anywhere in the state of Texas, but the interviews are conducted in person only. And there is a \$15 cash

compensation for taking part in the study. Now for an appointment call Kim Phillips at 71350009640. That's 713-500-9640 or Adriana Lanier's add seven at that same number 713-500-9604.



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Jimmy get ready with your Sunday voice. We're getting we're getting to this part of the show where you have to give your Sunday voice



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your Sunday, Sunday Sunday, July 11. At



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2pm. The PFLAG hatch youth Scholarship Foundation program will be holding a What?



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What are they holding?



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You know the hassling the scholarship recipient announcements at Christ cathedral



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CCCS that's I'm sorry, that is exciting.



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Christ Church Cathedral. 1115 Texas Avenue at San Jacinto PFLAG and hatch will announce the Aid Scholarship recipients for 1999. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend this event. Houston set a record raising over \$50,000 for youth scholarships this year. Wow. The regular PFLAG meeting will follow as usual. Please attend And, and that's one of the things we got from No, we didn't get it through him that you might have. It doesn't say him now you



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never know if it's not if I gave it to you it's from hand that okay, no, there's there's a fundraiser going on next Saturday that I want to talk about because I think this is very exciting and something new in our community. There's an event happening next Saturday night at Pacific

Street,



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Pacific. It's their leather and lace party. It's sponsored by the it was my executive and professional association of Houston had my news ideal get over it. What's exciting about this is that not only is it it's happening at Pacific street where they don't often have fundraisers, but it's it's the beneficiary is the sisters. Which I think is magnificent. It Sisters is a lesbian group who it's kind of, let's say, how do you how would I do



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I want to get assistance.



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Yes. For for disabled lesbians. For example, someone in a wheelchair who wants to keep living in her own home alone. Volunteers from the sisters will go in and help like wash windows that she can't reach or go take her to the grocery store or whatever that is to keep her independent. That's Women Helping Women lesbians helping lesbians and sisters and that's what the this this fundraiser next Saturday night at Pacific Street is all about.



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I'll give him this one to fill that in. I got some mounts I can throw in



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if I shut up I guess you'll stop fighting in their



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specific street stuff. So he's still in my BRB store. That's fine. I'll talk with international news on you know, the Burb that's later



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that's later we got other things going on here yet

that's later we got other things going on here you



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When will they shut up and get out of here?



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This was going to be sir, I'm sorry. I was gonna have a short news segment in height but the string out longer than I thought. Okay, we got the 2k or not 2k. That is the question. And bearing and friends is going to present this musical comedy and it's a benefit supporting the bearing support network. And people like Houston is going to be a black tie gala at the DoubleTree Hotel and posts on post oak and the celebrity and see that night is going to be Mr. Chuck George news to Houston meteorologist Look at her. And that's going to be on Saturday July 24. At 7pm There's going to be wine and champagne reception a seated dinner a silent auction and performance. Tickets are taught and \$50 each \$125 or \$75 hope it doesn't rain on him for and you call them God give them a call at 713-285-0007



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Where's this held



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at the Main Street Theater at the Chelsea Market?



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Oh, okay. That's that's kind of where that company shot used to be right? Yeah, okay. It's off of Montrose in the Chelsea Market right on the this funny looking phone booths are Yeah. The British looking nuts. Yes, it is. British.



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Also at the BRB.



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DS we're gonna have a PWA Christmas in July show. It's a benefit for the PWA folks, it's a benefit at the BRB Sunday July 18 at 8:30pm



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Zephyr lady victoria last is that you want me to give a little place there.

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That's not what okay what that is this is the Christmas in July is the successor to the lady victoria lust show that she started. And what they do is during the holidays, twice a year at Christmas and also in July, they give out checks. And this this year they're they're giving out \$50 to each of the individuals that are on the colt 45 list. They will be giving out \$5,500 In checks. Well they already have given out \$5,500 injection in the on the July poor thing. This is money PW A's can do anything they want to if they want to go out and get stoned they can do it if they want to buy a Christmas card or not Christmas card but you know birthday cards and get well cards and so forth for their friends they can do that. If they want to go to the movies they can you know that this is money that they that mad money that they can do anything they want to win, and it is a fabulous charity. What do you Steiner and Salina, St. John are promoting this thing. And please, if you can at all stop by the BRB. It'll be a wonderful show.

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Thank you. It's always good to have someone an expert on something whatever we're talking about.

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Okay, what's happening at the Encore theatre.

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See July 16 17th 23rd, and 24th the Encore theatre is proudly presenting Romeo and Juliet. Romeo by somebody named Billy Shakespeare. This is directed and adapted and choreographed by Harold J. Hain

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choreographed

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Donna Garrett is making her acting debut. And if I remember correctly, she's playing Romeo. This is Houston's own lesbian poet starring as a male tickets for \$12. I want you to join us. Hi.

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DR. DR. How you doing? You were talking about Donna Garrett. That's why I chimed in. I'm

MI. MI. HOW YOU DOING? YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT DOROTHY GARRETT. THAT'S WHY I CHIMMED IN. UM,



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she's playing Romeo. Correct? Yeah,



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I forget. I think male part. I think she I know I asked her if it was Romeo and which male part and I don't, I don't know. Karen is playing a male part. So this has got to be a really sensational Shakespeare. It's right there a name so she's



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gonna be a drag king. There you go.



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The the Encore theatre is located at 4816 Main Street. Yeah. For more information or reservations call 713-527-8277. What's Tigger up to



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the Texas gay Rodeo Association. They're going to be having a big shindig up there in Austin because they don't come to Houston anymore, right? No, they just they they go to all the different city big cities in Texas. Except Houston. Except Houston.



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We we've had our last rodeo. We've had. We've had the



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last round up, honey, we've had it. We've had. Katie didn't want the queers anymore.



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Well, if you want to go to the 16th annual



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rodeo, and this is why we're talking about it early because you have to make plans. It's at a town.

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It's going to be on November 11 through the 14th at an Austin at the Travis County exposition Center. For more information you can call the rodeo Hotline at area code 210-946-7787. Listen, folks, or you can visit them at their website@www.tgra.org.

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Sir, if you have never been to a gay rodeo, you need to treat yourself it is fun. I mean, there are serious events and the the clowning event like putting taking the I don't know putting underwear on the goat or something. I don't know what it is. So that's what I'm seeing

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in Mexico next. For me,

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they have some really funny funny camp events, as well as some very serious and and very competitive, regular events.

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And Austin puts out a very good one. Oh, okay. Since he's talking about

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all of these cowboys. Have you ever seen the way cowboys wear jeans?

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I love it so tight. I love New cowboys in those tight jeans.

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I live in Copperfield. My parents love it live in Cyprus, okay. There's a grocery store where they hire these kinds of cowboy boys. I do a lot of shopping there with my bag.



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I believe all boys should wear them tightly by private ones.



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The downside is there's big belt buckle. Sometimes they get too big. They hide everything.



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Boy, I've never seen one that big. We do have one



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final thing. It's coming to us from the Bill Curtis network.



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We have I got a little investigation here and it's good that I found it out for this weekend. Yeah. Bill Curtis from the arts and entertainment network is definitely on a cable 23 is definitely off pat robertson's mailing list. What happened? Well, he's doing another investigative report at the end of the month on the transgendered revolution, what it will be examining the transsexual community through profiles of people who have undergone the surgical transformation and the oppression they face. Check your local listings. It's scheduled for Thursday, July 29. At 8pm. Friday, July 30. Midnight Sara, did



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you know about this? Yes. Oh,



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and Saturday, July 31 at 2pm. The source for this information is off the internet at popcorn q.com And there's a section in there called queer on TV. And you go to that port and it tells you all the national television broadcasts of anything with a gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered theme. You'll find out what movies are playing on HBO, Showtime, Cinemax Sundance independent film channel. Every episode of Ellen, they're playing on the lifetime network. The storylines for Will and Grace. And you can, it's very good source, you can find stuff on movies and popcorn, popcorn q.com. And they have like, set a section on television. Wow. And that's part of the planet out network. Did you



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is actually quite a debate within the transgender community in some circles about whether participate when this was first being brought over a year and a half ago. Yeah, but I mean, anywhere a lot. There were a lot of people well, but at the time this was being done, it was done being done by an independent film company. They all are, right, and whether whether they should or should not do it,



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the one on homophobia and gay bashing was done by an independent fan



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in the in the end, they did find people who were willing to do it. And I'm kind of interested to see how this turns out.



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Yeah, yeah. It's not going to be a Jerry Springer. No, Bill



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Curtis has a pretty good reputation in they've dealt with the trains. They've dealt with the transgender community before it's we have something of a track record. And that helps because he has the reputation for being fair.



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I thought the one on gay bashing was very, very good, except for the very last sentence when he was talking about choice. Like it is like it is no, da. They can't get it. Yeah,



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the one thing I thought was interesting is all the parts in the video in the show, if you saw it, they were they were seeing reenactment and they were showing a gay bashing or the scenes of where they had pat robertson or Jerry Falwell talking. I believe, if I remember correctly, that is from the P flag video. Yesterday, the commercial they tried to broadcast a year and a half ago that Pat Robertson went around to all of these stations and strong arguments that look, if you show this video, we will sue you for copyright infringement because they don't have my permission to take segments out of my 700 Club show and put into this commercial



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honey. it's on the air and that's my tape recorder.

...now, I'm on the air and that's my tape recorder.



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And he likes it. Because I remember seeing parts of it is part of the news segment saying Pat Robertson is strong arming all these independent television stations. And a few stations I think, didn't cave in and actually showed it. Good for them. But once again, the traditional PSA two o'clock in the morning in between buying the steak knives and the



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Ginsu knives Yeah, new DT food dehydrator.



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But keep an eye out for that on the Bill Curtis network arts and entertainment there you go.



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Warner Cable 23 is added. And that's it for this week's edition of news and views. For Chris and Jimmy. I'm big Roy. Thanks for listening and tune in next week for another exciting crazy edition of after hours news and views and maybe I won't be pounding my papers on the desk. Boy Jimmy



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commercial free and listener sponsored Houston's 90.1 KPFT the sound of Texas of Pacifica network station KPFT Houston que yo s College Station



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and you're listening to after hours courier radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station. I can't let another show go by without without playing Charlie pitchei Oh, he is. Gosh, one of my favorite artists. Openly gay artists. He's the Castro cowboy and he's got a brand new album called here come to blues and it is available at Lobo I had an email this was he Q had an email. As soon as he comes back to Houston, he's going to be on the show.



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You should see that Mustang. Yeah. Charge for moustache, right.



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Oh. I had I had a guy email the station because he had heard Charlie's song last week, lived in plantersville wanted to know where he could get it. plantersville Yeah, hello. Well for that man in plantersville and everybody else hears that song again. Charlie Pacheco, explain it to my heart. You're listening to it on after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Day.



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Charlie pitchei To the Castro cowboy Boy, his albums nice. Isn't that nice music? The Blues explain it to my heart. There's quite a few others on there. I like to. That's romantic.



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Yeah, he's



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nice. He's a nice guy and and Goddess.



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He goes. Just coincidentally, he's not hard to look at. Hi there.



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He is a Texan. And he is a he is a Texan, just living in San Francisco.



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Okay. There's a change of environment if ever there was kidding. Well, we're about to go to an interview with Gwen Smith. Now this interview was originally scheduled we're going to air this the last show. And we got so involved with the discussion on one thing or another that we didn't get this completed. But Quinn Smith is the area coordinator for something called the gazebo. That gazebo is a chat room on AOL, specifically for transgenders. And within that there is a subsection for transgendered youth. And as often as we talk about the internet and various things on it, sometimes it's really hard to figure out what's back. What is urban legend? Yeah, what's true? What isn't? Especially in an area like that that's gender related or sex related? How do you separate fact from fiction. And so Gwen talks about that in this interview, because

that's an important issue, especially if you're 14 1516 years old, you want to be careful, not everything that you read is gospel, as they say. And so with that in mind, we're really glad we've had Glenn Smith here in studio by two years ago. But we didn't really get an opportunity to spend a lot of time with her. So I'm looking forward to this. And I hope you'll enjoy this is Gwen Smith from AOL. Well, as the audience already knows, listening this evening, this program has specifically aimed at the gay lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth. One area that exists today that did not exist when I was growing up as the internet, I would have given practically anything to have had a resource like the internet. But the internet is a mixed bag, so to speak, there is a lot of accurate information, a lot of half truth, and a lot of outright falsehood. And for a young person to try and discern which is, which is not all that easy. For that matter. It isn't always all that easy for me to discern what's true and what isn't. So this evening, I am very pleased to have with us Gwynns Smith. Gwen is the area coordinator for a group called the gazebo, and we'll explain what that is in just a little bit. And we're going to talk about the gazebo as well, in the internet in general is it is it to affect youth. And also we're going to spend a little time talking about the remembering our dead project, which Quinn is involved with. So with that, when Welcome to after hours. Well, thank you. I know realize that for hours is not new for you. You were with us. I think it was a couple of years ago, back in 97, I believe. Yeah, you got to see our exciting ultra modern studio experience. Yeah, well, we try. Let's let's tell the folks a little bit about first of all, I guess we should explain to them what a chat room is. Let's start with the basics here.



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Well, depends on how basic I really would want to start it. I mean, there's just the internet overall, which is, you know, connecting computers to each other allowing people to have discussions. One of the things is, you know, you have various message board type things where you can post messages to other individuals and get responses back from people. And then yes, chat rooms, which would be there's chat rooms on just on the internet, and also the one that we host on America Online, which is the gazebo, which what a chat room is in this case, you log on to your computer, you go to the chat room, and you're able to interface with any number of other trans people who happen to also be there and get real time discussion with other trans people. Which again, is something I didn't have when I was starting out.



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Know when I started I had to do it the old fashioned way. I had to go to the card catalogs. And they're probably an entire generation of people now who have no idea what a card catalog is. But we had to go in hope we're going to find a book and then hope it was actually going to tell us something.



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Oh yeah. I first first started looking for stuff when I was 15 towns that I lived in in East Los Angeles area, and there was nothing. It It actually took me about 10 years before I actually found something in Pasadena, California. And even then that book gave me some poor information. That still stalled me a couple more years.



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Well, I think what differentiates the gazebo from other chat rooms that I've heard of? Is that actually moderated by a transgendered person? Correct?



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Correct. We do have hosts in the evenings, specifically there to help moderate the discussion and provide information. Well,



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that's one of the things, Mike, that I'm always concerned about when I received these emails from some of the young people. They're looking for factual advice. And I'm not always sure that that I can say to them, well, you can get factual advice here or there. But I always feel confident recommending the gazebo, because I know that there's somebody there who's actually monitoring some of what's happening right. Now, what kind of if you're 1617 years old, and you're looking for more information, what kind of stuff would you find in the gazebo?



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Well, what, as well as just the regular chat discussions that go on in the evenings, we also have elsewhere in a room, adjoining the gazebo on Tuesday evenings, we have a specific chat specifically designed for trans youth. That runs at nine o'clock Eastern that we have a couple of hosts who have worked with a number of trans youth before and come in, and it's a youth peer group, with a number of other trans youth who also participate in that room. It's a really great, great experience really helps bring these kids out. We also have discussions on the message boards, specifically aimed for trans youth and other resource files that I've put together.



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You know, and I remember being 1415 years old, and trying to look for information in it's it's carried forward into my adult life, that I've been extremely concerned to try and be a role model for young people. Because I would have guilt given anything to find a role model when I was growing up. And I here's this this resource, like the gazebo, where trans youth can speak to one another? And what a wonderful resource that is.



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Yeah, imagine, imagine if when we grew up, there had been a drop in center at the high school or at the elementary school, even we have some some members that have even high school yet. And we're able to go and talk with other people about this issue. You know, and that's basically, I mean, what we're able to do with this chat room.



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Now without giving, you know, anything personal way, how, what kind of discussions do they have? Did you read any of what their issues are their concerns? Yes,



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one of the biggest things that seems to come up is well, how to deal with how to tell parents, or whether to tell parents whether to wait for a while, simply because they're living under their parents roof. And the big concern, of course, is that they're going to tell their parents and they're gonna be shown the door. Another one that comes up is how to handle it. With all the peer pressure in high school. You know, how do you face being trans in that environment?



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Yeah, I remember that. I remember that, that side of my life very well. And not all that. Finally, if there's any place in the world more vicious than high school, I don't think I've ever found,



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I think, there there used to be some prisons in Soviet Russia as



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well, it wasn't quite that bad. But I wouldn't go to my high school. It wasn't being executed. But But I do recall High School as being really a very vicious kind of plays. And, you know, be the peer pressure there is just enormous. I specifically remember a very good friend of mine, who had the poor judgment of showing up in the boys gym wearing panties one day. And I'm sorry to say that they just beat him within an inch of his life. And I understand why this person did it, but just wasn't the best of judgment. Now, with all with all the kinds of things that have been going on in high schools that we've read about lately, with Columbine, and in Georgia, they're much discussion. Do they fear violence in the schools?



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Yes, very much. So. There's also recently been a case in Massachusetts where a youth who actually I haven't even read if the individual was scared, not all I've heard is that he was a fan of the rock group queen, which Freddie Mercury fronted so much for that and so why, but for that, he got the word Almost scratching his back. Oh my Yeah, this was this was recent this was about a week ago. And it's stuff like that these kids really do fear it does happen.



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Oh my. Yeah, well, you know, you watch things like Matthew Shepard and you know, it starts to

really, we're really waking you up? Yes. Now, if they were going to dial in to the, to the gazebo, I know in most chat centers, it's really hard to tell who you're talking to, you know, people log on, and you don't know if they are who they present to be? How would a person or is there any way that somebody can go look into a place like the gazebo, and separate the fact from the fiction,



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it can be difficult, because there isn't really an easy way to determine who is at the other end of that line. Generally, what I recommend is, hang around, listen, listen to all the discussion going on in the room. And, you know, really kind of get the feel for if, if you're seeing that other people in the room are saying things very contrary to any particular individual, you start to kind of take what that one individual might be saying with perhaps a little grain of salt, you sort of feel things out a bit, not something you can really, rationally say, Well, this person's right. Feel around a bit.



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That's good advice, because you'll find that some people are very combative. Some people are no at all. Some people seem very logical and rational. And you're I think that's good advice, you start to watch. And after a while, you'll begin to see which people are rational about this and are consistent in the kind of advice that they're giving. But I think that's good advice. Don't just jump in and take everything at face value. Because in the internet, you can be anyone



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by transitioned online, about a year and a half or so before I did in the real world. You know, I was able to online?



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Well, there's, there's no, there's no real risk there. Right? Yeah, I understand that very well. Now, what are the I know that you used to have people who called in on Sunday nights? I think it was Yeah. And do you still do that?



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We do. Yes. We still do that every Sunday. We have a little discussion group, little relative term. In this case. Yeah. I usually gets around anywhere from 35 to 48 member discussion group at any given time. And generally speaking, a couple 100 people through during the two hours of it. That's called the Sunday gender chat. It's actually been running originally was started by Melanie and Phillips back in 1991. That took it over 1994. And we can really get into fairly heavy topics. We just did one last week that dealt with whether passing was necessary or whether it was important which brought a lot of really strong opinions obviously,



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depends on whether you plan to be employed if this is true. I mean, that's that's the bottom line. If you will