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All right. They're just I mean, just right there in the heart. Oh, yeah. And the architecture is becoming more of shall we say read? Because haven't been there in a while, Eric Yeah. Okay, we have a winner Matthew and Houston has a pair of tickets to the Gay Men's course if you send it happened in the theater coming June 19. That the word them June T. That's right. Yes. One more thing going on. Yeah, no kidding. Okay, gang. I want to thank everybody for coming. Well, thank you for having me. And please do it again. Thanks. Okay, okay. Okay, thanks. I've got some music I want to play for you by Charlie pitchei To the Castro cowboy. From his brand new CD here come the blues which will not be available until next month. So you can only hear it here folks. This is one that has been requested and so I'm gonna give it to You're really good. It's explain it to my heart. And you're listening to it on after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston, and ke o s College Station. We are the sound of Texas



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oh boy, oh boy. Oh boy. Oh boy. Oh, boy. Hold on, hold on. Hold on. Hold on. Okay. Well, that was kind of different, wasn't it? Anyway, what you might have heard underneath all of that was Gretchen Phillips doing Hello darlin. A cover. And she is formerly of two nice girls and open lesbian. And before that Charley Pacheco with explain it to my heart. Have a little problem with the CD machine there. So I may have to play that. Gretchen Phillips all over again, because I think he's got run over by the other one. Anyway. GG. Yeah,



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we've been trying to call Miko page with bymike Cafe. Yeah. And somehow the lines breaking out someone whose cell phone time. Oh, so the car goes partly through and then it breaks up. That's not even fun now, so I'll try it again in a few minutes. Okay, so Michael is who now? He runs by cafe. It's a theater website, where bisexuals meet one another? And do they've got all kinds of rooms there. There's by activist chat room, there's a market where you can get your official by flags. Bisexual flag. Oh, and share your by colors



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by colors. Yeah.



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And all kinds of other stuff. And it is just a packed website. Wow. Yeah, they even have a triplex room are really where you could see Miss JJ all spread out.



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Did you send pictures and I sent pictures girlfriend and have you all over the place? Oh, they are everywhere now. Well, so you can know. Gigi, intimately the magic of your computer.



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Yeah. But anyway, we're going to talk to Michael Page and also to someone from Barnett USA. They are doing a thing in Florida this weekend. And so Chris is going to be with them who's with buying the USA. And since we can get a hold of them, we shall do an interview. Okay, so if you're ready to get some music, we'll try the phone call again.



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Well, I'm not quite ready yet. Okay. But I will be in just a second.



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We'll also be talking a little bit about celebrating bisexuality day and that's coming up September 23 1999. And I tell you it is becoming a global event. We have people from Australia, England, the UK, France, Germany, all jumping in and we are planning events all over the world to celebrate being by to sounds like fun. Oh, yeah, ads. I mean, people are talking about doing everything from you. Having a bisexual picnic and selling I mean flying flags and flying kites to doing a bisexual balls to even name it are going to be happen. Sounds like it. Ah, and it's all we finally came up. I mean we talked on the leaders list about what day to do it on and we kind of tossed around all different kinds of dates finally settled on the Fall Equinox. Oh, and basically the Fall Equinox is the pagan time of calling. And we thought that would be so appropriate calling people to come celebrate by pride.



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No kidding. Okay, well, let's go to another piece of music and we'll try him one more time. You're listening to after hours with Jimmy Carper and Gigi, and it's on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station we are the sound of Texas



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Floyd is a gentleman whether you like it or not heard Vic does you know?



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Hedwig and the Angry itch is the name of the off off Broadway show and that's the first song on it. tear me down which is a favorite on the out voice I've got the mics open in there sir if you'd like to jump in here. No. Okay. We have somebody. Well, that's not going to talk. Hedwig and the Angry edge. Yes. The out voice charts. Hedwig is on there and it's really really good. I've played quite a few songs from there, too. That was tear me down I played sugar daddy I played waken the box, and wicked little town. So that was that and before that we of course had the Gretchen Phillips off of her brand new songs to save your soul. She doesn't it's like a bunch of cover songs only only six of them unfortunately. And that one was Hello darlin. The old Conway Twitty song a twisty song that he made famous. And of course, Charlie PJ. Oh, I'll be playing him every week because he is so cool and hit this album isn't even out yet, folks. And when it is I'm hoping you're going to be able to find it at Lobo and Gigi what kind of progress have we made here?



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Wow, we've got Wendy curry on the phone. Since we didn't get her last time we'll get her this time. It seems like we are having problems getting through the Miko Page Yeah, cell phone and working right. So anyway, let's see we're gonna bring windy on to two okay. It's Hi Laurie their word



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works this week good. I Wendy This is Jimmy This is community radio and sometimes you know things just don't go the way you want them to.



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People don't show up Yeah.



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We never know what we're gonna get by weight by he's got something Yeah.



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anyway, let me introduce Wendy courage. I have met her through Banner USA. She is a package of dynamite. Whoa. I mean, she is just activist city and out there and in your face if you go the wrong way against the queer community. Whoa. I hope I'm not building you up too big when

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I'm starting to get scared myself now.

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Where are you right now? I'm in New Hampshire, New Hampshire. Wow. And when

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he's been working on a project with me celebrating bisexuality day

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Yeah, that's something new and you know, when when judges first told me I thought, Well, why don't you just do it during National Coming Out Day. But you know, then I got to thinking about it is each group needs their own space their own day their own stuff.

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Exactly. And actually, a few people suggested we do it at National Coming Out Day. It was an idea that we sort of thought about all we thought about a lot of days.

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The list was endless.

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But um, Dan Savage. I don't know if if you have him down there too much. He's at

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Dan Savage. He's the writer. Yeah. Yeah,



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he threw out a challenge and said, bisexuals will never have an identity of our own. If we don't stop leeching off the gay community and start having our own thing. It's true. So we decided we needed our own day, among other things.



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Well, not you need your own history, your own flag, your own name, your own everything. Yeah. Well, we got to flag the name thing is very important. There's been some talk about naming and labels and stuff in on some Houston. Computer boards. And for the most part, people, oh, you know, labels, I don't want to be labeled blah, blah, blah. And that's not true. You have to have your own name. You have to, if you don't have your own name, you don't have an identity. Yeah. And so with bisexuals, it's really kind of tough, I think is because you've got



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well, there's another element and that bisexuals are so invisible. Anyway, there you go. You look at two people walking down the street holding hands. And you know, there's assumptions made. But you know, rarely do people see to individuals walking down the street holding hands and say, Oh, what a lovely bisexual pair



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never happened. It's either straight or gay. Unless you



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have some obnoxious t shirt on there you go.



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Or unless you're like Miss G, G, and



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you're walking down the street, and I go, Ooh, what's that? It's kind of like, you know that one time, I was going to my friend's for his birthday party. And this friend of mine is saw, you know,

he's a queen from way, way back. So anyway, as all dressed up in a leather skirt and lace top on my Honda 750 motorcycle, and it happened to be during the West time or art festival. So I get up to the intersection. And that was back when there's a light at Taft and Westheimer. And the light was red. And it's a long line. So I pull up to the corner. And there's this guy and this woman that her best staring at me. And finally the girl, she was sad a boy or girl. And the guy kind of rubbed his chin and he looked at me and he looked at her and he looked back at me and he said neither that said died. That's funny, best compliment I ever got.



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Even then he didn't see you as bisexual.



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Exactly.



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Once again, you know, we're so invisible.



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But I think to things like the buy flag is very, very important.



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Definitely.



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Because if you don't have that, then you have to have the obnoxious t shirt. Right?



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Right. And another great when people actually know what the flag is. Sometimes people see it and say, Oh, look, she's a Taco Bell.



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It takes time. It just takes time.



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And I know we've kind of we've probably woken you up here. I mean, what is it two o'clock your time here?



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Okay, this makes up for flipping through it last.



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But, you know, you know how the problems of just being bisexual in a city like Houston or, or even anywhere in the Midwest.



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I'm wondering about New Hampshire. Oh, yeah.



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Work in the same building as Bob Smith. I don't know if if you know who he is down there. He's running for President right now. No, but he's running because he thinks Pat Buchanan is too liberal wants to give people a true alternative. So every morning I start out they'll go in a way it's his office. People go and talk to them and then they say we'll have to agree to disagree and



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someone called him with a question. We only



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go on windy.



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Oh, so he says that we have to agree to disagree whenever I talked to him about anything, but they're all polite up here. Nobody, you know tries to kill me



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Well, I'm wondering about states like, Well, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, it's I think of them as very conservative. But then again, it's probably a live is let live to.



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That's interesting that you would think that maybe it's a New Hampshire and maybe it's a New England mentality, but all the states seem very, very different to me. I think our accent sound different to and probably in Texas. We all sound the same.



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Yeah, of course.



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And a Texas we get the Bible Belt. Yeah.



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So what is it like living in New Hampshire?



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Well, lately, it's been really exciting because there's a few bisexual activists that are getting really bored. And so we're having our first big obnoxious by pride element it Pride Parade in a week. Cool. Have several bike groups starting up? And like I said, Yeah, I guess people are polite. I mean, you do things. And, you know, I'm completely out at work. And I have all these buy pride stuff everywhere, and nobody cares. Of course, I'm in the high tech industry, too. So they don't care as long as you can write code.



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I guess my thinking is that is that in, in smaller towns, smaller states, people know people, rather than just have a bunch of strangers, you know, running around with flags.



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That's really interesting. perspective, because I think the town I'm in IS 300,000 people. So to me, I'm like, wow, this is a huge town. Oh, but you know, I guess probably compared to

Houston. That's pretty janky.



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Yeah, we're 3 million. Yeah.



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A lot of my neighbors.



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Oh, really? Okay. Well, then, then I have I have this misconception. I think of those states as being very sparsely populated.



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Well, you know, and they mostly are, I grew up in Maine. And you know, there's 1000 People in my town growing up. So that was pretty.



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Yeah. Pretty much everybody knew.



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Everybody knew everybody in the video was in everybody's business. If you aren't out they all made assumption. Sure.



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Well, I want to kind of change the subject a little bit. Sure. Windy, was the one that got me so active on doing that candlelight vigil. Oh, she wrote me an email saying what's going on in Texas? Why are all these transgenders being killed? And nobody's? It's like, it's all being brushed under the carpet. Yeah.



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Yeah. But I gave it to the tiniest push. And this thing just ran with it.



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She is that she does do that. Yes, I get excitable. Yeah, but that's, that's the that's the only way to get something done or something. I mean, you have to scream until until people notice you and see what the problem is. And then you work it out.



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But since she gave me that little pitch, I mean, we've been working on a couple of projects together. I mean, now manaro. And by net USA, and regional organizer. And you know, I've been working on this South Central Regional Conference, and now we're working on this celebrating bisexuality day. And, you know, it's, it's this whole invisibility, this whole push by the media by the world to say, you know, you don't exist, you're not real. You're, you're out there, you know?



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Yeah, it's a it's a mindset in people's mind, if you're, if you're monosexual if you're, if you see things in black and white, where there's nothing that makes us a parent. That's one of the big reasons I've gotten into this whole bi trans Alliance thing. Because someone was talking to me who was transgendered and she said that, Oh, you guys don't really have an issue because you're invisible. Our biggest problem was that we're too visible whether we want to be or not, and it just kind of made this sort of kindred spirit black white kind of thing, because it's the same problem if you're you're stuck with a label that you don't want or you're if you can't get a label because people can't see you. It's the same sort of frustration, but yet the opposite. Yeah. Any sense it two o'clock.



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No, no. I don't know if it's this way up there. But to me I'm a gay man. And it seems that in Houston people talk about gay lesbian and bisexual, and gay, lesbian, bisexual, but it's the gays and lesbians who are just using the word, but not really opening their arms to welcome bisexuals, it's just it's it's meaningless.



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And one of the issues that's come up and by net Houston repeatedly and I think and by Nance and a lot of places is that, you know, you, there's not really a sense of community, you can turn to bisexual. There's a strong gay community, there's a strong strike community. There's a strong trans community. Yeah. But when you kind of look around, where's the buy presents, where the buy bars where the where do you gotta meet other buys? You know, and that's partly why I started buying in Houston was to try to get a sense of, are there any other buyers out there? I'm here. And I think that's one of the things that's been so lacking. And that's part of what Bynum USA I think is partly about is to make a more by visible presence, and to pull people together and to say, you know, we're here we're, whereby, whereby, and we are community.



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And it's really exciting. One of the things I do is I edit by NET News, which is by net USA is newsletter. And I just got this a wonderful letter in the mail all handwritten, I didn't think anyone did that anymore. But it was from this, this guy in prison in Washington State. And just because he had our newsletter, he found two other people in prison who are by and now they've hooked up and made this little clique and they look out for each other. This is so cool that like one little piece of paper lying around or or one little ad in a newspaper in Houston, Texas talking about buying at Houston just brings these people together, there's there's this whole group of people just dying for community.



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Yes, yes.



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Together you guys in 10 years by the Houston is going to be huge. And you get gonna, like not be able to get away from it. It's gonna



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be I think you're right. Yeah, it's just getting started seems to be a really kind of tough, but I liked the idea of, of, of the, the by day that you've got going



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Yeah, and part of my thinking behind by day, celebrating bad day is, is this sense that there are a lot of bisexuals in the closet for whatever reason, another philos guys in the closet to you, I mean, in the culture,



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but really, a lot of times, lots of times it's because maybe they're married and they have, you know, they are afraid of losing their children or something like this. But part



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of this celebration is the sense of being able to celebrate, even if you have to do it silo, and knowing that at least in spirit there, this is a worldwide global event, you bet and that there's others out there because I know for years, I was searching for just one other living human bisexual person to say, hey, kindred spirit. Yeah, let's talk a little while. It's good to know there's another one that existed



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especially in your town because you came to the to the international bike conference, right?
Oh, yeah. It's kind of sucks to have to go to Boston. The other bisexual?



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Yeah. To talk about number. I mean, I've never seen that many bisexuals in one place. I mean, I was just floored. I went to the San Diego conference. And that was a that floored me, I mean, over 100 and here in Boston, close to 1000 still flying in class.



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So how do you keep that momentum going? How do you beef up by net Houston, or by net New Hampshire?



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You know, it's really tough if you kind of have to keep thinking whenever I get feeling frustrated, like I'm starting my own by group in Manchester. And if nobody shows up when you have a meeting, it's kind of depressing. But I keep thinking about the international bike conference on Saturday night we had this dance and there was there was what GZ about 500 bisexuals and there's one room dancing to the same music everybody checking everybody out. It's not all about sex because sex was but it was just so cool to just see all these people just Just slowly happy and free and, and feeling like, if you go into a gay bar, if I go into a gay bar and I see this really cute, I assume gay man, he could be bisexual to be straight. But if I see him, I don't want to immediately check him out because I don't want to get the label saqqaq. And if I got, if I got a straight bar, I didn't want to check out a really cute girl, because you know, her boyfriend might beat me up. But if there's one place or a 500 people and I could just look around and just check everybody out, and everybody was just, you know, pleased as punch just to be checked out. So now when I, when I go to my gay group, and nobody shows up, I realized that if I keep going, eventually someone will show up, it will happen. And eventually, that person will tell someone else and it'll take off so so it's not happening now. So it's not happening maybe this year, but eventually,



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with the dance, I remember, you know, step out every so often for a cigarette and the fire marshal was standing at the door with all his cronies. And there's this long line of



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people waiting for the chance of getting



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out there all night long camped out just hoping that they could come in and be a part of this dance.



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They only allowed 500 People in the play.



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There's another 500 in line outside. No, yeah,



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yeah. And they weren't even conference attendees. They were like, local. could read



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a book and more did leaked out that we were having this bike yesterday. And I mean, the town turned out big time.



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That's amazing. No, I hadn't heard that. Yeah. Wow. Wow. So how do you advertise?



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How do I advertise? I haven't.



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Either one. Yeah. Newspapers are



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good. We have a magazine up here. I don't know if you have it down there in news weekly. No,



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we do the brag sheets.



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Advertising, they put flyers up. And in the gay bars. Yeah. A lot of people go there in a regular newspapers and regular community centers. The outlay here,



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some regular newspapers won't print ads for bisexuals. No, that's insane. Yes, it is. I mean, approach several of them. The Chronicle wins the big one, the big one. But even some of the smaller ones. Some even a couple of the alternatives wouldn't fit something in except person in the personal ad section. For bisexuals,



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since they don't have a section for support groups.



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They wouldn't put a bisexual support group in there.



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Oh, you know, what? A couple of newspapers in October in Texas, and



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people know. That sucks. But if you can have



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a support group for, you know, wife abusers or, or



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child molesters? Yeah.



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So they're saying that we deserve less of an opportunity for support. And

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what they're saying is they don't believe in bisexuality. That's what they're saying. And you get it from the straight camp and you get it from the gay camp. Drives Me Crazy drives me crazy. It's not sitting on the fence, it's a choice.

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And then, you know, some of the publications we ran out, and then they give me a form to fill out. So fill it out. They want the contact number on the top half of the form, and then my, my home personal number on the bottom half. I fill out the form, guess what shows up in print, my home phone number. So you know, it's like, you know, you tried to do these, and

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it's tough to get the word out is what you're sad. But

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we do get calls. And we and the internet, I think has been the big explosion. Yeah, because I get lots of emails from people. And, you know, I'm now running the binance South Central Regional listserv, which covers Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana. Whoa. I hope I didn't leave any out. But anyway, you know, just in the we've been up for about a month and a half and we've got 50 team members now. And that's saying a lot because a lot of bisexuals here in Houston don't even have computers. So they aren't on it. You know, it's not a local thing. This is just blown sky wide all over the region. We are getting context that we've never had access to an arc and saw

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that, you know, it's got to be the only being and I got engendered in in Arkansas.

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Yeah. Well, I got a email from someone in Little Rock, Arkansas saying, I don't know if I'm the only one here but I want to start a group and can you help me and I said, I'm a bunch of information on how to start a group. Great. I mean, you know, but the thing was that, you know, just all of a sudden, I became electrified, I thought, wow, this is so cool. Because all of a sudden, we're reaching people. People that want so much to be a part of this bisexual community. And I think if anywhere it's going to happen it's going to explain it on the internet.



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Exactly.



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Yeah. You know, because have you tried this? The Internet way of God I



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live on the actually, she she has a great a great lives are happening right now for CBD for celebrate bisexuality day and we have speaking of creating a community, there's people on there from France, UK, Italy, or else. I just heard from someone from Iran, who's going to do something for the day.



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Wow, we just got ran.



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We just gotten not only did we just get to members in Australia, but I wrote the Australia group. And they are putting it on their main national web bisexual website to our lives for good.



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That's Wayne. Roberts.



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Yeah. So you know, I know this thing's just well, it will be



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the first year is going to be small. And then you know, everybody's going to turn around, see what everybody else is doing. And then it'll grow. It'll grow over the Coming Out Day for gays was took three or four years before people really took notice. Well, what I'm



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getting a picture of is we've got roughly about 40 activist and different countries around the

world that are on this listserv now talking to one another on how we're going to plan this event. They're going to go back to their groups, and then kind of guesstimating but I'm figuring for each person on the listserv. They're going to be going back to 2030 members.

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Yeah. And

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it's gonna look good.

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It's gonna be great. Of course, this is a huge planet. So even if you're talking, you know, 1000 5000 10,000 people involved, it's gonna seem really gimpy. If you're in Outer Mongolia or something, you might you still might not see anything for a couple of years. Yeah. Yeah.

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But But it's my hope that we just make this a positive celebration day. It's not a day for activism. It's just a day to celebrate. Being a human being that loves no alternative ways. Yeah. But I'm getting the wrap up sign when Jeremy gives me this little twirly thing, and then I flash them lighter. doesn't wait.

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Don't flash him now. Anyway, it's so good to have you on the air. Yeah.

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This was fun. Yeah, I can go back and listen to those 5000 tapes I have in my living room.

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Oh, I got one new guy.

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Wendy, all the tapes of all the shows we've ever done on so much been listening to Oh, good. She is copying him and sending him all over the country to



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buy resource centers. Yeah.



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Why? Thank you. I'm flattered. Okay, I'm



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gonna go back to sleep now. Okay.



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Thanks for waking up anytime.



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Join us by



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Oh, that was nice. That was nice.



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Wendy is dying. We did catch her. I mean, she was probably asleep so it's totally unexpected for her.



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Well, you know, this is the that's the kind of show this is.



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But she's she's great. You know, like I say you catch her when she's wide awake and like out



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really? Well, Thank you. It's time for the news. You're waiting. You've been waiting in the

really well. Thank you. It's time for the news. They're waiting. They've been waiting in the wings. Oh, am I going? Yeah. Well. That's the way it goes. Thank you. Gigi. We'll see you next month. And Happy Pride Month. Is it by net going to have an entry this year.



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No, not this year. I've got so much I'm doing I'm putting this conference together that's true. And in fact, I am getting emails I'm putting out emails every day doing organizational work talking to people in California and talking to people like Wendy by net us just Michael at my cafe and Carole Queen oh yeah lining up all the it's a lot of work



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we can get Michael next month Yeah. Goodbye cafe.



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But the conferences coming up and they had to do quick play Yes. However 22nd to 24th and it is going to be wonderful right here in Houston boys and girls and it's we're gonna have quiet a showing. Yeah, so and I mean, gonna have Fritz clan



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Carol's incredible people doing things during the day and incredible parties at night.



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Oh, yes. And we'll have a dungeon Oh,



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my nudity will prevail. Thank you very much. See you next week. And now it's time for it's not time for that it's time for this



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oh yeah, time for after hours news and views with big Ronnie and Chris. Good. And let's see, I know I've got some stuff.



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And we got bunch of stuff tonight. Going all the way from gay veterans. Women's Health. We

got a couple of picnics a potluck. We got we got Chico's doing something and



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and when I want to start off by saying hello to some of the guys that I owe again this