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have a thing to do. There's, if you go out on a Sunday night, you know, well, actually, no, I definitely like riches is a teaming up, I believe on Sunday nights. But again, let's say you want to go out Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or you want to be around a bunch of gay people on a Thursday night. Besides, you know, there's not, there's two clubs you can go to, there's riches in the Picasso and when they're open, you can pretty much go when they're not well, what do you do? I mean, it's, and to me, it's just strikes me it's kind of a shame that



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we, we have to wait till we're 21 to have fun.



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Well, yeah, we kind of forget about the fact that there's a lot of people out, there's a lot of gay people that have come out now more and more and more, yeah, every day, there's more and more between the 18 and 21 crowd that have come out. And they're looking for something to do with to be with their own kind of people to be with to be in the gay crowd. And there's not a whole lot to do out there.



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I think I was reading this article when x y magazine few months ago. And for those of you who don't know, X, Y, it's, it's kind of like a gay, YM is the best way I can put it. But um, I was reading this article, and they made a really valid point that in San Francisco, they don't have very many 18 nightclubs. And the young gay population has, like, a very rapidly increasing age rate. Because, you know, there's not much to do, you can't go out to clubs with your friends and have fun. And, and the only gay kind of contact you can get is through, you know, meeting people, you know, and then going home with them. You know, I think, I think giving young gay men something to do besides just meeting people having sex, yes. Or, you know, is a very, you know, healthy thing, because I think it cuts down on that. Because, gone.



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One thing I've always thought about, it's like, why don't they have like a gay teen clubs, you know, like, 18, or whatever it is, like, where kids can go and hang out or whatever. But then I realized that probably wouldn't work out too well, because he then you'd get all the chicken hawks chillin out there and waiting for the boys to come out and all that. And I don't think that there'd be like a lot of people who would go in the first place, because they just like, oh, well, it's not the club. It's not the clubs.



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Yeah. Well, then unfortunately, you also have to worry about the politics involved. Because there there are, let's face it. When, let's say I went out and opened a club that was 18. And up. There's a lot of politics involved. Yeah, I have to face the Jerry Falwell Bible. Christian coalition, extreme right wing guests on? Why am I opening up that 18? In that club? am I opening that 18 up and club 18 and up club? Because I think it would be good for them? Or am I opening that club up? Because I just want to get laid every night? Right? Yeah.



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So I do, formless children.



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I do. I do admit that there is a lot of politics and a lot of questioning going on. Like just like a lot of people who are involved in a lot of the adults involved in hatch do have to, I'm sure they do face and have to worry about being questioned why they're involved. Because they are dealing with a lot of people that are, you know, they're you. So there's a lot involved there, plus having to get your liquor license.



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But yeah, liquor license is also an issue. There's lots of rules to be able to have 18 and up people. And I think,



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I think it was either Kip or James, that government that I was discussing with that. We were discussing, I think one of the one of the things that really does hurt the 1821 crowd is the the older people that the quote chicken hawks that go and buy the younger crowd drinks, because they have to worry about T ABC and therefore when that's going on, then they become they come under fire, and they take the risk of getting into trouble because of the older crowd that's buying the younger crowd drinks. I'm not going to say I'm the perfect person that didn't drink for I was 21. But that happens. I don't think I drink very much at the clubs. I really didn't drink very much to the clubs before I turned 21. And that's one thing that that does become an issue

is the fact that there is a lot of alcohol being consumed at the clubs, and we need to worry about the fact that and it's not just self gratification, because if some if one it only takes one person to get in trouble with TVC. Exactly. So if somebody's out there and they're having a couple of drinks, and they're under 21 Then they can get everybody in trouble. And that's one thing that we unfortunately have to face are that y'all now I no longer but y'all have to face about being in the 18 to 21 group is that if y'all are out there, and not even just y'all, but if anybody in your your age group gets a couple of drinks or something from somebody who's older, then that can bring everybody under fire. Unfortunately, I my personal my personal stance is, if you're over 18, you're old enough to vote, you're old enough to get drafted and die for your country. So while you're not old enough to you're not old enough to drink that just don't make sense to me. And especially since you know, you've seen the political candidates as of late.



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I don't think that's a law that's going to be changing anytime soon. I



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don't think I'm yeah, I'm not going to try to fight Capitol Hill on that one. I'm just saying, yeah, it doesn't make sense. But it is, unfortunately, the rule. And unfortunately, we all do kind of have to stick to some rules. As is there, do y'all have anything to say on that? I mean, am I wrong on this? Am I right on this? Is there any, anything you have to say?



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I mean, I think you're right. But to tell you the truth, I really don't think there's much we can do about it. Yeah, I'd love to see, like some beautiful like huge house, that's just like a gating Hangout, you pay two bucks to get in the door. And there's like, no alcohol, no nothing. And just like a nice little dance club, pool table, whatever. But I just don't see that. Well, actually nice if



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but I just recently moved from the Dallas area, I was going to school up and University of North Texas. And there were these two older gentlemen, up in Dallas, who would throw movie parties every Friday and Saturday night up in Dallas. And these weren't your normal, you know, older guys, you know, hitting on, you know, your younger guys to do some good, exactly. These were to, you know, recovering alcoholics, who know that the bad side of club life, and things like that. And they know that there's not a whole lot to do, especially in Dallas, for people who are under 21. And so what they do is every Friday and Saturday night, they they go to Blockbuster, they run a couple movies, and everybody goes into their place, has some popcorn has some you know, you know, soda and watch a movie. And you know, they get to meet people their own age. And they they get to meet nice good people, you know, because these are, you know, just random people who come off the streets, like, you know, in clubs, these are, you know, it's

always somebody's friend. And I really admire those guys for doing that. Because they they really, I think, help out the young gay community. I mean, you know, there's only, you know, 10 to 20 people who show up at these things. But I think that that makes a difference.



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10 to 20 people that it makes a difference to have something to do on a Friday or Saturday night, you know, yes, it's just like, and I'll admit, I'll be the first to admit, you know, before I turned 21, I was the first person in the front of the parade carrying that big old torch saying, you know, this and this and this. And I have sometimes I do have to catch myself, I just sit there and say, You know what, my values and morals are still the same. I still think that I and I still think it's wrong, that the 1821 crowd is excluded. But it's very easy. Just speaking, as somebody who's newly able to go out to any bar, any club that I want to, because I've recently turned away one, I'm able to go to these places, it's very easy to forget that there's that 18 to 21 crowd that's just has nothing to do on a Friday or Saturday night is it's not I don't think it's always intentional. It's just you go out, you're having a good time, and you tend to sit there and you're like you all have Hey, everybody's here and you forget that Hey, Joe, Bob's not here because he's not 21 yet, and, and Billy Joe's not here, and so and so it's not here, because they're not 21 yet,



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one thing I've learned I'm only 16 years old. And all my friends are like 1920 21 Because there's not that many people out my age, but it is so hard because like so what they'll do to now go challenge like nah, sorry, we're going to the clubs, and that just becomes a real pain in the ass.



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Yes. Something we haven't even covered as people who are under 18. Yeah, you know,



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well, I don't expect the club and bar seemed to move for the you know, I don't expect them to accommodate the 118 Clerk crowd because mainly because, I mean, the strike clubs haven't accommodated the handwriting. For the most part. I think there's there may be one or two clubs that the under 18 crowd can actually go to legally. But TIBC being so rigorous Texas State law, and then the risk that a bar owner takes on or a club owner is just you can't in office even but you just can't necessarily expect them to take on any any extra beyond the strip clubs. But let's face it most well, not most, but a lot of strip clubs out there. Okay, let's look at the Richmond strip. There's a lot of places for stray people to go if they're 18 or bad? There's a lot of places. But in the gay community, there's two really that I can think of offhand. Well, there's there's mono, there is vinyl on



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Wednesday nights. But that's not. That's good. Well, let's

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let's not get into the actual logistics of every lesson not get into how each crowd is made up. But let's just go into the fact that you'll just seem to be everybody seems to be forgotten about when they're 18 to 21. And, and one big complaint I hear is that the 18 Toyland crowd just doesn't act mature, and they don't treat the older people with respect. Because, well, my main comment to the people that say that is that when's the last time you've treated somebody that was 1821. With respect, honor, respect, exactly. In order to get respect, you must give respect. And so you have to take that into consideration too.

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It's kind of like being straight and going up to smile, say, hey, faggot holds the same thing as young kids get from older guys. Yeah, they get no respect.

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I mean, just like I remember when I was up at a&m, and a friend of mine, and I would drive down almost every night religiously, to go to heaven. And we used to joke around and we'd be like, you know, whenever an older man who looked like he was on the prowl would come up, we'd be like, alright, defense shields up. Alright, are you protected? In you know, we joke around about it. But But part of that is, you know, some of the people that go out to the clubs, they look at the younger people, as not much more than a piece of meat. And then some of the other older people that go out there, in my opinion, look at the younger people as a bunch of rambunctious young kids going crazy. Well, to an extent that's true, you know, when

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they are 18 to 20. They're not right, yes, this

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does go both ways. Because how many times you've just been sitting around with younger friends, slamming old people.

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But yeah, that's what I'm saying. You know, what I'm saying is, you know, the older people complain about the younger people not giving them respect, and the younger people complain about the older people not giving them respect, right, yeah. And it's not a complete blanket thing. But it is an issue because I remember that I used to go out and we joke around and joke

around about the chicken hawks and the older people, when, when I was hanging out at crossroads, and so forth, the older people would complain about the younger people being so loud and obnoxious, and that ended up. So it's a road that works both ways. And I think we all need to realize that and we need to just kind of all, can we all just get along?



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I think they're just I think they're just jealous.



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Well, I think one good argument that I've heard some older gay people make is, is back when they were as young as us, they didn't have it as good as us. You know, they have fought really hard. Yeah. But to be able to provide this for us. And I think, you know, in a lot of times, they take that for granted.



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Sometimes we still have to fight for like so when we get older, we can say to the same kids, like when we're older, we can say to the kids that look, we didn't have as good as y'all is this. Why are y'all mentioned. So it's kind of Yeah,



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it's a vicious cycle.



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We need to take a momentarily break moment to



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And a lot of it is jealousy



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of the younger crowd



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that that we're not young anymore. But you know, it



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really it also worked. Again, it works both ways. Because the the younger crowd is jealous of the fact that if you're anywhere above 21, even if you're 80 years old, you can pretty much go anywhere you damn well, please. Versus if you're 18 to 21, or under 18. You're extremely limited as to where you can go and hang out and have a good time and meet people. Because let's face it, we all have that dream of meeting the perfect person. Now what how attached we are to that varies, but we all have the dream of eventually meeting the perfect person.



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Yeah, well, we usually settle for the less than perfect person.



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But we all do have the dream. And so we all want to pursue it. But now the agents want one crowd, they usually you know, this straight 18 to 21 crowd can go out to the school and go out to the the on campus functions and so forth, assuming they're in college, and meet people to where as the 18 to 21 crowd in the gay community. When the gay community doesn't necessarily provide a place for you, where do you go? There's not much out there. No.



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I think lots of lots of the modern youth is turning to the internet, and which has a lot of good and bad to it.



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It has a lot of good because I met my first boyfriend off the internet and we're still together now. And that's been like a year and a half. So I mean, if you use it for the right person purpose, and if it's all honest It's good, but the internet. Yeah,



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exactly. But then you can't, you can't help me hear about you can't help but hear about all the bad going on, like, you know, so and so was abducted because they met so and so and they were going to you know, yeah, whatever and it's let's face it there's there's predators out there, there's prey out there and then there's people that just want to get along with their lives



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there. There are predators anywhere. Exactly. Yeah, you're they're using this medium in the 90s. Right was they used other mediums and in the past, for other ways to



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write. And my honest opinion, I think that if there was more places for the 18 to 21, crowd and andalo, the 18 crowd, like more coffee shops and so forth for for the underwriting crowd to go. But I think if there was more places for them to go, the predators on the internet would not be nearly an issue, because, okay, let's face the first time you're out there, and you're beginning to accept your yourself and you just want to go out and have your first sexual experience. If you have access to the internet, there's no telling who you're going to end up hooking up with. And if you see a readily available opportunity to lose your cheering, you're gonna go after it, so to speak. Right. So however,



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what you're saying, you know, you're equating this with having no other place to go, but yet, there are predators in the straight community also. Yeah, there are. There are much more places for for straight teens to go. Right. There are so it happens. Yeah, but either way. I do admit



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I'm kind of isolating it to the gay community. Yeah, but and but hey, we're getting ready our show. We're after hours. Queer radio with attitude. Oh, yeah. I think it would cut down a lot on but I think it would cut down a lot on the predators and the, a lot of the of the stigma and and because, and that



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the stigma is probably the main reason that there are not presses for gay teens. Because anytime an adult tries to do something with teens, there's always that overriding, you know, you're Chickenhawk. You're just trying to get into their pants.



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I'm hack. I'm only 21 years old, okay. And I've got a lot of friends who are underwater, which is natural, because I just turned 21, which is natural for me to have friends that are under 20. But I get called a chicken hawk. And I'm just I'm like, yeah, 21 year old. I just, I turned 21 Last month, and I'm already chicken



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works. Yeah,



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it's a very much, it's very much a double edged sword. Because if we ignore the issue, then we get sliced one way because then it leaves a lot of people vulnerable. And if we try to take on the issue, then we get sliced the other way because of the politics involved. Okay,



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well, there are groups like hatch, who are doing right, you're talking



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to hatch has done a wonderful job,



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and they're replaced. Excellent. And there are places like the community center. But you know, that's not the place that you're gonna hang out to.



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Mean, Hatch's only three hours on a Friday, I mean, they can't do everything. Right.



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But you know, what really kind of gets to me is the fact that it seems that almost everywhere in the gay community is not the that the 18.1 crowd is or the under 21 products, I'm just going to bring it under 21. The under 21 crowd is not necessarily banned, or or completely ruled out. But they seem to be under kind of a microscope, if there's somebody that just looks like they're under 21, or they fit the description, the classic, you know, ideal of it. They're put under a microscope, and if they screw up, then they're out of there. Whereas if somebody is over 21, they get a lot more respect. They're not watched quite as closely. And they are perhaps. Well, I think, to a large extent, it's true. Actually, I



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like you were saying earlier, I think that happens all the time in the strike community too. I mean, yeah,



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one of the I think that's a shame I even the strike community, too, is like America really does lose contact with its youth. Yeah, well, what what if we, if we don't sit there and try to respect our youth and bring them up properly and, and nurture them which in a way providing a place for them to go as nurturing? Then what do we expect when they take over? Exactly? What can we expect? I mean, if somebody has spit upon all their lives, can you expect them to be a nice guy? I wouldn't say if somebody was treated like heck all their lives, I would, I would expect them to be pretty mean guy. And I know one Hey, I'm gonna get real old and I'm gonna want somebody to make sure I'm taken care of.



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It's amazing how many young, gay gay youth, you know, is already bitter and jaded. You know, by the age of 20. You know, there's a lot of, yeah. Because they, you know, feel excluded and things like that, like you were saying.



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That's true. But, but, Ben, you were saying that there's that hatches only three hours on a Friday. But exactly. One of the things that does provide is a training ground for your experience later on in life, in that you network with



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others, it is a very good way to meet people to be introduced



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into friendships, and then you take that friendship. I mean, other than that, three hours, I mean, you can talk on the phone.



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I mean, me, how did I get involved in this radio show? Yeah, so it's granted, it's it is only three hours on a Friday night. And it's also, I think, another either two or three hours on a Sunday night. It's been a while for me. But at the same time, even though it's only three hours on a

Friday night, or two or three hours on, better than nothing, that's three hours on a Friday night that you have somewhere to go in two or three hours on a Sunday night that you have someone but that's



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exactly how you form relationships later on in life and meet people at a place. Yeah. And you strike up a conversation you become



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friends talk to each other towards



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classic example. I'm now too old for Hatch. I still talk to David and Ben say that I consider them my friends. They consider me their friend, I hope.



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Yeah, and I talked to several people. That's how you form your, your family of choice. Right? Your your close circle of friends.



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My main concern is that when you get beyond that, though, because Okay, let's face it, when you reach 21, when you reach one on one, there's you can go everywhere and anywhere. Yeah. So you do you go to and you don't stick to this, you don't necessarily stick to one bar or



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anything. No, but you experiment and you go to a lot of places, and you find the place to actually find



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your neck, but it takes a while. Yeah, but when you're when you're under 21. There's, and I know me being 21 I go out every night of the week, and I think a lot of people, I think a lot of people that just turned 21 When they first turned 21 go out a lot. I think they probably do go out almost every night of the week. Yeah. So and that's because it's, it's all new, it's all flooding in Sure. But the 18 to 21 crowd, they would love to be able to go out and meet everybody and see people and see faces that they know are friendly. And they will Yeah, they will when they turn 21. But what happens before they turn 21? Well,



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it's like driving, you know, you may be able to, you know, be able to drive when you're 13 however, you're not going to be able to draw 1660. And it's just a waiting period. And it's like,



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Of course sometimes I think it's kind of good because it gives the person the chance like even if they can't go out every Friday or Saturday night, if they can still like interact with gay people, let's say like a coffee shop or whatever. It gives them time to like develop their skills like that and develop as far as like learning how to talk to people like you were saying earlier. Yeah,



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let's get everybody on the line or everybody out there a chance to reflect with some music. And if you have any opinions on it call 713526 KPFT 713-526-5738 i So knew that I really did. We've also for about after the song, we've got two passes for Picasso as usual go for delicious or delicious a Picasso and we always have two spots from the radio show on the guest list. So no line no cover and it's a great



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that was by the way that was El Nino. Once again, off of the circuit 99 CD. I don't remember the original artist. I'm sorry, Jimmy. love you to death minute. Let's go back to the topic. We're doing the 1821 crowd and how we tend to kind of sometimes forget them and the lack of respect between the two. And we had a caller during the music break and who was in his 40s I mentioned that he traveled a lot and that he remembered when he was at that 18 to 21 group in that group right there that that's when his dreams are near. That's when when you really have your dreams and yeah, and you you still think you can reach them? Yeah, that's, that's before you before you realize you can't reach him? Well, I'm not gonna say it, because that's really kind of pessimistic for me to say. But um, you know, that's when you're very idealistic, you're still hoping that there's that dream out there for you. And so you strive for it. And so I personally think we need to nurture that.



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And I think when you, when you when you give up your dream, you might as well just dig your own grave, because that's the end, you got to have your dream all your life. Well, I would never



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say that. I would never say that I actually gave up my dream. But let's, let's face it, my dream has definitely changed since I was,



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ah, that's a big difference. You can change it, you can



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change it. And sometimes when we change it, we change it a little lower. Yeah, because like when, okay, before I was 18, my dream was, I'm going to meet the man of my dreams. Off the bat, we're going to get along great. We're going to get married and out of the London to LA. And you know, I had this huge high mark, and white picket fence. And now and now my dreams almost become to the point where I'm gonna find a relationship the last six months. Yeah, because I get dumped so often, you know, and it's, it's not you it kind of makes me sound bad to say that.



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Now you say lowering. I say you're being realistic adjusting.



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But why should we be have to be realistic? If because, okay, let's face it, we all have the same dreams at around the same time. We all initially had that dream of meeting the perfect guy. And making it Mote Yeah, most of us had that dream of meeting the perfect guy and making it last and so and so. But most of us have given up on that and said, well, we'll meet the not quite so perfect, but pretty good guy. Yeah, most of us have dropped that day, let's face that dropping a standard from going from the perfect guy to the free isn't. He's a pretty nice guy.



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I know that's dropping its standard. But to be more realistic, because you get to the point where you realize that the most perfect guy doesn't really exist.



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Plus, when you go throughout your life, you change, I mean, change your ideas, you change your ideas.



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That's true, too. And we do change, we change what the what our idea of the perfect guy



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is 20 years ago, when I was a Republican, do



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we do all still, even though we changed, we do all still have the ideal of who the perfect guy would be. Now as to whether or not we think that we can actually attain that perfect guy. As we get older, we start to be realistic, quote, realistic, and realize, well, that perfect guy doesn't necessarily exist. But doesn't he? Or have We given up?



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Well, Ben, you've had a boyfriend for a year and a half. Is he the perfect guy? And at



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your age? That's like a lifetime there?



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Yeah, 16 Like, I met him when I was just turned 15 and 16. Now, and to tell you the truth, when we first met, it was perfect. But I admit we've had a lot of bumpy times from them. I mean, no matter who you meet, no matter who you date, you're gonna have bumpy times, but for the most part, as far as I'm concerned, yeah, yes. Well, I'm quite I mean, I think I lucked out big time. Because not only is my here's my first date, my first boyfriend. And I think I just really lucked out in finding the perfect guy.



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I think a lot of people's definition of the perfect guy changes, you know, like, Y'all were saying it because we're really realistic. But, you know, when you're young and just coming out, you know, the perfect relation to you, perfect relationship, you know, for you would be, you know, somebody spend the rest of your life with things like that, but like, then you realize that, that that isn't really perfect, a perfect relationship is you know, give and take, you know, there are fights and perfect relationships, you know, you have to fight you have to have some conflict, you have to, you know, have to have a little drama.



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There are fights as part of us, reaching reality, but giving up on the perfect guy, even though the perfect guy does contain a couple birds here and there and we got to fight him out. Yeah, realizing that's part of reality, but realizing that saying the perfect guy doesn't exist. That's not part of reality. That's part of lowering your standards.



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We won't agree on that.



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Kind of but then again, there's a whole generation gap thing. Yeah. But you've been listening to KPFT after hours. Queer radio with attitude on



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KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station.



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That's why Jimmy gets paid the big bucks. He gets paid 10 times my salary.



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I sure do. And if I doubled myself if I had salary got doubled, it'd be the same amount.



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Right mind to



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it doesn't take a math major. They're leaving



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you with Madonna the power of goodbye which is actually kind of inappropriate. So that



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is nice. That is at the top of the hour will be Big Daddy j with her I special the beginning of our fabulous blues Sunday which runs all the way to 6pm



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Sunday evening so I will see you all the week after next and Jimmy I'll see y'all next week



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yeah Thanks for Thanks for listening