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 Chris Harrison 00:07

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 Jimmy Carper 00:49

You have tuned into after hours queer radio with attitude or continuing tradition here on KPFT 90.1 FM. The crew of after hours is ready to bring the news interviews, discussions and music here to the gay lesbian, bisexual, transgender community and our allies. We are a diverse group here, but we all have one thing in common. We are out of the closet and urge everyone to come out of his or her closet as well. That means recognizing who you are standing up for yourself and your rights and being proud of who you are. We understand that this might not be possible due to age job, boyfriend of mine, but remember, we are here especially for you. So kick back and relax and get ready for this week's edition of after hours.

 Chris Harrison 02:18

Hello, Houston, Galveston and the world Happy Pride Day. 2005. It is Saturday, June 25. I'm Chris Harrison. I'll be your co executive producer for today.

 Jimmy Carper 02:29

And Jimmy Carper on the other one. It's not only Pride Day, it happens to be my anniversary. This one for what they're Stanley and I had been together for 27 years. Oh,



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hold on. Oh, yes. Smiley's back. Happy



J Jimmy Carper 02:47

Pride, everyone. And ironically, it is the 27th Pride Parade. Hmm, where do you know what do you know? Yep, we met in 1978. And neither of us could remember the exact date so we decided to use the Pride Day is our anniversary. Oh, how can I tell you? It's quite a gay day there. Yes, it is. Yes, it is. And he so he is conveniently out of town so he doesn't have to sit through another Pride Parade. I on the other hand, happen to love pride parades, and I have been in one. I have been in every pride parade since 1988. I believe it is, as do the parades, which is which means I have been in the parades longer than some of my listeners have been alive. Wow.



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He was and he was also the very first Grand Marshal of the nighttime parade.



J Jimmy Carper 03:41

Yes. Houston had the first and nighttime gay pride parade in the country. And yes, Deborah Bill and I were grand marshals for that year. That was excited. And last year it was the time they celebrated all the grand marshals that was two years ago. Oh, it was. That was the 25th anniversary and



C Chris Harrison 04:03

we've got a lovely parting gift for you. Oh, the



J Jimmy Carper 04:07

past grand Merce marshals were grand marshals that year, we had a huge lovely float. We certainly did with of course me right in the front of it back then the fool. And you will see me tomorrow night and the pride parade and entry number 103. That's the KPFT entry and I will be the sparkling numbers sitting on top of the roof of the KPFT art car just like he did last year. Yes. Just like I did last year. Hey, we



C Chris Harrison 04:41

do have one benefit I saw there. Yes. And if Tradition holds true with with the art car. You've got the shell group in front of you. There's a lot of people to help you push in that group.

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Jimmy Carper 04:54

I you know, yes. Last year the car died halfway through and I stayed on the road I stayed on the road other people pushed it through to the very end of the car. The car did good did do good at the Art race. Yes, that's what I've heard. And Allegra is with us. I

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want to say that I was watching the news tonight and counter Kane was reporting that as many as 200,000 or more people are expected to show up and or be in the parade itself. Wow. And

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Chris Harrison 05:24

yes, the good news is with the pride parade tomorrow, I heard the weather guys are talking about you know, June we've had a lack of rain guaranteed tomorrow. You're gonna see some rain, of course and back nine

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Jimmy Carper 05:37

years old rain on Pride Day always random pride parades. never it never has interfered with a parade. It never rained on the parade. Yeah, actually, it has one school sprinkling tail end of a parade, but it was it wasn't that much. It was drizzly and it didn't last long and the march what Congress did

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what I like on the first nighttime parade had been raining all day and just before the parade started, we had a beautiful Judy Garland rainbow

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Jimmy Carper 06:04

I do remember that. I do remember that. Yes, we did. Expect it before we go any further. I want to mention the music that we heard. Actually when Kristen mentioned it, you better do I wasn't in the room. You don't get down and you have the pad

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Chris Harrison 06:20

first of all, oops that means I pulled the wrong CD

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Jimmy Carper 06:23

Jade Esteban Estrada doing baileigh Marina the Spanish version? And after that

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Chris Harrison 06:32

Rachel sage Yes, with can't read your writing. What?

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Jimmy Carper 06:38

Leah? Well I'll ah it's not that difficult. Anyways, those are two of the people that you will see tomorrow or today or later today. At the pride fest,

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Chris Harrison 06:51

I'm going to scan this and send it out to people and let them see they can see the layup out of that looks like a j e e n n maybe an H

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Jimmy Carper 07:00

that's not ours. This is why we need the webcam. That's not how I make my jig. You can just put it on the webcam look at the top where it says June that's how I make my Chase.

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Chris Harrison 07:09

Yeah, we're so excited. I like the J you're using Jade. Anyway, we'll be coming up here in the second part of our show.

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Jimmy Carper 07:16

That's right hatches first and we have got an exclusive interview with Jade for the second segment. But I did want to touch on Pride fest because this is it hasn't happened in several years but we've got a pride fest with all queer entertainers. Headlining is Sophie B. Hawkins we've got pansy division. Jade Esteban Estrada, Rachel sage, Sarah Pinsker and the stalking horses also appearing girlfriends, which we will be playing later on. You've been we've been opening the show with girlfriends I think the last three weeks. Rich Latimer band Virginia slim and others. I'm told it starts at two o'clock at West timer and Yocum. That's right there. Where's that? That's it marriage? Naturally. Yeah, naturally. Okay. Now this year, they're doing a they got a covered dance floor. They said the first year they've done on dance. This is the first year in so many years they've done their pride fest that you know, since we've been having nighttime parades or have haven't really been a pride fest because the parade is at night. But they are having this this year. The day the parade. We don't know what so we don't have a history. We don't know how many people are going to be there. I've already got tickets I ordered them online at the at the pride office or pride site pride Houston dot O R G. And I was I ordered them the last day that I could get the cheap prices. And they didn't send them to me I have to pick them up because I was gonna hand them out to folks here. Oh, so now I don't know what I'm going to do with 10 tickets. So if you see a strange guy in the pink shirt, standing in the front with tickets in his hand, come up to me scalping tickets come up to me.

Yes. That I can sell them. I'm giving them away. Any way anyway, I'm very excited about that. I'm also very excited about being in the parade and every parade. But before we bring hat, John, we've got some things that are happening. And I really you know, the Pride Parade is the thing happening. So why don't we just go to Chris because you've got right in front of you. You've got the after parties going on Yeah, that I had licking his chops looking at the however he's looking at the Yeah, no,

 Chris Harrison 10:00

I'm trying to get my mindless things up. I do want

 Jimmy Carper 10:03

to mention that along with Jade Esteban Estrada, who played this evening at 1415 It was a ballet.

 Chris Harrison 10:15

I lay internasional Yes,

 Jimmy Carper 10:16

that's right. And our own Merlin went to it. We'll have a report from him later.

 Chris Harrison 10:25

All right, so let's get into it here. Okay. After the after the parade, the official post parade party starting Kim English, will be at Rich's Houston 2401 San Jacinto. That's from 9pm was during the

 Jimmy Carper 10:42

parade that that's the beginning of the Pelech. parade to for a so what's this post parade thing? I think that's real Takis. Opening the doors at the beginning of the parade when you're an official. Well,

 Chris Harrison 10:54

well, yeah, that gives us great people. That allows us free people to come in.

 Jimmy Carper 10:59

— They should be watching the parade. The Gay Pride parade is not for just gay people. There's all these families and you

 Chris Harrison 11:07

know, maybe they're going to be broadcast. Maybe they'll be showing it because this pride parade will be televised live nationally on cue TV. Yeah. Which I don't think we get here. No,

 Jimmy Carper 11:17

we don't.

 Chris Harrison 11:18

Okay, yeah. XM Satellite, radio DJ Mark D will be at the turntable and Kim English we're making her Houston debut. Performing all over number one billboard hits higher things every day treat me right love thing, unspeakable joy and

 Jimmy Carper 11:35

many more probably won't go on till about two. On Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, Sunday,

 Chris Harrison 11:42

June 26 3:30am. To 10am Oh boy, is spoiled boys. Official pride after our Oh,

 Jimmy Carper 11:51

that is going to be something those boys know how to put on a

 Chris Harrison 11:56

show and it's called honeymoon dance to the spending of DJ Mark McEwan from Atlanta and the performance of dance music icon delicious. Julius Jellison, Cialis je at the ultra chic Opus club lounge bar downtown. And that's Opus at 412 main. And stores open at 330. The after after hours brunch

 Jimmy Carper 12:24

will be on Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, Sunday

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Chris Harrison 12:27

5am at the Berry Hill Montrose Wow. 3407 Montrose at Hawthorne all the fun stuff you get at a brunch over there. Okay, that's already happened or is in progress right now. Club puppy the pride edition is going on over at riches. And that again, riches is 2401 San Jacinto. It's right. The stunning Latin boys.com/poopy dancers will be dancing to DJ Mike from LA and Alex T from Houston. A night in Oz T Dance the official closing party of fried on Sunday, Sunday Sunday Sunday at 5:30pm. Over at Rich's. It will be a night cleaning party for the Pride weekend with a nightclub party Wizard of Oz theme presented by the Houston Stonewall Democrats. Special guests included nice Parker su level. And food will be provided by several of our community shops. There'll be a contest for the best Wizard of Oz inspired costume and door prizes including gym memberships and gift certificates from sponsors. So there's that wraps up the events on there and pretty cool. The pride parade at 845.

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Jimmy Carper 13:52

That's when it starts very beginning runs from Westheimer and Woodhead Yeah, we've had all the way down to Whitney.

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Chris Harrison 14:02

And anywhere along there, you know, if you want to beat you get closer to Woodhead, if you want to be around less people, you get closer to Whitney. Yeah,

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Jimmy Carper 14:11

yeah. But the place to be, especially if you're in the parade, well, if you're in the parade, the best place to be is the middle of Westheimer. But it's coming around that corner to Mary's mind. You know, they sell tickets to be on the roof. We all wait for the day when everybody goes crashing through it. But hey, but

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Chris Harrison 14:35

I mean, you know, especially if you're in the parade, I mean, I remember the first year I was in it, and that's back before they put up the sesquicentennial chandelier. Yes. When it was the disco ball Yes. And you turn that corner at chances and you see the like I said the ball or this year, the years recently the chandelier and it's just something because that's where the crowd gets thicker that and you know, it's just I'm thinking about that area that just isn't it? Yeah. It's an amazing, it's

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Jimmy Carper 15:05

Killing it. And of course, if you're, if you're a veteran of Pride Parade, you know that when you come around that corner, and your entry stops in front of marries, you take a deep bow to the oldest bar in Texas. They will this gay bar in Texas,

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Chris Harrison 15:25

and it's one of these things. I mean, I still haven't decided yet whether I'm going to be in it or just watch it or stay out in suburbia tomorrow.

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Jimmy Carper 15:34

No, you'll you'll be here for some some of it. I'll admit you either watch it or you'll be in it.

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Chris Harrison 15:40

Because you know, after once I came to the first one. There was one year I didn't feel like I was coming down. And I was sitting at home. And I I actually started playing from the the one song we played from the queers folk, USA CD pride. And it's like, proud, dammit, I'm gay. I'm proud. I'm, I'm going ahead. They're

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Jimmy Carper 16:00

small. Yeah, it's

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Chris Harrison 16:01

like, that was that was the catalyst for me to There you go, get out and go for your help. I've been trying to get my brother to go tell me to get a lot of beads. But he said, I'll just go, he'll just go by himself.

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Jimmy Carper 16:11

I'll give him all he wants.

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Chris Harrison 16:15

I knew that.

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Jimmy Carper 16:19

There's some things going on at the Montrose diner. And I don't mention this, because I'm pushing the Montrose diner, but because they're having things, they're like girlfriends. This is a great local group that we've been playing. They're going to be at the festival at 215 on the Bud

Light stage, but there's going to have a show at midnight at the diner. Girlfriend's will be there in the diner at midnight,

 Chris Harrison 16:45

which is just right after the depending on how quickly the parade goes. Yeah, right after the

 Jimmy Carper 16:50

that might be just as the last entry passes by, to tell you the truth. And I just was talking to one of the after hours crew and she and a couple of friends have reserved tickets to watch the parade from the mantras diner. Ah, they're going to be out on the patio that's standing on their chairs if they want to say, but hey,

 Chris Harrison 17:18

I actually know the best place to go and get to I don't know if they charge extra for it. But but one of the best place where you can watch the parade from Easy is Katz's on the second floor. Oh, yeah. And I don't know if they charge extra that day. I don't know. The fun thing is if you're in the parade, you got to try and get some beads up to the people in the second floor. for dear life just to get upset. I've set a fire again

 Jimmy Carper 17:43

for Yeah, I know it. I know it. Wow. Man. So the only thing I wanted to say is in the court report, I see a weight sports ends at EJ is on Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, Sunday four to nine. And that's always fun because they not only is the tips raising money for ice or weights, which this year is supporting camp hope. And that is a summer camp for children affected with HIV and AIDS. It's a week for underprivileged children to forget that they're different. They don't have to worry about meds and stuff like that. There's a full staff to take care of them and they're with other kids so they don't feel like a freak. And it's such a great place up there. There's this tree house that even if you're in a wheelchair, they they can get you up in a tree house. It's cool. So that is i e Jays on Sunday from four to nine and usually they're grilling hamburgers and stuff. They're also and don't forget the jukebox show every Wednesday night at Mary's at 8pm. And this last this is the last Wednesday in June coming up and the beneficiary of the jukebox show is gkm Gulf Coast archives and museum. So try to make it over to Mary Mary's it's it's it's a different show every week. There's a little kind of a jukebox show and then there's entertainers there who actually know what they're singing. Yeah,

 Chris Harrison 19:35

I got one more thing with ICOs that I know we haven't talked about before. Yeah, but the raffle.

 Jimmy Carper 19:40

 JIMMY CARPER 19:40

Oh yeah, I have not mentioned that on the show yet. The



Chris Harrison 19:45

Ico space city Empire is selling raffle tickets for the Imperial summer soiree grand prize is to coach tickets on Continental Airlines to any continental destination in the lower 48 states, Alaska. Canada, the Caribbean, Mexico and South America. Not Hawaii, not Hawaii. Damn. Yes. If not, you'd have reasonable I'm for Stanley. Yeah, no. Travel must be completed by June 2006. Tickets are \$10 each, and only 1000 of them will be sold. That's right. That's right. The proceeds are going to the Colt 40 fives, AIDS Foundation Houston camp HOPE program and Alexei Balan Bo Belen Community Fund. The drawing will be held at the Imperial summer soiree party at the Magnolia borough ballroom. On Friday July 8, winner does not need to be present to win.



Jimmy Carper 20:39

Now also the IC o h imperial court if you still will have a table at the pride fest tomorrow. And you can stop there and buy the tickets there they will have them



Chris Harrison 20:50

get them there or send an email to Sean D. Carter. That's s e a n d C A R T E R at SBC global.net. And make put raffle in the subject line and give them your information and credit card information and they will get your tickets ready for you know



Jimmy Carper 21:12

the Empire of the Royal Sovereign and imperial court of the single star. Has every sunday sunday sunday 4pm until dark at keys West is the cookout only \$5 a plate and it's burgers links chips and a special menu once a month and that's benefiting the Montrose clinic women's program and the assistance fund insurance program. And also Drag Bingo every Tuesday at meet er It's getting right there to 130 So why don't we put on seating number one and bring in hatch because I know most of the people who tune in on the fourth Friday of the month want to hear hatch they want to hear a couple of old Queens



Chris Harrison 22:03

old your old Emily Emily middle age but fine



Jimmy Carper 22:10

well there goes another microphone.

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Chris Harrison 22:13

There we go and the computer when I went colorblind for me also performing at the Pride festival tomorrow will be Sophie B Hawkins offer a recent tour of one hit one Hit Me Baby One More Time on NBC wonders. That's what the show was about.

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Jimmy Carper 22:31

They had more than one hit.

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Chris Harrison 22:33

They bring back people who they feel their career is dead and give them a chance but Sophie was on this an NBC show you can catch either on NBC or they rerun it on Bravo. And it's called Hit Me Baby One More Time.

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Jimmy Carper 22:48

Oh brother.

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Chris Harrison 22:49

This is the show that brought Tiffany back out of retirement. So

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Jimmy Carper 22:53

then we got everybody right in to have that damn show canceled.

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Chris Harrison 22:57

And flock of seagulls.

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Jimmy Carper 22:59

Oh God, do they still have that awful hair?

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Chris Harrison 23:04

I think they're lucky they have hair. Yeah, that's about right. Sophie B Hawkins. Surfer Girl and coming up hatch Sophie B Hawkins with surfer girl and you get a chance to see Sophie B and all the rest of the performers at the Pride festival. Tomorrow afternoon. That's

J Jimmy Carper 23:35

right. Start your fingers. That's right. I'm the elder producer here. I can snap my fingers whenever I want to emphasise we're playing tonight is from our is from folks who are going to be at the pride fest tomorrow. As we've been doing most of this month, because it's good music from good people. And I'm just glad to see us having a pride fest with all queers in it. Yes, and you'll be Hi I'm just so over the straight divas. You know that. Go to a pride fest get \$5,000 And then they want all the quarterbacks to play for nothing. You're

C Chris Harrison 24:16

ruining the last 30 seconds of the one interview we're playing later on remember? Oh,

J Jimmy Carper 24:22

okay. Gotcha. Yes, that's right. In the second segment tonight we've got Jade Esteban Estrada.

C Chris Harrison 24:28

Yes, Mr. SMax will not be joining us this week. She is at a Masters retreat. Like she

J Jimmy Carper 24:33

needs to be taught something. She's probably holding classes.

C Chris Harrison 24:40

She wanted to get a mat. I want you to get a master's degree in mastering.

J Jimmy Carper 24:46

It's time for that.

C Chris Harrison 24:49

And you're on all right. This

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is the hatch segment



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We've got a really big show tonight. So we're gonna go around and introduce ourselves first.



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I'm Jeffrey I'm gonna be this is my last show one hatch tonight. really special night for me.



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All right. I'm Nicholas.



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I'm Jessica.



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I'm Eric. I'm calling.



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I'm Carlos.



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I'm Chris.



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I'm Megan.



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I'm Shawn.



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And I'm Brendan, the adult facilitator for Hatch or a Middleton school. So



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all right, right. I



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think that's all of us. To begin, I think Jeffrey got an award today, you want to talk a little bit about that award? Jeffrey? Yes.



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Just a little award a major Yes, it was actually it was pretty exciting. Lambda Legal, which is a gay rights organization, they brought a number of issues, I believe, to the Supreme Court. And one of their biggest ones was the Lawrence and Gardner decision. And that was like two years ago, in which the Supreme Court declared all the sodomy laws left in the country, they declared them unconstitutional. And it was a really, really big victory for gay rights, because we couldn't move any further. And a lot of states because of these sodomy laws. And so after the after this victory, they've decided to create an award for someone in the gay community that they feel has been courageous. And about a month ago, I'm getting this far I was at work. And I got this phone call. And it was Gary tech, Sarah. And he was calling me and saying, Jeffrey, I just got a phone call from Lambda Legal, and they're wanting to present you with an award in honor of the Lawrence and garner decision. And I was like, Whoa, I was like, Oh, my golly, you know that because that's a really big thing. And so this morning, I got there to receive my award. And I get there. And there's all these gay rights lawyers, and they're dressed up in their suits and ties and everything and just really big thing. And then I see mill white walk in, and Mayor, Bill White, and I'm like, oh, golly, I'm going to have to make a speech. And the mayor is here. And then I see a nice Parker walk in, and I'm like, oh, boy, here we go. So they started off, we have breakfast this morning. And Bill White makes a speech and it was really good. And him cracks this joke about the Defense of Marriage Act and how it doesn't really do anything to protect his marriage, his wife, and it was just really funny. And then they presented my award. And I got up made a speech, and I was all nervous and everything. And you know, and I started off by thinking a few people, I started thinking, Well, first I thank God because I'm a religious person. And then I think, my friend Tom, and I think PFLAG. And I think Deb Murphy, the hatch coordinator, and I think, the hatch program as a whole. And then I saluted Larry Kramer and Rosa Parks. And then I ended up ended off basically just saying that we need more people in the community to be courageous, and not stand by the wayside and not do anything for our community. And all in all, it was really good. So yeah, great experience. And God to hear a lot of speeches about how the same sex marriage initiatives here, and the state need to be defeated. And if they can't be defeated, they need to be close enough to where we can send a message to the state that we are here. And we're not backing down from the fight, and you just need to pick your battles somewhere else.



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All right well congratulations



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So yeah, sorry to spend all that time talking about it. But it was it was really, really, it was an exciting experience. I just, I was so thrilled when I got to meet the mayor. I've never met the mayor. And when I got to meet him, and then when I got to meet the guys that brought, you know, that were arrested in the Lawrence and Garner, you know, decision. When I got to meet him, I was like, Oh, my gosh, this is like, to me, it's like meeting Rosa Parks, you know, so, but anyway, alright,



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well, I guess we'll start off talking about a few of the topics that we're going to be discussing tonight.



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I think one of the topics we were going to discuss is this is Pride weekend, we got the gay pride parade, and we wanted to discuss, you know, our experiences with the gay pride parade and Guy Gay Pride just in general. So, yeah. All



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right. First of all, is it how many of you have actually been to a pride parade here? I see. Everybody's just looking at me. They can't see you on the radio. You see, you have to speak out. No, no. Okay, I



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think Colleen and I are calling and I think you we're the only ones that have gone to a pride parade.



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Okay, so you We actually have a lot of newbies in the room here. But I would like



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to mention that before today before we're doing this radio show, we sure worked real hard on making a pride parade float for tomorrow. So we're all going to have an experience tomorrow.



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Okay. That's all I have to say about



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making signs that say AIDS is not over. Back fight.



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Thank you. Anyone who shall remain nameless, but honestly, I think that the Hatchling has worked really hard this year. And I think we're going to have our best float ever. Yeah, honestly, we put a lot of effort into it. And all of y'all did such a great job. Well, I



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would like to say one thing about the hatch program before we go any further that I think this year has been the best year for the prom. And this is going to be the best float. We had record turnout ever for the prom this year, which was really good. They started they said, we started having record turnout, I think after 170 And then even went up like 40 people after that. And



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for anyone who doesn't know, prom, or the alternative prom is one of patches, big events every year, it's our biggest fundraiser. And the principle behind promise that you can bring whoever you want and wear whatever you want. So it's always a really great event.



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And this year, we're going to have a really good float. I've several the facilitators at hatch have told me that this is probably going to be one of the best floats, if not the best float they've ever seen. And it's, I mean, it's because we've worked so hard on it, we put so much effort, everyone in this room can attest to that. Every single every single person in this room has worked their butts off to make this a really good float. I mean, it's gonna be very good. I'm tired. I mean, I've been getting like six hours of sleep every night for the past two weeks folding flowers for this float. fluffing,



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say we're not dedicated. Yes.



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So it's gonna



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be so worth it tomorrow, though. Yes.



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I was gonna ask you about your pride experiences, but it seems like you don't have any. So make a float last year. Oh, that's true. And how did you feel about that one? You can be honest. Okay.



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See, I didn't really know what the float was going to be. So I just went along and started painting and cutting and all that stuff. And I was just there doing stuff. And I didn't know what it was last



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year for anyone who doesn't remember, the theme was something to do with Texas, I think what was it was it like as big as Texas or some we



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were trying to make parties because we're trying to make the float look like the Alamo. And it didn't find it was supposed



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to be a school house too. And I think it was supposed to be in Adobe Color, but it ended up being bright orange. And then somebody decided is very graffiti all over it. And it ended up looking really bad. So this year, we're really optimistic about our float. And we think it's going to be thing



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I would like to talk about the Pride Parade last year, you know, last year, when prep rain came around, you know, I went and helped out with making the float the night before. And I was still debating on whether or not I was going to march in the pride parade. And at first I was like, No, I'm not, you know, I'm just gonna go I'm not gonna march in it. But then I decided, you know, I'm gonna go ahead and do it. And you know what, I am so glad that I did it. Because let me tell you the experience that I had marching in the Pride Parade, was probably the most

empowering experience I've ever had in my life. I mean, just seeing when you're walking down Westheimer and you see all these people, I saw people that I went to high school with, that didn't know I was gay and found out that I was gay Sing me in the pride parade. And they were yelling my name out in the audience. And I went up and they just gave me this big hug. And, you know, you see these people and love looks on their faces. They're like, thank you so much for doing this. And it's like, wow, you know, this is like, wow, I mean, there's just no, there's no way to put a number out



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especially likes hatch. I think they really appreciate the participation and they surely show us their love.



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I mean, because I think hatch in the in the Pride Parade. We're kind of like the poster, the poster kids for the gay rights kind of movement. I don't know if that makes any sense. But, you know, we put like a huge face on in the gay lesbian community, you know, and, and the same thing with PFLAG as well. But, you know, when you're dealing with hatch, I mean, it's youth and this, this issue is affecting us. And I



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think it also brings to attention how important it is that GLBT youth be protected in their schools. Yes. So that's, that's why I like to walk with hatched I think, you know, it really is walking for the people who can't walk.



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And also, you know, just seeing a group of gay lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth marching and being courageous enough to get up and march in a pride parade right? really says a lot because, you know, it's one thing to be a, you know, a gay adult, and have come to terms and not being in school and not be at home and be able to march in a pride parade. But a lot of the, you know, the hatch youth, we still live at home, and we're dealing with issues at home. We're dealing with issues at school, and we get up and we march and there's, I mean, there's something very courageous and doing that. Very, very courageous. I



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was like, coming here. Obviously, everyone here is out to some degree, or they would not be on the radio, but I just wanted to know exactly how is everyone here? I mean, are you out to all of your friends? Are you just like, Miss when? Uh, yeah, maybe they won't be listening. Go ahead, Chris. Well,



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I'm out to everybody, except for my grandma. Okay,



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but you don't think your grandma says? No, that's probably okay. All right. So how do you feel about marching in the Pride Parade? This is going to be your first time? Well,



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I feel all right. And honestly, I'm just honestly, I just feel like, well, as long as I'm doing something that show that I actually want to help out the community. Alright,



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that's cool. Does anybody here actually have feelings of nervousness for walking in the library? You do? Very good.



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I'm nervous about walking in the parade. Because my family lives around here. My dad's side doesn't know. Oh, so you're not out to not my dad's side of the family, but to everyone else, and I really don't care what they think it's just the blame my mom. Okay.



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But you're still excited about walking in the pride parade? And you don't have any worries about that? Just



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that they'll like, walk into the street or something? Because that's something my family would do.



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Well, let's hope nobody gets run over by anybody else?



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What about you, Shawn? How do you how, how out? Are you to your family and friends? My



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dad, my whole street? My family in Iowa guys? Yeah. And all my friends, everybody. Really?



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So? What about you, Carlos?



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Yeah, I mean, recently, pretty much. I came, like, my parents found out so pretty much I'm out to everybody, you know, my parents, my friends, and anybody who asks home, so like, I don't, I don't know, I'm pretty excited about walking. I mean, I'm still really nervous, because my parents didn't want me to do it. But



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it's, it's gonna be fun. But they mentioned why they didn't want you to do it. Oh,



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my dad just doesn't want me to be public about it. And I'm like, No, it's not. It's not about being public. It's about you know, just like, celebrating that you have all these people around you that are like you are that respect you for what you are. And, you know, just being with 10 helping out and you know, making this float and everything making it all happen. It just gives you a you know, a sense of belonging, of belonging or, you know, so that's why I do it.



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I think that you brought up a good point, right, there was some of the things that you said, and that is that pride parade and Pride weekend, Pride Month, in general, means different things to different people in the community. Whereas some people, you know, like the Pride Parade, like for me, Pride Parade is, you know, standing up for what you believe in, and it's, you know, standing up for a cause equality for, you know, gays in this country, where as some people just view the Pride Parade, as, let's go out and have a good time, let you know, let's have a party, you know, and you know, everybody just has a different take on it. So, but yeah, how old? Are you? Are you to your family calling?



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I'm pretty much around the room to everyone. Most of my mother's side of the family doesn't know, but I'm okay with that. Obviously, I really look forward to pride parade. I think it's just a

time to hang out with friends and have fun. And I think that there are also political messages, obviously. And things that, you know, I think it's my way of sort of getting really involved in the organizations that I'm in and contributing in a big way. So what do you all feel about it?



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Is pride relevant today? Are pride parades relevant today?



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Yes, they are very relevant, they are extremely relative. Because one of the one of the things the Pride Parade does is protect the image that we are here, and we are everywhere. And that message really needs to get out. You know, it's, it's a great way of showing the world that we are here and it means we need to continue doing it until we are able to achieve full equality in this country. And once we do achieve that, and we will eventually one day it'll take probably a very long time, but we'll get there one day, but once we do, I mean, I'm sure they'll probably still be pride parades, but they'll take on a whole nother meaning So, yeah, you know, I



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think that's sort of an interesting point when you talk about is pride relevant. And also because I'm talking about how the meaning of Pride Parade has changed over the years, how it started off as the sort of thing where people handmade signs and marched down the street. Well,



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how many people know the origins of Pride Parade? Why we celebrate in June? And when the first first event that started at all, you know,



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honestly, a lot of people don't know, they, I've encountered a lot of people that they don't even have a clue. And even in the gay community, a lot of people don't know. There's a lot of, you know,



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does anyone know the event that started it? Well,



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Chris, you're shaking your head. So I don't know. Honestly. I know the history of the rainbow flag. But could you just



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feel free to jump in? Has to the origins go back to the Stonewall riots in New York? When



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did those happen in October, though?



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They were the last weekend of June, Friday,



Chris Harrison 41:04

June 27. I just happen to I just, I wasn't exactly sure on the actual date. So I actually have it appear on the screen right now. I was cheating. Even before you started mentioning, at 120. And basically what happened was Judy Garland?



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Yeah, I know. She is like my icon, she



Chris Harrison 41:26

passed away on the 22nd. And she was buried on the 27th. Right. And being the gay icon that she was, there was a lot in the community that was very heartbroken with it. And at that time, there were certain laws in New York City and one of them is actually still in effect. One of them that isn't is you could not serve alcohol to someone who's openly homosexual. It was against the law. There were those kinds of it was true. Also, you you had to wear at least three articles of clothing germane to your gender.



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Interesting, which it's yeah, in



Chris Harrison 42:15

a way it's, you know, is there and isn't there. And the one that's still in force is if you to dance in a bar, you have to have a cabaret license. Now, the thing is this, if you have music in a bar, the reason why you have music in the bar, so you can dance. So if you didn't have a cabaret

license, you couldn't have a jukebox playing. The story goes that now first of all, because it was against the law to sell alcohol to hope that homosexuals The only people who would sell it was the mafia, right. And so the police came in, raided the building. And they weren't tipped off that they were coming like they normally are. And supposedly the first part of it was that there was a Judy Garland song playing on the jukebox. And someone said, we normally would turn it off when the police raided. And they said, We're not turning her off tonight. So they came in and they started pushing them or pushing around the patrons, which were predominantly drag queens and hustlers. And this was one time that they decided we're not going to take it, because usually what happens I go in round with everybody take off to the police station, and the next day in the newspaper was a thing called the police blotter. And they said such and such of, of this address was arrested in a gay bar. So everybody saw it. And this time, they decided they're not going to put up with it. And they fought back. They were put into the police car. They got out on the other side. Just you know, play games with the police officers. Eventually the police had to retreat into the Stonewall bar, because the patrons were attacking them.



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What? No, no.



Chris Harrison 44:12

So it ended up the police had to retreat and they actually had to use the payphone in the bar to call for backup. It took an hour and a half or so for the backup to arrive. And by that time, the patrons were trying to get in to get the police out and almost burned down the bar doing it. So the reinforcements came in. And of course, you know 1960s You've seen there how the the police methods were back then. Some places they haven't changed much. They came in on horseback wielding clubs, taking down whoever they could. And these riots happened for three days. The next night, they came out started all over again. And it was just it was an act of rebellion on the part of these for them For the beginning part, it was drag queens, it was hustlers. And that's where the chant out of the bars and into the streets came from, because they were bringing in people to support. And, you know, here's the thing to say was they call it the seat American Revolution was called the, the gunshot heard round the world. Stonewall was called the Hairpin drop heard around the world. And that was the start of people standing up and saying, we're not going to take this anymore. We deserve to be treated as a human being. And that's where it all comes from. And that's why, you know, we do this at the end of June, when has God awful hot here in Houston,



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from what I understand it was a week later that the first actual organized gay pride parade happened in New York,



Chris Harrison 45:47

where they, they gathered together and marched down demanding rights. And you know, some of it was probably just just happened like the first one we that happened here in Houston

it was probably just just happened, like the first one we did happened here in Houston, according to rumor. You know, just a lot of people just started showing up, they were gonna walk down the sidewalk because they couldn't get a parade permit. And the numbers grew so large, the police said, get on the streets because the sidewalk can't handle it. Yeah. And it just grew from there.



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I was talking to somebody in the lobby, and he pointed out some he lived through the Stonewall era, and he was there. And he said that when kids would be would come out as being gay, or they would find out that their children were gay, the way they treated that was that they would put you in a mental institute, shock therapy, different types of aversion therapy, there was very traumatic and that's the way they handled that gay youth back in the day. So each year as we get a year away from Stonewall, and we have these pride, parades, situations and gets better, I mean, what's happening today, and allowing hatch and Gay Straight student alliances, I think you can pinpoint that back to what happened at Stonewall.



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Which brings me to a point that I would like to make about the hatch program in general. You know, we as I as RH gay us, we are so fortunate and so lucky that we have the hatch program, I can't tell you how many times I've been in the community. And I have heard older gay people tell me, you know, you're so fortunate that you have hatched to go to, and that you have the gay straight alliances, because 2030 years ago, when I was in school, there was no hatch, there was no gay straight alliance, we were the only ones. And, you know, they tell me all the time that we are so fortunate to, you know, to have the hatch program. And, you know, we really are, we really aren't, you know, in my own personal experience, I really do not know, where I would be today, if it had not been for the hatch program. I really do not know. Because, I mean, it's just done so much for me, you know, just meeting, meeting gay friends. And being showing that you're not alone. It has just been the most tremendous thing in my life. And I've really developed as a person because of it. And, you know, there needs to be more awareness of it in the community, I believe. So, unfortunately,



Chris Harrison 48:24

it's one of those things that the history of isn't heard much. And part of those who made that history are unfortunately getting up there in years. And it's one of the things like my coming out experience was, I went out and bought the books to read, I bought the gay Almanac, I bought the gate of beneficial gay man, you will and learn the history. Well,



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I think what's going on now in the gay rights movement, is it's not so much this big. Let's have a big parade. Let's have a big March. It's all these little things happening at certain moments, you know, like, we got a student up in Klein, who's starting the Gay Straight Alliance. And we've got somebody over here in another city doing something. And it's all these little things happening all together. It's not like this big, you know, March on Washington or anything.

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Chris Harrison 49:17

And I can tell you this, that client highschool is a tad it's a tad surreal, being a gay student, they're even closeted, I can attest to that. I'm client high school class and 90. So when I saw that, you know, in my old school, they were bringing in a gay Student Alliance. It was it was something unusual to hear about let me I gotta step in here real quick and take care of the government right for a moment. You're listening to after hours queer radio with attitude here on listener sponsored, commercial free Pacifica radio for the Gulf Coast. KPFT 90.1 FM, Houston, 89.5 Galveston and always on the worldwide web at KPFT dot o RG. This is the hatch segment for pride 2005. Do you want to chatter you need to? You want a song to regroup for?



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Yeah, let's go ahead and have a song, please. All right.



Chris Harrison 50:11

What we're gonna do is we're gonna do another one of the performers you're going to be hearing at the Pride festival tomorrow. Pansy division favorites here on the show. And it's no protection. We'll be right back. We'll survive our two. Pansy division with no protection, and once again, you'll hear them and a whole host of other queer artists tomorrow at the pride fest. And once again, we returned to hatch.



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Alright, thanks. Well, for those of you who may have just joined us, we were talking about the role was the relevance of Pride Parade today, but we're gonna switch gears now. And talk about bisexuality. Yeah. All right. And the reason we decided to pick this topic tonight is because we actually have a few bisexuals in the room. And as far as the hatch program goes, we usually don't have a lot of bisexuals on the show. And so I thought it would be interesting if you all talk about your personal experiences, and how bisexual relationships are different perhaps than just people who are gay. So did you have any comments you wanted to add about how you feel?



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Where to start? That's a question. I guess I don't know what to just bring up. You



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know why? Straight up. It's like friends, when friends are telling me like before I started hanging out more friends and telling me about guys, you know, they'd be like, oh, yeah, but he's fine. I'm like, oh, gosh, like what? I go, You know what sucks, or like what I go, it sucks being

dumped by guy when you go for a girl. I mean, gosh, I don't care if they go for another guy before go. That's what always scared me about you know, but



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that kind of happens. You kind of get used to that factor? Well,



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I guess to start off, do you really feel that you were sometimes overlooked in the gay community



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completely? You were included in the govt thing with all the little letters of the alphabet that we can go on. But we're not going to. But it's like, you always hear people talk about gay pride and lesbian pride and gay rights and gay marriage and stuff. But what about those of us that are stuck in the middle? Is it mean? It's like, nobody really cares? What happens to the poor little pie people?



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Well, I was actually having a conversation with Deb one time about this. And she she had a lot of interesting things to say, you know about bisexuals in the community. She was saying that, you know, bisexuals as a community are like the last closet within the GLBT community that they're not as open they're not as out there. And I think that is changing. I think that is changing. But I mean, they don't have like the structure the the organization that, you know, the gays and the lesbians and you know, the transgenders have,



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you know, I think people assume that people are by just because they haven't made up their mind yet, or because they're in the closet about really being gay or lesbian.



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That is the most annoying thing ever. Because I there was one girl I was head over heels for that's what made me know that I was kind of both ways. And then I had this other guy who's in the room right now, but we're not gonna talk about him. And I was like, no, actually, it's not Eric, but okay. I mean, you're too but so that was a long time ago. And now we're over that and it's just, it's not being that you can't decide it's that you're just kind of really are stuck in the middle. Alright,



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so you made a scoffing noise earlier, what was that about? Oh,



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the comments. Some people aren't as out when they're by. We have people in our school that are so out. It's not even funny. They had their homosexuality flames way up there. They're not even homosexual. When



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when I was trying to say by that is not that they aren't Oh, yeah, no, it's just that they don't, they don't seem to have the structures system that we that the gay community has, you know, they don't have a organization for buys, you know what I'm saying? Does that make any sense? So



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they could try getting one up? Yeah, I



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think that that's, I think I think that that's something that's improved recently. I mean, how do you feel about that? Because honestly, I mean, there's a buy pride flag now. Yeah, yeah. Yeah. You've never seen it. It's actually it's, it's pink on one side and blue on the other. And then the middle is sort of lavender color, like the mixing of the pink and the blue sea. I mean, y'all haven't heard of it. So obviously, it's not very well known, but if there is one it exists and



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we're struggling but we're slowly getting there. We will make our way into the crowd. Then you'll have to pay.



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Just like you know, it's like straight people and you know, they tell you tell them your bio, whatever. And straight people go like, okay, so you can choose to be straight, so you're not really gay or anything. So you, if you if you choose to be with a person of your same sex, you, you know you're defying the Bible or whatever their explanation is, you



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know, and then they're telling you to ignore half of yourself basically. Yeah,



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and then some, some gay people are like, yeah, so So how can we tell the straight people that this is not a decision that this is not our this is who we are, if there's someone who can make that decision? I mean, so I mean, I, I think that's what some people think about it. I guess. It's



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not a transition. It's their transitory place that bisexuality is an orientation isn't sexual, and some people



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don't understand that, I guess, or



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I do think that some people will use the bisexual label as a transition to becoming an accepting that they're gay. But that doesn't take away at all that there is a definite bisexual component. Yeah. And bisexuals are true sexual orientation of them themselves.



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You know, some several by people and this is this is definitely not the case for all bisexual people. I'm definitely not stereotype stereotyping. But a lot of the bisexual men that I have met, have always had like a lack of understanding for the GLBT community as a whole. They don't really understand that they don't they kind of want to disassociate themselves with the gay community. And always felt that really kind of interesting, you know? I don't know if anybody has any comments on that. But you disagree.



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Is that where you're making that fix?



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No, actually, we have a guy in the room who's considering being by and they're over there being lovey dove kitty kitty, and it's annoying.



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You know, I'm talking to this guy right now.



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But no, no. Okay. When you say considering being by



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That's the hardest thing because you gotta be like, am I or am I not?



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Considering because, obviously, she just said that you're,



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you got to ask him about it. You can't ask me.



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Fairly sometimes you don't know something. There



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are a lot of people who cannot find labels for themselves. I know someone who labels herself as bisexual. But if you ask her and get to know her, she'll eventually tell you she thinks she's pansexual. We won't get into that right now. Yes. So I'm convinced that P is going to be the next letter that we add to the GLBT QQ acronym. Oh, god. Yeah. Yeah,



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it's terrible. Basically, she's talking about me.



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I have a crush on a girl. I think questioning would be a better label here. Okay. Not considering being bisexual.



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Okay, I'm sorry, not considering his questioning. There we go. Okay. And no, thank you.

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I'm talking to this guy right now. And we were talking last night, but I don't know what I'm like, um, he's like, I was talking to him. And he's all like, I got the water. He's like, I'm by and I was all like, I go. So like, what do you what do you prefer more? He's like, Okay, seriously, sexually. I'm attracted to girls. I go. So what are you saying? And he's all like, he's all like, um, he goes, I told him, he goes, What are you I go, I'm gay. And he's all like, Okay, I need to quit using the word like, he said, I go, so what do you mean, he's like, he goes, Well, technically, I prefer guys over girls. But it's like, if you asked me if I saw a really hot guy, I'd go in. Yeah, it was just confusing, but I told him he's like, why do you why do you feel so scared about it? You sound scared. I told him I go, No, it's just gonna really suck if you leave me for a girl.

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But why would they bother you? Especially and what confused you about it? Why would it make you uncomfortable?

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Just like, I mean, I mean, I'm gay. I don't go for girls. But you know, but it's like, shit. I feel threatened by girls now, you know, all around him. And it's like, whatever, you know. Okay,

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so. But he's the idea of somebody leaving you for the opposite sex scares you. I don't scare it makes you uncomfortable. Like, oh, shit.

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I do. But

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I think I think what it is, is when that kind of stuff happens when somebody leaves you like, Okay, say I'm gay. Okay. And I'm dating a guy and say he was to leave me for a female. Sometimes that might be considered as kind of like an attack on your sexual orientation as like an attack on you personally. Does that make any sense? At all? No, I don't know if it is. I

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think sometimes people worry that oh, I'm just, you know, you're just dating me just so you can get your gay fix. Or you can just, you know, claim your strength and fight harder.

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I think there's there's two things that people worry about. One would be oh my gosh, now they're gonna try to go straight because they think it's going to make their lives easier. And the other one would be oh my gosh, I scare them away. Because a lot of people are like, Was I really that bad? I've had people think this.

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Oh, you have no idea how bad that you were? Talking about

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oh, gosh, thanks for the idea.

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There is a female that I was really, really attracted to at one point. And she decided that she didn't like other females. And I was like, Is it my fault? Because I was the last person you were talking to? It made me feel really bad for a couple of days and then knows like, you know, if that's the case, then Damn, I'm good. Oh, dang, I'm good. Sorry. Sorry.

Chris Harrison 1:00:27

That one's okay. Yeah. Sorry.

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My take on the whole bisexual thing has always been this and this is just my opinion. You know, this is definitely not for other people to believe or not. But as for me, my whole take on bisexuality was, you know, for me, it's okay. If somebody is bisexual, or you know, that's definitely an orientation. And there are going to be people in society that are bisexual. I think a whole heck of a lot more people are bisexual than what our young people are saying. But anyway, you know, people are just gonna be by in society. And that's fine. But I've always had like a problem myself with, like, by people wanting to date a female and a male at the same time. It's like, okay, I understand that you're attracted to both sexes. Bisexuality,

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that's polyamory. Well, it is what it is

that's polygamy. Well, it is what it is.



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But a lot of times, I think that tends to be associated with bisexuality.



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I think that's a real fear. If you date bisexual if you're straight, or you're gay. Yeah, I think that's a legitimate fear.



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You know, I mean, for me, personally, I want to meet another guy fall in love. And, you know, just that'd be it. Well, first



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of all, how do y'all respond to that? To the



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whole people wanted to date a guy to grow at the same time is my honest opinion is tints shades of suck? I have had a friend who's like, Yeah, I'm looking for a girl who doesn't mind me having a guy on the side. And I was like, oh,



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no, no, that's just that's no different. I mean, it's gonna hurt either way, if you're dating somebody just by I'm saying in general, like, if you're doing and they're still see, you know, your girl, and they're seeing a guy on the other side, you know, it's like, you know, or you're stealing a girl who's, you know, I mean, that's gonna suck because it's both. So



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let's bring someone else to the table here for a minute. Now, some people have a notion that bisexuality has become fashionable lately. It has it



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has. There's a bunch of people who just they're like, Oh, I'm bisexual. So pay attention to me or they'll act like it to see if anybody like,



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especially in high school world.



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Yes. And it has been my personal observation that most of these people are female. And I don't understand what that is. Has that been what y'all Notice, too? I think that



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well, at our school, the guys notion on it is, is gay guys are gross, but lesbians are fine. And girls are all like, it was all just gross. And I'm just like, I think it's hot when two guys kiss. So don't ask me. So it's become fashionable for girls to be biting a guy's attention in high school. It's kind of sad.



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I think when you get into that kind of stuff. I think that that has a lot of deeper issues, like male dominance in society. Because, I mean, if you look in our society, it's okay. restraint, man. A lot of straight guys like it if you know two females kiss and they get it going on, you know, that's really hot for them. And it's okay for two lesbians to you know, two girls to do it. But if two guys do it, oh, no, you've crossed the line. And, you know, I think that has a lot to do with male woman's. And I think a lot of the girls that are in high school that do that. They're just, it's really kind of an attention getter. It's like, okay, guys like this. So let's do it. Because we want to, we want to get a guy and let's come out as bisexual because it's cool. And we want to get a



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distinction between not true bisexuals, and people are just doing it because it's



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right. Well, I



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mean, I think that goes back to the whole fashionable thing.



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I think that this is a big problem, in my personal opinion, because then when you meet people who actually are bisexual, there tends to be right, more skepticism. Because a lot of people have trouble believing them, because they'll say, oh, yeah, I've met a lot of bisexuals. It makes it

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hard to get a date. And my personal experience when people find out that I'm actually truly bisexual, and I'm not just saying it to get a guy, if it's a girl or a guy, they're they don't want to date you because if it's girls are like, Well, you're a trader, and if it's a guy, they're like your traders,

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for girls, it's like if you get a guy like that, you know, it's like Don't you think if that's what got the guy, don't you think that's what the guy is gonna want all the time? That's gonna be pretty, you know?

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What about marriage? If you're truly bisexual, and if you commit yourself to one of those sexes, where we're Where does what does that other feeling go in instead of conflict? Is that an issue? Is that something you think about?

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It is I'm, like, I'm asked every day by my mom who watch sex, I'm gonna marry, which one I'm gonna marry. And I'm just like, whichever one I fall in love with, I'm not really setting out saying, Yes, I'm gonna marry a guy or yes, I'm gonna marry a girl. It's whoever I fall in love with. And the person that I do marry when I find him or her. I'm just gonna tell them straight up, I'm by but now that I'm marrying you, I mean, there's always going to be that side of me, that's always wanting to go back towards the other one.

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But when you make a commitment to the person, it doesn't matter, you can't do that. Right. Okay, um, you know, I also, I've talked to bisexuals before about how they feel when they're in a straight relationship for a very long time, and how it feels when they are perceived as straight. So, how do you respond to that? being perceived as straight? How would that make you feel? I mean, this

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is a very interesting conversation. I'm getting a lot of education because I really am. I don't

know too much about it, but never



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perceived as straight. Everyone just assumes I'm a lesbian at school. She's lesbian



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guys don't even try anymore router. Because



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do you feel being perceived as a lesbian? Um,



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it really doesn't hurt my feelings is sacred to me. A lot of times? I'm telling them no,



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you know, my I have a friend or I have two friends. Actually, every time we'll just be hanging out board will have nothing to talk about when I have no guys or drama to talk about. They'll be like, Why don't you just turn by get the best of both worlds? I'm like, why? I'm like, sick. I know. It's like, she's like, you can't get bored. I go, What makes you think I'm gonna get bored? You know, it's like, I'm happy with who I am this. Yeah, it's not like a switch. You could just turn back and forth. Exactly. It's like, it's like, I can be on board with you. I'm gonna call Jenny. Okay. But not really, you know,



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you prefer what you prefer. It's not gonna be like, Well, okay, I'm gonna be liking girls now. Or I'm gonna like both so. And,



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you know, we actually have a lot of youth who come to hatch who are questioning. And these are people who do not have labels for themselves. They may just be coming out, or they don't really understand what they're feeling. They're not sure who they're attracted to. So I think some people here may be experiencing that. Talk about it.



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Yes, I'm experiencing that right now. I'm totally, totally clueless about the whole experience right now. And it's kind of scary. I thought it was. I thought it was gay. But this?

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No, when did when did you come out as gay?

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When I was around 1617.

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Okay, so how many years has that been like three? Now?

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I'm 19. I'm gonna be 20 in January. Okay.

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And so this is a very scary experience for you.

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Well, you know, you know, Chris, I had the same what you're feeling this past school year? Because I thought I liked a girl at school. And then I told her, and then she told me, she sent me back when? And I told her no, I'm not going to do I'm not going to talk to you anymore. Did you say that? Yes. I know. But she's in India right now. So

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she can say, Oh,

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I broke her heart to India. And,

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you know. I was like. you know. I was really confused. I really didn't know. And then I don't

you know, I was like, you know, I was really confused. I really didn't know what they meant. I know, I just knew, you know, this is not what I'm not going to be bisexual. I'm not going to turn straight. You know, I'm just gay. And I'm going to stay gay. I'm going to stay liking boys and no more girls. For me. It was really, we were talking but I don't think it was a relationship itself. But it was sort of kind of a close relationship of a friendship. Yeah, nothing more.



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I personally believe that sexuality is on this sort of sliding scale. And you know, earlier we were discussing the Kinsey scale. Yes. Everybody always talks about the Kinsey scale. Okay, and, you know, for Chris and anyone else who may not understand the Kinsey scale, is this scale of zero to six, with zero being completely straight and six being completely gay? And can you believe that most people fall somewhere in between those two, so a three would be bisexual. And



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I really believe that I think most people in society are bisexual. And even if it's on the most unconscious level, you know, where you just, you know, you might not even know it, but one day, the slightest thing might trigger it, you know? And I really believe that, you know,



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can you claim that a very small percentage of the population was either zero or six. And so if you think about it, most people are either ones or twos and they experience some level of homosexuality whether they're used or not. Yes, curiosity, by curious people



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are homoerotic during. Seems it's one of the most common dreams, straight people actually something that you don't hear about. But that's, that's actually. So



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sometimes people who identify as gay might be Kinsey for basically. And that's like, being bi curious, but in the opposite direction that most people think about. So well,



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you know, I thought about it once. And then I thought, you know, if I was ever to get married to a girl, I already know what kind of type I would like to marry, you know, and then, you know, and it's really true, I really do believe that if I really wanted to get married with the

opposite sex, I really know who and you know, what kind of personality of the girl I'll be looking for. But I, you know, I don't think it's gonna be happening anytime soon. It's just the thought is there, and the set the setting of the person who I want to marry and is there and stuff. It's



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really interesting that you sort of have that image. But you know,



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I really do. And I thought about it, you know, very deeply, and it's like, okay, this is how I want my person to be, and this is how I want her to act and blah, blah, blah. And then, uh, you know, it's really kind of, I don't know, it's like, there,



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but you identify as gay, right? Yeah. See,



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now with me, I can totally identify with what you're saying. Because there was one girl growing up and going to church, that she was a really close friend of mine. And I could have dated her if I wanted to. I mean, she liked me, we and if we would have ever gotten married, we would have made the perfect, like, married couple. I mean, it was, but it just, you know, it just isn't gonna work. Because I'm not by and I'm not attracted females. And, you know, it just it would have never worked. But you know, I can totally identify with what you're saying, because she would have been the ideal, she would have totally been the ideal



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when you're talking about that, like I myself have experienced that. And I think that the best way I can explain it, is to say that I think that you can be emotionally attracted to a person, but not physically attracted to them. And so sometimes when you're gay, maybe that's what you feel for somebody. The opposite sex was like, Well, if I were straight, you would be hot. But I'm not. So



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I had with a girl that I thought I liked. And do you know, at school, I thought, you know, it's just the, it's just the feelings that I'm getting. We know what I'm getting from her. It's just not. It's what I would like for someone else a guy that but I'm not getting them from a guy and I'm getting it from a girl. So here I am liking this girl, how she's acting towards me, but not the girl herself. I mean, you know what I'm trying to say? Yeah,



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like emotional attraction, like, you're disappointed that she's not be gay man. Yeah, I



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went through this phase. I was like, I talked to my dad about it was like, early this year, I would talk to him about, you know, I'm not sure. And he was like, sure about what my goal I'm not sure about, you know, your short attention span. And he's like, Okay, I was doing my column, my goal, you know, I could think about that whole image of marrying a girl, meaning a perfect girl, having kids all that stuff. And you know, but then I told him I go, I finally came to realize that I'm just gonna give that I'm not in the sense that it'll never work in the sense that I wouldn't be happy for a very long time, as long as it lasted. Because that's not me. But I could do it. But you know, I realized what I'd be happy with. But then at the same time, I'm still going, you know, it's still complicated to me, but at least I know what I'm happy with, you know?



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Well, I mean, we're trying since birth, that you meet the opposite sex you, you get married, you have the white picket fence, you'd have 2.5 children. So I mean, everything around us in our culture says, heterosexual this heterosexual that. So it's, I think it's natural for gay and lesbian and bi people to, to have those type of images, especially as you grow up and get young as you get comfortable with who you are.



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Sorry, I didn't mean to interrupt you. They say that the average age now for kids coming out is 13. So I was wondering, do you think it's easier to figure out that you're gay? Or that you're bi? Because it seems to me that it would probably take people longer to figure out that they're bisexual? Do you think that that's true?



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I think you can. Oh, well,



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like recently, they told me I had like, a, like a gay crush on someone and this girl,



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she explained the gate crashing. So like, you know, this



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is what they're saying, you know, the gate crushes, you know, when whatever, you know, what they're saying? What happened to



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MC and D emotional attraction where yeah, my or someone to the point where you'd be like, Oh, I wish I could take you. This



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person is like, like, she's really awesome. And she's really cool. And I talked to her a lot. But, you know, then I have my boyfriend. And I really, and I, what I feel for my boyfriend is so different. And when I look at my boyfriend, and when, you know, it's just like, it's like, there's I think there's those are different levels, you know, at least in my opinion, there. It's a different level of attraction to someone. And I don't know, like I've said before that if I was straight, I would date this girl. But um, you



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know, this is something this is very interesting that we're talking about this because just recently when we were working on the hatch float at the Montrose Counseling Center, and, and I was there and Shawn, you were there, too. And I think Nick, and Deb was having a conversation. We were I don't think calling you weren't there. But um, Deb was having a conversation with us. Isabel, how, a few years ago, actually, a lot years ago, but she was saying how it used to be pretty common for lesbians and gay men to have relationships and have sex with one another. And I was like, you know, that's, that's very interesting. You know, I have never heard of that before. You know, what does that mean? That would make them bisexual. I mean, so I mean, I just, I thought it was really interesting. It was just, you know, I



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don't think it makes them transsexual because just because you're sleeping with somebody does not mean that that your orientation, I think we should all know that. But um,



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yeah, I mean, interesting concept.



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There we go. For any of you who don't know, I had, we filmed the first episode of our TV show

recently. And we did that in our segment. So when when that airs, you will be able to see the awkward silence moment. Oh, speaking up, does

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that mean we need to take a music break and regroup? No, no,

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we just felt like an awkward silence. No one that's going to air by the way. No, we don't yet, but we'll definitely talk back to him

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is still working on that. And she's editing it. Thank God, she's editing.

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I especially liked the part where I said, Can you turn it off, please?

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There were some other things that too, but we'll get into that. Yes.

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This is traumatizing. John

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has been coming out. Oh,

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I've had the camera was I told her

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she was a gorgeous lesbian. And she I mean, she's gonna take it out. You don't know her? Colleen and me is just



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talking about filming, filming should probably



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use names more often when there's seven people in the room. I'm sorry, if there has been any confusion during the show. I'm Sean.



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And Chris Moore, you know, totally



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would hand out name tags. But that wouldn't help the



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like, it'd be like the 51st dates they would the guy that forgets everything every 10 seconds. Should a webcam?



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Wham Shut up. Well, the bisexual thing.



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Yes, topics topics are great. Yeah,



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I think it would definitely be harder to find out if you were bi. Because when you know, you're attracted to the same sex, you go on that? And then you're just trying to figure out if you really liked the same sex, or do you like both of them. So that's why it would be harder to beat by,



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you know, find out. If you're gay, then you know, something's different about you from very young age. Whereas when you're bisexual, like you said, you know, you're just like, whoa, I'm ~~not different. And then it takes you a while to figure out that there's more than just that~~

NOT DIFFERENT. AND THEN IT TAKES YOU A WHILE TO FIGURE OUT THAT THERE'S MORE THAN JUST THAT,



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you know, when I can't when I told my parents, which are like, they were the last to know, by the way, but I guess it's the fact that when I first told them, my mom was like, think it over, you know, you can always change the girls know,



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I was recently told it's not too late to be straight. And I figured that could be extra internationals



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was more like my dad, but you know, I think I was like, 13, like, when I told them, but then again, I guess those figures until like, when I was 15, I was like, I guess it's the fact that it's still kind of, you know, got to my parents to hear it not to it didn't get to them, but it's still kind of, you know, just hearing that, you know, and tricked. You just, you know, their head, you know, but when I finally you know, it made me question a lot, you know, it was easy for me to finally tell him my, my dad or my mom, I like boys, I'm gay, you know, but then again, when you get when I got the reaction, you know, it wasn't the same as getting it from my friends, because it's my parents. So it made me you know, for the next few years, I was like, you know, do I like this? Do I like that? Should I like this? Should I like that? But then I realized, you know, what makes me happy? And over time, they'll come to accept it, you know? Yeah. Big, big point. That made me question but after a while, you know,



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I have a question for the bisexuals. If you had a choice, and they're there, obviously, it's my choice. We've discussed this, but if you had a choice between being bi, or being strictly gay, which one would you choose? Or what about just straight now because I like my question better because I think it's more interesting because there's a social stigma attached to that. However, would you prefer such truth? Do you see it to feel the separation? Or would you rather a really bad time to ask me that question,



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but when your boyfriend sitting in your lap, yeah, I would be invited this point, but yes. Okay, what about you?



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I'd be gay. Really? If I had to choose



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if she wasn't my stepsister I'd be gay.



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Me and her. Me and her dated. We



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were dating when our parents met each other. We actually



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are getting married and we're just like



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to you now. Yeah, we



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tried. We even tried breaking them up, which is really bad, but we tried it very hard.



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I think her mom ruined Megan for me, with the whole sex calm. Y'all don't want to know. But that's completely ruin any chance making heads? That's



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Can you repeat the comment? Y'all are together first. Do



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you really want to know that bed? Do Yes,



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perhaps we should screen it first.



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It's not anything bad. There's no CRISPR or anything in it. Okay, it's just her mom came home. It was smiling and talking about it and playing with their hair. And she goes, yeah, he actually thought it was a real redhead. It was like it was y'all must not have had sex. And that was after talking about my dad, and I'm like, what? 12 or 13? Meghan? I



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was like, hold her both of you.



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Seen 16 I was like, my dad is too old to be having sex. I don't want to hear about that. And that's what made me not like making anyone or your parents listening.



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Okay, my mom's possibly listening. No matter what.



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I love you. Well, you know, talking about, you know, bisexuality, to talk about a little bit of history about it. When you look at like Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome, it was my sexuality was like the normal thing. You know, everybody was bisexual, you know? And very few people were, you know, circling homosexual and strictly like oysters and smells and you know, and that but if you didn't



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get that shame on you, teach me anyway,



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I think society most people are bisexual. It's just a movie right?