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SPEAKERS

Jimmy Carper, Gigi, Kirk Keevert, Speaker 1



Gigi 00:03

And it was the it was we were prepared. We're sitting yes oh gee that should be the end of it.



Jimmy Carper 00:08

Well girl it is because to the end you are listening to After Hours queer radio with attitude. And KPFT Houston and kKEOS College Station. I'm Jimmy Carper. Kirk Keevert is with me.



Kirk Keevert 00:21

Hi-.



Jimmy Carper 00:21

And music coming up: Thomas from the 1960s area has requested Sleeping Maggie by Ashley Mclsaac and that will be coming up later on in the show. I promise I'll play it. I also we can squeeze it in. I've got queer Christmas music you know a- you know me I love that queer Christmas music-.



Gigi 00:43

Big balls ringing-.



Jimmy Carper 00:47

Walking around in women's underwear. But now we're gonna turn it over to the bisexuals.

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Gigi 00:54

All right. Well, of course, we always have to do our little plug for BiNet Houston. Our phone number is 4674380 Once again, 4674380. Tonight, we've got a special guest returning to Houston. Michelle.

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Speaker 1 01:16

Hi, how are you guys doing?

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Gigi 01:18

And she's been up and she moved to San Francisco or the bi scene is hot and heavy. It's like, oh, Gigi is going into palpitations baby.

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Speaker 1 01:30

By seen and the whole Bay Area is just absolutely incredible.

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Gigi 01:35

How's it different from here? I mean, I know. But yeah, I'd like to hear some firsthand stories.

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Speaker 1 01:45

Well, I'd say it's very different in a lot of ways. First, first thing is that it's a lot bigger. I mean, you know, there's like hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of out and open bisexual people in the Bay Area, which is just like, I don't know, it's just absolutely incredible to me. But, um, when I first went there, there's about like, in Houston, we only have the one bisexual group, but in the Bay Area, there's about 10 or 12 of them. And there's like, you know, there's like buy women's groups, buy men's groups, Jewish bi groups, by people of color groups, young by groups, you know, just a wide range.

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Gigi 02:26

And the attitudes a lot different isn't it.

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Speaker 1 02:28

Yeah, it really is. I mean, it's like, ever there, it's like being bisexual, it's like, almost no big deal. It's really funny because like, when I go, if I ever go to any of that, by gatherings over there, it's like no one ever talks about being bi it's like, you know, it's just like, no big deal. And people

like no one ever talks about being bi it's like, you know, it's just like, no big deal. And people just kind of there to socialize or whatever. Whereas I found that here. When you're in the BI community here, it tends to be focused on being bisexual and talking about what it's like to be bisexual that you face-.

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Gigi 02:56

Kind of made the focus and she laughed, we become a little bit more socially oriented, then, you know, we've gotten away from the formal meetings and more just get together and have a good time. And, and, you know, we're kind of moving a little bit more towards that. Not making it such a big issue, but just get, you know, having a providing an environment where bisexuals can meet other bisexuals.

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Speaker 1 03:25

That's really wonderful. It's good to have an environment like that.

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Gigi 03:28

Because, you know, it's when you are still having meetings ever at MCCR are very formal meeting that we've moved quite away from that.

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Speaker 1 03:40

Yeah, they're definitely over there. They're also meetings like that as well. Like, because there's a lot of people who are struggling with coming out like that, and are there just as much as there are here.

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Gigi 03:50

Then we, you know, we've got room for that for those who want to discuss coming out issues or are having problems but basically, you know, we're we're moving more to having fun, you know, it's like, another California scene is really a lot more open and, you know, it's it's like so different than here. Everybody's really here the attitude I see with within the bisexual realm is that it's it's a little bit still very closeted almost even though we're a lot of us are out, you know, it's still something that's then have the quite the feel that the bisexual community in other places has.

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Speaker 1 04:50

Yeah, that's the thing. Um, well I do that. I would say something that's different, very different. There's something actually kind of miss about the community here a little bit is that here or there's such a tight community. And there's such a being bi or being gay is like a bond for people, like people. Like the gay community here, it's like, you know, that they faced the

oppression of like the outside the outside area, which is so conservative, and it's just such a bond for people. And you know, if you know, somebody else is gay, and that's something like, you know, you feel like a closer bond to them. Whereas, whereas in the Bay Area, and in San Francisco, it's like, there's so many gay people in so many bi people that it's, it's like, not a big deal. It's not something that bonds people together. I mean, it's like, you know, somebody could be guys make me straight. So it can be bi and it's, it's it. Yeah, it's no big deal at all. It's like, you know-.

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Gigi 05:45

I think the other difference is that, you know, I know, from visiting San Francisco a few times, there, people live the lifestyle, they don't have to make a big issue out of it. They can be who they are, and not openly out on the street, you know, whereas here, we still have a lot of bashings and have have a lot of problems with being that open on the street.

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Speaker 1 06:14

It's not to say that there aren't bashings things in San Francisco, because there's are [INAUDIBLE].

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Gigi 06:19

Yeah.

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Speaker 1 06:20

Don't want.

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Gigi 06:21

I don't want to mislead in that sense. But it's, it's certainly a lot more publicly accepted than here.

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Speaker 1 06:31

Yeah, but if I'm interesting really is that like, here, here, I would be in the gay community, I spent all of my time in the gay community in the bi community, all of my friends were gay and bi. Whereas ever there, it's like, there isn't nearly the sense of segregation between gay and straight. I mean, over there as like, you know, you go to a party, and there'll be a bunch of straight people and a bunch of gay people and a bunch of bi people, and it just won't be, you know, just won't be a big deal. It'll be like, they just all everyone has their own preference, and it's not a problem as much.

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Gigi 07:04

And, you know, I hope that we can have a, you know, more united, queer community here. And I think that's what, you know, you see a lot of diversity in California, and then base accepting of it. Yeah, for the most part. I mean, there's some-.

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Speaker 1 07:22

I wouldn't, I wouldn't, I feel like it's a mistake to say, California, because-. I mean, well, the Bay Area in California.

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Gigi 07:31

But speaking primarily as the San Francisco area, where we're, you know, you can see all kinds of different people from all different walks of life and into all different kinds of things. And it's like, it's, it's much more so at a social level, it's much more accepted. You know, and, and, you know, you're not public display if you're a little bit different.

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Speaker 1 08:03

Yeah, I mean, it's definitely it's definitely true. I mean, I mean, like, in Berkeley, where I live, if like, somebody just like, you know, that Gigi here typically dresses known, even take a second glance. So you could just be like, yeah, there's just someone walking down the street or whatever. But I mean, that's the one The one drawback I find is that it's it's hard to be activist in San Francisco in the Bay Area. I mean, over there, it's like, so easy to get so complacent because you don't you don't feel the same homophobia day to day so you don't feel like I mean, there's definitely still lots of things to be activist against, but you can ignore it. And you can just kind of insulate yourself from this the horror that's on the outside. And whereas here, it's much easier to be an activist, I think because you're faced with, you know, the homophobia, like every day of your life.

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Gigi 08:52

But the part I envy the most is some of the stories you've been telling me about your escapades in Berkeley.

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Speaker 1 09:04

Yeah, it's definitely it's definitely there's definitely some some wild times they're not like there aren't here either.

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Gigi 09:14

I remember you called one day and told me about when you went to see Rocky Horror Picture

Show and wound up across three guys laps or something.

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Speaker 1 09:22

Well, yeah, I-.

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Gigi 09:25

You was having a good time.

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Speaker 1 09:28

Two guys one woman.

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Gigi 09:29

Oh, oh, excuse me-. But But I think that's one of the things I like about the California spirit is that, you know, you can go to a party and then have just a good time being who you are, and expressing yourself not only socially, but sexually as well.

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Speaker 1 09:53

Absolutely. I'm just I'm just wondering like, what-.

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Gigi 09:56

Sounds like my kind of place being able to run around naked at parties all the time.

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Speaker 1 10:03


What would you say has to happen here to make to a gender more of that kind of environment? I mean, because it's, it's one of the frustrations I had when I lived here was it, it was very difficult to find an environment like that.

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Gigi 10:15

I think the first step is building a larger community, and others a lot of bisexuals in Houston. I know they're-. You know, you just don't see him solidified as a community. It's like, little islands of people, individuals. And I think it's just a matter of time when, when more and more pull together. I think that, you know, California didn't while the Bay Area, bisexual groups didn't happen overnight. You know, it took time and, and people saying, well, you know, we need to


get some people together and start becoming a part of a community to real, you know, realize certain freedoms. And we need to help educate the greater community on what, who and what we are.

 Speaker 1 11:12

Absolutely. I mean, I definitely. So like basically all the bisexuals that are out there listening to the show, make sure next week go to BiNet.

 Gigi 11:19


Yeah.

 Speaker 1 11:20

Yeah.

 Gigi 11:21

We meet every Wednesday night 7:30 And just give a call to BiNet Houston. The number again, is, let me pull it up here. Oops. 4674380 Another thing I wanted to kind of touch on real quickly, I saw the triangle where they had victory in Hawaii, with the on the same sex marriage laws.

 Speaker 1 11:56

Sounds really wonderful.

 Gigi 11:58

It's like, but what I want to see is when they have multiple parties-.

 Jimmy Carper 12:03

Yes, yes.

 Gigi 12:04

Yeah. You know, I want to I want to husband and a wife and the-.

 Jimmy Carper 12:10

That's like the big news of the week. And I'm surprised we haven't talked about it earlier.

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Gigi 12:14

Yeah.

J

Jimmy Carper 12:16

It's been course is going to be going through the courts in Hawaii.

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Gigi 12:19

Oh, yeah.

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Kirk Keevert 12:20

But it's a big victory for them.

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Gigi 12:22

Yeah, it'll end up in the Supreme Court.

J

Jimmy Carper 12:24

-A huge victory, especially and I I'm really thrilled about it since I will be leaving for Hawaii. January the sixth. Oh, hey, getting married to-.

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Gigi 12:38

Any little Hawaiian boy who chooses to-.

J

Jimmy Carper 12:40

Stanley and I go there for my birthday every year. He he probably will not marry me. He's still paying alimony on his wife that he divorced in the 50s. So he doesn't, he doesn't want to get into that situation again.

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Gigi 12:54

Yeah, I can understand.

J Jimmy Carper 12:58
That it's wonderful. And I can't wait to get over there and get all the news directly.

G Gigi 13:04
Oh, yeah.

J Jimmy Carper 13:05
From back there.

G Gigi 13:07
I still want to see where you can have three and four way marriages? I think that would be so cool.

J Jimmy Carper 13:15
She's rushing it. Let's get this legal lottery.

G Gigi 13:20
Well, actually, what what you do is you promote like this, and they go oh, the gay things not so bad. We just don't want y'all doing ah, you know, we do tactics girlfriend.

J Jimmy Carper 13:35
I don't know what I was gonna say. Well, Michelle did

S Speaker 1 13:40
I was just saying I met somebody at a party like Thanksgiving who had a group marry. I mean, it wasn't a legalized gay marriage. It was like two male female couples. And, you know, they had a, they had some children, and they were just really making it work. And it just sounds like such a wonderful thing. I mean, there's she was talking about how wonderful it was that, you know, the kid would always have parents that were at least one parent who was like, you know, not stressed at any given time. So like, if somebody wanted to take a break, you know, needed some time away from the family. It was okay. Because there's, there's, you know, for people raising the kids, which is-.



Gigi 14:12

Isn't that a concept.



Jimmy Carper 14:15

It's a concept and it's very American, Indian Native American concept. Well, it's very matriarchal. It's, it's-.



Gigi 14:28

Years ago, it's been a while since I've been involved in but years ago, I was involved in a three way relationship. And it was one of the most powerful relationships I've ever had. In the sense of there's Is there someone there for you. That wasn't you know, you know, how relationships go you have your ups and downs.



Jimmy Carper 14:55

Sure.



Gigi 14:56

Well, what's what was really cool about this relationship was said someone was always there's more of a balance because someone was always up. Even the someone else was down.



Jimmy Carper 15:08

I'm sure it taught you some patience too.



Gigi 15:10

Yeah. Oh, yeah.



Jimmy Carper 15:12

You have to be aware of a lot of different feelings, not just yours or somebody else's. But the, you know, in a lot of a lot of two way relationships. People don't learn to think about anybody's feelings but their own. But when you get involved in more than one person, you really have to start thinking about other people's-.



G Gigi 15:35

And well that's the thing I was about to say is that the the intensity of the love and the people, just all three of us working on the relationship together, and touching topics we would have never dreamed of. If it had been a mono relationship. It was really pretty awesome. You know, and, but the best part was bed. I mean, just having that male and female energy all at once. Kinda like that.

S Speaker 1 16:14

Gigi-.

G Gigi 16:18

About um-.

K Kirk Keevert 16:18

You are given the phone number earlier. Have you guys got a website? Or an internet address?

S Speaker 1 16:25

Actually, we do. I just asked this recently put up the webpage for finding Houston again.

K Kirk Keevert 16:32

Oh, really?

G Gigi 16:33

Yeah, she does it from California.

S Speaker 1 16:37

It's up in California. But But did it since the internet such a worldwide thing it's no big deal.

K Kirk Keevert 16:43

Right.


S Speaker 1 16:44

 Speaker 1 16:44

Anyway, the address is www.jps.net/michelle/houbinet, h-o-u-b-i-n-e=t dot HTML. So if anyone likes to check it out. Go ahead.

 Gigi 17:02

And you've got it connected to some other sites, don't you through battens like the Los Angeles group and-.

 Speaker 1 17:10

On there we have we have we have a directory of some of the other BiNet sites throughout the country. So you know GloZell America to some of the other groups like there's one in LA and one in-.

 Gigi 17:21

You don't even need to address this after that. You just go in and you click on a button and that takes you right over to it. So you can go visit a LA and LA and Pittsburgh Philadelphia by resource guide. USA you know, just hit everybody. That's my [INAUDIBLE].

 Jimmy Carper 17:45

How about my favorite scene? The black sheets? Are you familiar with this.

 Speaker 1 17:49

Oh, yes, I read that scene. Only one of those but it was it really-.

 Jimmy Carper 17:53

Oh, I love it. I love it. I love it. Yeah-.

 Gigi 17:55

I need to get a subscription to that. That's what I want for Christmas.

 Jimmy Carper 17:59

I have black sheets.



Gigi 18:03

Well, that's what our GiGgiwants for Christmas. It's a subscription for black sheets.



Speaker 1 18:09

A new issue of them anything that moves the.



Jimmy Carper 18:11

Yes, that's great.



Speaker 1 18:12

Magazine of the Bay Area bisexual network is coming out this week.



Jimmy Carper 18:18

Ah-.



Speaker 1 18:19

So.



Jimmy Carper 18:19

You know, I've seen issues of that in like Hollywood food market here. Yeah, you know, it's just it's wonderful. It's everywhere. It's great.



Gigi 18:27

The bisexuals-well, San Francisco I think has one of the strongest bisexual communities in the whole country.



Jimmy Carper 18:35

I can understand that.



Speaker 1 18:38

There's a bisexual dance club that just opened up out there actually no kidding Yeah, it's only

there's a bisexual dance club that just opened up but there actually no kidding Yeah, it's only once a month but I mean last time I was there there was about 90-90 people there

 Jimmy Carper 18:46

Wow and wow we can't we can't even begin to get that kind of a crowd here.

 Gigi 18:53

Oh, I'd love to see that kind of crowd Yeah. And I have several BiNer Houston's something is going on. Then Gigi could open up and up her dungeon to everybody.

 Jimmy Carper 19:10

Like it isn't now.

 Gigi 19:12

Well, we'll have more everybody's to-.

 Jimmy Carper 19:17

Let's go to a piece of music you're listening to After Hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. You've got by net on tonight with Gigi and Michelle. And I'm Jimmy Carper and Kirk Keevert here also-

 Kirk Keevert 19:32

Hi.

 Jimmy Carper 19:33

-will be filling in with with queer stuff. Yeah. But we've had a couple of requests for music and we want to fill as many as we can and maybe I can get some queer Christmas music and before the before three.

 Gigi 19:49

Let's let's start one on right now.

 Jimmy Carper 19:52



Jimmy Carper 19:52

Okay, right after this one. Okay. Thomas in the 1960s area has requested Sleeping Maggie by Ashley Mclsaac, who is an openly like the top Fiddler in Canada. He is a big big star and openly gay. Openly gay. Oh, he wears these kilts. It just drives me crazy you know men and kill what's on underneath everything-.



Gigi 20:20

Can jingle their bells-.



Jimmy Carper 20:24

Ashley Mclsaac, Sleeping Maggie-.