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## SPEAKERS

Michelle Meyers, Roy, Jimmy Carper, Gigi

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 Jimmy Carper 00:02

Ooh, yeah. For Georgia and Culture Club Karma Chameleon, and you're hearing it on, after hours on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station. I'm Jimmy. And I want to remind you that hatch will be back the third Saturday of the month, second half. And this month we'll be talking about gay marriage. Yes, yes. Yes. Yes. And oh, boy. Yeah, I did it again. I did it again. Hold on, folks.

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It's time for the news. Yes, it is.

 Jimmy Carper 00:57

There we go. Hear that little noise in the background? That's, that's some background music. It's provided by a group of two lesbians called Deus. There we go. And now you have Michelle and Roy.

 Michelle Meyers 01:19

Okay. Good evening, folks. Welcome to

 Roy 01:22

the news. Okay. Well, before we start off the news tonight, I want to give a very heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the fundraiser that we had the past few weeks.

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Michelle Meyers 01:35

Oh, yeah. That was a that was a big effort on everybody's part calling in to the station. It certainly was. How did we do?

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Roy 01:44

Well, we did very well. And I want to thank everyone for that. More than 1900 listens, pledge.

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Michelle Meyers 01:52

That's the important thing, the membership, a number of people that we have supporting their own radio station community radio KPFT

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Roy 02:02

that hey, you know, the latest audience data report for the fall of 97 shows that KPFT are stationed here listenership as at an all time high of 90,100 listeners a week. That's 91.1k listeners for 91.1 FM.

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Michelle Meyers 02:24

Oh, I hadn't seen that. I missed that. And the letter

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Roy 02:27

telling you, you know, and if all those 90,000 had contributed, that'd be really great.

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Michelle Meyers 02:36

Oh, yeah, well, you can take what we got this this time, and multiply it by 20, because only 20% of the listenership are members of KPFK. And

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Roy 02:47

that's why we really do thank those of you who do contribute, because we really do rely on you. And you've been there for us. And we definitely think

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Michelle Meyers 02:58

this is your radio station. This is community radio. Where else can you participate, call in and have things that you want talked about talked about? Any of the show? I just just the thing that you know, it's diverse enough to cover everyone?

you know, it's diverse enough to cover everyone?

R Roy 03:19

It certainly is. So what do we got going on? Well,

M Michelle Meyers 03:23

the one thing that caught my eye many, many times tonight, while we were looking through this stuff was that there's another controversy getting ready to boil over and that's on. Yeah, that's on HIV names reporting. Oh, yes, I've heard about that. And I recommend that everyone read either or all of the TWINT that triangle or the voice, they all have articles on it this week. And the thing is that that, that what do we do about it? Texas Department of Health is going to has announced that they're really considering names reporting for HIV and AIDS. People. This is very controversial. Some people think it's the only way to get after the disease and other others think it's a way to discriminate against those and discouraged and discourage people from getting tested. That's the thing that's really scary. So what can we do about it? Wow. We all have our own opinions. And I really don't want to talk about mine. I think everyone ought to talk about their own, and they ought to talk about it to the people in the public health department. They the Texas Department of Health is hosting a town hall forum, and many, many locations throughout the stay in Houston. They're going to be here in Houston on February the 12th. That's next Thursday. Oh, yes. And the meeting is going to be between seven and 830. In the evening at the west end multipurpose center, and that's located at 170 Heights Boulevard, it's important to go out and explain what your position is why you think this is a good thing, or why you think this is a bad thing to do. It's the only way that we can get a good answer is by everyone participating. So,

R Roy 05:31

so in other words, in other words, the D people are asking for our input before they make a decision. That's what they say, Yeah, this is where your voice will count. Once again,

M Michelle Meyers 05:43

yes. And in order for your voice to count, you have to speak up, you have to get out there, you have to say something. So I think this is a real, it's a real controversial area. Everyone has a different opinion, or at least there are two major camps of opinion. And if you're going to complain about the outcome, you better have a reason to complain, which is I went up there and I spoke my my mind and they didn't pay attention. You just can't sit back and let it happen to you.

R Roy 06:16

So regardless where you stand on this issue, it is important that your voice be heard that you show up and let your opinion be known.

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Michelle Meyers 06:27

Thursday, February 12, seven to 8:30pm the West End multipurpose center 170 Heights Boulevard, and I want to

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Roy 06:37

stress and I'm sure you stand with me on this, Michelle, that it does not matter whether you are positive or negative. Let your opinion be heard.

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Michelle Meyers 06:46

Yes, yes, that's it. That's very, very important.

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Roy 06:51

Okay, moving on now to fugitives. wanted in the connection with the murder of John David cabinets had been arrested in California Finally, and this guy was killed up in Austin, which is what a two hour drive from here. Yeah, not very far. The two men are currently being held in Los Angeles pending extradition to Texas. Now police in cooperation with the FBI arrested David Ludwig and Ryan Henson last Saturday in West Hollywood. Now a third suspect in the case Christopher Kotoka. Is has remained at large as of this present moment. And the police would like any information you may have concerning his whereabouts. And all three men were charged last week with capital murder and the death of Mr. Cabinets. And he was found beaten and stabbed to death in his house in his home on January 19. And the charge carries a maximum penalty, penalties of life in prison or death by the lethal injection. Now Mr. cabinets and these three other people were seen leaving a gay bar in Austin, getting into a yellow Checker Cab. And later on, he was found dead his vehicle missing plus a number of other personal effects. So if you knew anything about the whereabouts of Christopher Catasauqua please let the police know in Austin or you can call the Houston Crimestoppers 222 Tip. Yes, yes. And let them know about that.

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Michelle Meyers 08:33

Yeah, this is this is near where we are. This is how we spy. It can always be dangerous.

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Roy 08:44

Really, especially after what happened with Andrew Cunanan. And we thought that we were immune. Because this was something that happened on one coast and turned out bodies turned up all over the country. Oh, yeah.

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Michelle Meyers 08:57

And hate crimes are out there. They're happening every day. And the only way to, to stop them is for everyone in the community, to be aware to follow the tips on how to be out on the street safe. And whenever possible. Don't be alone. Let's do something a little more unpleasant. I think it's interesting that we mentioned that coming out contest either last week or the week before and so that people could tell their stories to the voice. The use of voice the Houston boys. And it looks like we're going to explain these. This contest has been explained, expanded, extended extended. Here's an opportunity to win a Ah passes. Oh, I can't. How do

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Roy 10:06

10 passes for themselves and a group of friends to you know, they can see the film. This film called TV and Rose hey are my life and

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Michelle Meyers 10:19

yeah, okay, that's what I couldn't read. I didn't understand that. Okay, my wife and

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Roy 10:24

I believe that's French. I'm very good and slowly my friends

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Michelle Meyers 10:28

I'm supposed to be but I'm not. And that's that's going to be shown at the landmark River Oaks or at the Greenway theaters. Right. So you have until February 9, at 5pm. That's this coming Monday, you can fax your submissions. They gotta be typewritten, please please typewritten or you can send them by mail. I don't know if I can make it now. But you get them to 811 Westheimer, suite 105. That's the Houston boys office, Houston, Texas 77006, or the fax number, which is the best way to get a mail on time. Area code. 713529953. Line.

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Roy 11:17

Right. And we've got that I want you to know that I got that number right from the Houston voices own publication list. Yeah. So voice if you gave us the wrong number, like,

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Michelle Meyers 11:27

well, and the thing to remember about this is they've extended the contest. And that means maybe there weren't enough entrance. And so if you get your your coming out story in, you have a pretty good chance of winning these 10 passes. So take advantage of it.

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Roy 11:46

Okay, now there's a moving right along in the news here. There's a coalition of gay and other civil rights groups. You know, they're hoping to spotlight the issue of same sex marriage with a day of observances all across the country. Next Thursday, February 12, has been designated national freedom to marry day because they went and the London Legal Defense and Education Fund one of the organizers of the event said that February 12, was chosen because it is Abraham Lincoln's birthday, and an appropriate time to think about equality because of its proximity to Valentine's Day, which is the 14th. And now Christopher Calhoun, who works with the Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs at the gay and lesbian Center in Los Angeles, and is also helping coordinate today said that they hope to raise public awareness of about how important marriage rights are. And there are hundreds of rights and privileges connected with marriage that gay and lesbian people are not currently deprived of, or they are currently deprived. Right, and the national freedom to marry gay will center around the marriage resolution. And that's a statement of support for equal marriage rights. And it's endorsed by hundreds of organizations clergies and other very prominent individuals in this country. And the mirror resolution reads as follows. Because marriage is a basic human right, and an individual personal choice, resolved, the state should not interfere with same gender, couples who choose to marry and share equality in the rights and responsibilities of commitment and civil marriage. Now, organizers are asking supporters across the country here in Houston as well, to participate in this in a show of support by quote tying the knot. And that's going to entail you know, nodding ribbons around trees, lampposts, buildings, doorknobs and current tenants. Individuals are asked to tie a knot around their ring finger or their arm or to wear a knot on their lapel.

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Michelle Meyers 14:00

Okay, I can do that. It's important for people to be able to live together and to have the benefits of marriage. Now, I wanted to tell you that, in case people didn't know that there are times when there are actual, legal, same sex marriages that are in this country right now.

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And we can thank the transgender community for that, can't we?

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Michelle Meyers 14:29

Yes, I think off of that we can build to help in securing the rights for the gay and lesbian community.

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Right. Another reason that transgender people are part of the all over queer community. Yes.

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Roy 14:44

Okay. There's a very important sad note to bring out here. David Christopher Whitford passed away, and he was with the imperial court of the



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co star Royal Sovereign imperial court



M Michelle Meyers 15:01

or the single star,



R Roy 15:02

there we go. I can never remember that



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very important organization.



R Roy 15:08

And he was also a member of the bears and he had the title of Mr. When it when it name it or winning, Mr. Ritas. And Chris is survived by his parents done and Sharon Hawk, and many other friends and whatnot. And because he was with this organization, the court raises you know, funds, incredible amounts and incredible amounts for the community. Yes. And I really wanted to mention his passing



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two more things that I want to push real quick that CWAC is doing, the queer artists can Collective is presenting peeling the onion of performance workshop for women, it's being led by Danielle Rozelle, This workshop will first focus on body based explorations into the realities of our daily lives in a safe, supportive environment. Using techniques from a wide spectrum, including visualization, storytelling and movement. This workshop will supply you with some of the tools to move your story through your imagination, body and psyche and onto the stage. No performance necessary experiences necessary. Just the willingness to explore and take some risks. And that's happening tomorrow. That Sunday February the eighth from one to 4pm. At

the verse works Artspace 1117 East freeway and quack is also presenting swoon a post a valentine day spoken word event that's happening Monday, February the 16th at 8pm at two piece coffee shop 1830, West Alabama.

R Roy 16:51

And I'll tell you that organization really is all it is cracked up to be. I had to put it like anything

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Michelle Meyers 16:58

else in the news, I want to mention real quick, but the marlim house, which is a residential center for people living with HIV AIDS, needs volunteers. Oh, yeah. They work directly with the residents providing companionship and emotional support. For more information call area code 713-520-9248. That's 5209248. The same thing is true of Stevens house. They're in they're in need also of volunteers. And it's an immediate care facility for people with AIDS. So if you want to work with Stephens house Area code 713-522-5757. There's one other thing we okay, we want to mention real quick for those interested in contacting after hours after hours now has an email address. So off hours we can contact after hours. Well, that interest is after hours. KPFT act hot mail.com. So you spell it out? AFTR hourskpft@hotmail.com. And you can address that to anyone on the crew of after hours. Oh, that'd

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be great. That'd be great. Yeah,

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Roy 18:23

you mean even big working get email big wrong.

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Michelle Meyers 18:25

I Yeah. And I think we have one email that Jimmy got this week. Oh, cool. Okay, so that's it for the new that's

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it for the news. Thank you very much. You are listening to after hours. Queer radio with attitude. Heard every Saturday at midnight right here on KPFT Houston, and ke O 's College Station. We're bringing you the bisexual hour now. Jg is in the house. And in fact, we've got a an incredible interview tonight, one that I have been looking forward to for a very long time because Carole queen is my hero, heroine, whatever. I've been reading black sheets for a very long time. And I'm a queer man here, but I really enjoy black sheets. And I've had a couple of chats with Bill Brandt along the way but I mean, this is Carol queen. Oh,

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Gigi 19:18

yes. We've got her on the phone. She's on hold right now. Yes, she said her on and I'll introduce everybody here in the studio. Okay,

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just a moment. So you chatted minute while I get all that ready.

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Gigi 19:31

And I want to talk a little bit about Carole queen. She is definitely one of my heroes her wins or have you want to put it and I know that she is really into the gender bending thing like I am. She's into so many cool things. And you know, she's done so many positive things for the community and our sex work. She's written exhibitionism for the shy, realized nude girl. And she was editor of switch hitters, which is a book on about lesbians writing on gay male erotica, and gay men writing on lesbian erotica.

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Carol, are you there?

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Yeah. Can you hear me?

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I can. Great why you're on after hours. I'm Jimmy.

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I am delighted to meet you. This is great.

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Thank you very much. And of course, you've talked to Gigi. Yep. And Dan is here.

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Gigi 20:40

And we've got Dan from binary, Houston. And I've



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been having just a little bit of trouble hearing y'all. So if you want to, I don't know if there's a fuzzy thing with our connection.



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Well, we just have to talk louder. Okay.



Gigi 20:56

Oh, it's so good to talk to you again.



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Gigi. All right.



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I'm gonna have to talk just a little bit louder. Okay.



Gigi 21:05

So good to talk to you again. So you saw you at the LA conference, and



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I'm still having trouble here. He



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wants to come in here. Okay, I'll come. Okay, that's gonna leave me all alone. What am I going to do? Well, I have to admit, I'm new to you. I was just introduced to your works about three weeks ago, and I've been enjoying it immensely ever since. Both of us.



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I don't think she can hear you either. Okay. So it's the way we have to set this up. Now. You have to leave that right there. You have to leave that right there. And just talk into it. Okay.

Now that's much much better. Oh

hey, that's much, much better. Oh,

Gigi 21:41

good. Well, anyway, I was saying that. It's so cool thing at the LA conference and talking to you, I remember your big review at the big store. I wanted to talk a little bit about some of the books you've written in about the sex positive moment.

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Great. Great. So do you want me to just leap in somewhere? Do you want to start with a particular book or something?

Gigi 22:08

Just leap in?

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Yeah. Yeah. Where are you right now? And how did you get there?

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Well, I got there through sort of a sort of a roundabout way. I came out when I was fairly young as a bisexual about 15 years old. And, and it was in the 70s. And I didn't have very much luck contacting the lesbian and gay community and getting embrace just as who I was, which was as a young bisexual. And that was the period of time when just about everywhere. People were saying that you got to choose one. So I did I chose to be a dyke and I did that for 10 years and and my connection with men never went away. I was

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you were a closet by Sir. Yes,

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I actually was absolutely a closeted bisexual, I was living in the lesbian community, I continued to get crushes mostly on gay man. And of course, that just never went anywhere. And I was too shy to, to speak up to anyone anyway, really. And ultimately, when I came back out as a bisexual, 10 years later, I decided, You know what I'm gonna get out of dodge, where they know me as a lesbian, I'm gonna go to San Francisco where I can sort of start a new life. And part of what brought me to be a writer, was the experience of just living, you know, as just about all careers have to do with a secret that you can't always feel comfortable or safe telling.

And while the kind of discomfort that I felt from my lesbian community was not the same as the notion that somebody's going to get beat up, or you know, was gonna lose a job over it or anything, it still was very hard. And when I got to San Francisco, I enrolled at the Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality, which is a graduate school here that gives degrees in sexology. And I heard the term sex positive for the first time. And the minute I heard that phrase I went, that tells me that a lot of the culture isn't sex positive, well, Oh, damn, no wonder I'm gonna have as much of our time trying to find my way. And I think in some ways that even though I think the lesbian and gay community, particularly the Gay Men's community over over the last 20 years or so, has been more willing to, to get right out there and grapple with sexual issues and talk about sexual issues, and the lesbian community to very much I don't want to make it sound as though the lesbians are not doing that. That even still, there are some ways that gays and lesbians don't always feel comfortable embracing everybody's sexual rights and what I think is different about the notion of sex positivity. Is that it? Bottom line means everybody who has is that they want to achieve in their sexual life consensually has a right to want that and the right to get that. And I think that that's actually really very radical.



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It is very rare.



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Where people feel comfortable talking about sex or more comfortable. There's always these groups of people that they marginalize and put off to the side and say, well, but not,



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not them, you know, they like leather, they like this, or are they like three fingers instead of two?



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And we've seen so many, so many examples of this, in lesbian gay commune last 20 years. I mean, it's just, it's so so common.



Gigi 25:38

And one of the things I love about your approach is that, you know, sex positive doesn't necessarily mean that you had to go on the sex rampage.



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Absolutely not, it doesn't necessarily mean that you have to be having sex. Oh, presumably, if you're that sex positive, you're gonna sometimes want to know it about got to be more sexual

than everybody else. It's not it at all. You got to feel comfortable about it and positive about it.



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And that's, you know, for the American public, that's really hard to take. I mean, they think they're, they're positive about sex. But, you know, we've all grown up with all of the negative things. And when you get those negative things early in your life, they're really hard to put out of your mind.



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That's right. And sometimes you don't even know you're thinking right now, I truly believe that many people who, who I would say have said, you know, outrageously negative things about some group or another, don't even see themselves as being prejudiced in any way. They just think we, you know, we're so used to with street people saying outrageous things about about us, but once in a while in the in the Lesbian Gay community or, or even among bisexuals, or wherever it is, I hear somebody saying something that just I think just isn't thought through. They, they, they don't realize that if somebody said that about them, they would go ballistic. And think why then is it okay to say that about somebody else?



Gigi 27:05

I know what you mean. And I think one of the things that's, you know, I've seen this in the community, especially here in Houston, anybody that has differences out of sight of the mainstream of whatever group you're in, is kind of shied away from and it becomes very cliquish. And, and one of the things I always say on this show is that, you know, when my job's done, when it doesn't matter who you take to the senior prom, right, or I know that I've had a long way there. Yeah.



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I've just recently lost a boyfriend from just that kind of an issue of possible boyfriend I should say, who he decided to like some



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of the early feel comfortable about something about you, or what was it? Oh,



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he's specifically soon as I told them, some of the things I like to do in bed, or more, you know, sort of speak. Because you know, this, I do what I do ever in bed,

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Gigi 28:01

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when I like, okay.

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And he just said well are I'm onto mainstream for that. And he wouldn't talk to me anymore. And that's exactly. I mean, I was just like, I just ran into it recently. And yeah, you get it a lot. You get it a lot. If you don't wear the right clothes, you know, just a lot of silly things like that. Yeah, I see.

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I was I was just, I'm just finishing my my doctoral dissertation right now. And I'm taking the interviews with women that I I conducted to write my book, exhibitionism for the shy, which was my first book, and I'm, I'm taking them in and placing them in sort of an academic context. And in the, in the book, it's more of a self help kind of a pop, Psych context, although I don't want to make it sound like it's, you know, minimizing what I did, but it's more easily readable and stuff. And I was going through the interview with a friend of mine, Rita, who now is living in New Mexico and outside of Albuquerque, and she and I went to the March on Washington together and visit 94 Is that the year that that was?

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In Washington, it was 93. Yeah,

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yeah. And Rita was dressed up outrageously, she had on just, she looked like a female drag queen. She was a maniac she had on a 1950s white foundation garment with pearls sewn on it everywhere. And in fact, she ran into the Sisters of perpetual indulgence, the drag queens by the Lincoln Memorial, and they were like, take your picture with you in into but right before this happened, in fact, and she was you she came out in the Bay Area, and it's not like we don't have these issues here. Of course we do, but they're not as sort of life and death. Do you belong or don't you belong as in a smaller or more conservative community? I grew up in Eugene, Oregon, and that's, you know, that's a Much smaller city where people are more likely to judge one another, I think, in communities where people feel more embattled and so San Francisco she'd never run into this before she ran into this woman who came up to her and said, This hizzy awful voice How dare you dress like this on a day like today when the whole country that's why I dressed like this today.



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Exactly why I dress.



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You just miss exhibitionist. She's like am I gonna be on CNN and I want to look my best. It was, it would be that exhibitionistic as part of how you read his sexuality works. But it's also part of how she expresses herself, and expresses the fact that she feels like she's different from the mainstream. And she just was amazed at the hatred in this woman's voice and I tried to explain it to her I'm like, God read I'm sorry to be the one to tell you. Not everybody is gonna love your outfit. Not everybody's gonna love you being that outrageous, especially, Oh, I



Gigi 31:07

get some of that when I go grocery shopping.



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You know, I think when we stop and think about it, a lot of us can, can think of times in our relationship with, with even the lesbian, gay and bi community, much less of a bigger community, where we just were very much feeling outcast. Yes. Because of how we presented ourselves and what we said who we were.



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You bet. Okay, you're talking about the sex positiveness. And so many Americans, whatever they like to do, are sex negative, what? What are some of the things that we can do to overcome this sex negativity?



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Well, one thing that I think is, is sort of a weigh in is I think that sex negativity makes people feel uncomfortable about sexuality on some level, even their own, maybe even especially their own. And I believe that really deep down most people want to feel more comfortable, not less. They want to, they want to feel, you know, comfortable with their lover in bed, they want to feel comfortable. In a new situation, where they're meeting somebody who might be their lover and getting getting more frisky and more intimate with them. They don't want to feel frozen, they don't want to feel hung up, they don't want to feel bad. And my point is that if you are willing to say, You know what this culture, tried to teach me some things about sexuality that are not serving me now as an adult, they're not, they're not helping me be who I want to be. They're making me feel more hung up than I need to feel. How can I untie that stuff? I mean, it's a it's a big not granted, you don't just decide I'm going to feel better about myself, and then it happens the next day. But you got to take a say, You know what, I want to change this. I feel better

about myself. And then the question is, well, do you need more information about a specific thing? Do you, you know, is there a particular desire that you have that you just feel really uptight about? Do you need to get that put into perspective, and realize that lots of other people might want to do that to support from people who are something like you and their desires is so important. I mean, this whole, the whole queer community is about that when you get right down to it, but those of us with more specific desires needed as well. And when you look around, you see, that's why there are so many different sub communities within the gay and lesbian community. It has to do with specifically different sexual desires and trying to put yourself in the place where you'll find people who are compatible with you.



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And I remember trying to gently bring out a friend of mine, who I knew was bisexual. And he was about ready to face it. And I, I talked him into going to a BiNet meeting. And he wouldn't go without me. Yeah, five minutes into it. He didn't even know I was there. Because he knew he was home. Yeah, he was with his people. And that's, that's that, that makes all the difference in the world, doesn't it? Oh.



Gigi 34:18

And I think another thing that kind of helps to is to, you know, a lot of people get mixed up on the notion that if you accept someone else's diversity, you have to adopt it, and then incorporate it into yourself. And we don't do that with other things. You know, you can go through the cafeteria and pick out whatever you want to eat and discuss it. And people don't feel like they have to eat that themselves. Like that,



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or there's 10 on your plate.



Gigi 34:50

Right. But when it comes to sex, we tend to say, well, that's a bad thing to do. You know, and And this is a good thing today because I do it and I like it. I feel like we have to adopt everything that we accept and other people.



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You know, we don't even have to do all the things that we fantasize about doing you we, we get to this is what I think is so extraordinary about the way people are frightened about sex is, it's like, there's a lid on it, there's steam coming out the edges, and the lid gets knocked off, all hell's gonna break loose,



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never have to go out, do it. Just be something you think about something, you wonder about something that enhances your sex life, just in your mind. You know, we all have limits, and it's perfectly okay to have them. Sometimes the people who have the hardest time, truly embracing sex positivity are the ones whose limits have just been trodden over by other people. And Lord knows, we all know people in our lives, and maybe some of us have had a situation of, you know, being raped, being abused, just having just not being listened to. And we said no, or do something different. Serious, that's, it's not that you can say everything is sweetness and light in sex positivity. Because clearly there are people with social skills, who are running over us if we let them. So I think we're making it, making it safe for you to have your own desires, whatever they may be, wherever you say, go. And wherever you say, Stop is very much part of this, too.

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Gigi 36:30

I'd like to shift gears a little bit and talk about because I get a lot of calls on the BiNet line of people that want to push their boundaries, but are afraid to write that want to come out more or experience new sexual deviations, but are afraid to approach it or even who to approach it with. Do you have any suggestions that might help? Or

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Yeah, absolutely. I mean, I think I think when people are, are beginning to think about that, usually, I'm sure that they're, they got some idea what they might want to do. You know, it's not just coming from out of nowhere, usually some fantasy or set of fantasies that are particularly alluring to them. But you know, what, if they tell their partner that they want to do that their partner is gonna think they're whatever.

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Sometimes you have experiences that proved to be just like that.

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How fast their partner might say, let's do that I've always wanted to do that I thought you'd never asked. And, and some of our partners might say, No, oh, no, no, no, I'm not up for that. But, but that doesn't mean that it's not okay to talk about it. Because if you don't bring it up with someone, you're never going to know whether I want to do it or not. I think part of the reason that people you know, imagine that they have to go out and find a whole new class people to do some new fantasy with is that it's so scary to think about talking to somebody that they're already with, about a new thing. And the fact is that you can make it be easier by not

waiting until the minute before you want to try it in bed, I mean, talk about performance, anxiety, I mean, we all know and learning to, to do a safe sex techniques and using condoms and stuff at the time to say condom is not the second before is supposed to go on a penis a few minutes earlier, it's a good idea to get the person used to the idea and any kind of topic is that way to ality especially if there's a possibility that you are with somebody that you've got an ongoing relationship with, and they feel like maybe you're judging them for not being weaponized. Or, or, or trying new things with them, or exciting enough, because that's probably not what you're saying to them at all, you're probably afraid of what they're gonna think of you. And they may be thinking that you're bringing this up means that you're judging them. So you've got to kind of be delicate about it, and really be sure.

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And know what you mean. Because, you know, well I've been and I think part of it too comes from how you approach it yourself. If you come out broaching a subject like oh, I've got this deep, dark secret I'm trying to hide and but I want to share it with you. So we can do this and think of it negatively, then it's gonna come across in a negative way. But if you kind of come at it from a more positive direction and say, Hey, I found this neat toy to play with. And I want to share this with you. That's coming from a whole different base. And I think that can also influence the outcome with your partner.

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It's easy to make things seem heavier than they need to be. And if you've kept the secret for a long time, it probably feels really heavy to you. The idea is to to, you know, get to the point where you feel like you can make it the loving, exciting thing, a new thing that you're talking about possibly doing together and if you decide not to do it was in, you think you got a little bit more intimate about talking more about sex than you had before? That's great.

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Well sometimes do the problem can come as you tried in the past and you were always turned down.

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Right? Well, that's, that's definitely an issue. And you know, that's, that's why people sometimes need to find a sub community like like, for example, the leather community is a place where people go sometimes even when they don't have specific interest in f&m but they think that, well, they're unlikely to find somebody who's got a more open mind and a more sort of kinky sensibility to try this new thing. Sometimes they're right about that. And you know, and sometimes a letter folk are going, you know, saying they don't want to do it, we're doing a slightly more exciting partner. I remember one time I interviewed Suzy bride and she said in the 70s, in the in the 80s, in San Francisco, the lesbian Assam community that women were

going to those meetings, even if they just wanted to wear lipstick, because it was so unacceptable everywhere else, and they thought it was oh my god, no, can I go I know I'll go to the s&m girls because they're so out there. They will never judge me.



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Which sometimes they do anyways. Anyway, but but



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maybe for maybe just for Miss misusing in a way that community because the fact is that I remember when I was was at the Gay and Lesbian Alliance in Eugene, Oregon in the 1970s. There were not other sexual communities in Eugene that could be found. I mean, you know, I'm sure there were some swingers. I'm sure there were a few folks doing different sexual things. But they didn't have an office on campus. They didn't run an ad anywhere. And so we got individual people from all sexual walks of life, coming in wanting support. And you know, heterosexual people wanting to reverse roles, they would come to the Gay Alliance, cross dressers who were straight come to the Gay Alliance, the whole, the whole gamut, who none of whom were necessarily gay or lesbian, or bi, but who thought well, I'm different. Those people are different. They're there already. They got a phone number, when to call them up. And over and over again, what I had to do was encouraged them to put a classified ad in the alternative newspaper and you know, think about what they would want to say to get people who were the appropriate people for them to be playing with and bonding with.



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see that happening in binary a lot. The bisexual community, we get a lot of diversity. And I think that's one of the things that's so cool about it is, you know, we've learned to accept each other's and even celebrate the diversity that's out there. And that can be such a positive moment. Just knowing that you're different, and being able to share that with other people, even though they aren't sharing in your difference directly.



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I've always thought that the probably the most positive thing that the bisexual community can give other